Spiritual Warfare

The Unseen Battle

"IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE, THE UNSEEN BATTLE, WE CAN FIGHT FROM A PLACE OF VICTORY,"

For thousands of years the devil has tried to usurp God's plan.

To fight from a place of victory we must

1. Put on what the King has provided?

**Matthew 22:1-14 The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

      **11**   “But when the King came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding.

      **12**   ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply.

We must respond to God the King by accepting, putting on all He provides".

God, in His plan has provided the ultimate resource but it’s up to you to put him on.

Romans 13:14, Paul says "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, meaning to clothe yourself with Him and you put on the victory that Christ won for you,

So, we fight from a place of victory by accepting

           a. Jesus, and putting on His salvation:

           b. Put on Jesus, you put on armor for the battle!

*Ephesians* *6:*13-18 (NIV)

 **13**  Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

 **14**  Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

 **15**  and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

 **16**  In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

 **17**  Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

 **18**  And pray in the Spiriton all occasionswith all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on prayingfor all the Lord’s people.

Jesus is your armor, He is your

Belt of Truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

 Jesus said, in John 14:27, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Shield of Faith

Helmet of Salvation

Sword of the Spirit

2. Check your perspective of winning.

Fighting from a place of victory does not always look or feel like, what you think it should look or feel like!

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” **55**“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” **56**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **57**But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even when we fight for life and we have to say goodbye, even in death, victory is ours.

3. Putting on the garment of Praise!

 Isaiah 61:3 To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The **garment** of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

- What happens when we put on the garment of Praise?

 a. You take the advantage.

In Exodus 17, the Amalekites came out to fight Israel.

Exodus 17:11 "As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage"

- What happens when we put on the garment of praise?

 b. Chains fall off

 **25**  About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

 **26**  and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.

Then guess what happens, God shows up!

Ps 22:3 says, "God inhabits the praise of His people", so when you worship and praise, God will show up and fight for you!