

Introduction to Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual Growth Course
Part 3

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Welcome to Introduction to Spiritual Warfare!

Thank you so much for the honor of sowing the revelation I've received into your life. I'm a teacher through and through and I'm blessed to be able to honor God and serve the Body while living as my authentic self. My relationship with God the Father allows me to do what I love to do—read, study, learn, and teach—the most important topics in life.

The assignment to pass intimacy with and knowledge of the Godhead to each subsequent generation is one of those given in Genesis. Consider it ... when Abraham took Issac to Mount Moriah, one of the reasons Isaac didn't resist is because he'd grown up being taught to worship and honor Jehovah. Learning the ways and principles of God as a result of a love relationship with Jesus Christ gives us successful lives (Joshua 1:8).

I received Jesus Christ as my Savior at the age of seven in a tent meeting across the street from my maternal grandparents' home. Shortly after that I cornered two younger cousins in the 'pink room' at their house and began teaching them about Jesus and how to ask Him into their lives. I taught this passionate lesson for what seemed like hours and then invited them to receive Him. They immediately jumped up, left the room and began playing. I didn't understand until the last couple of years that God had given me a first experience with the call He had on my life. I just thought I had a desire to be a teacher because I love learning and it's always been extremely easy for me.

I missed the Lord directing my path back then and for too long after that. Now that I have eyes to see I've noticed there are also many other believers who are missing the Lord in so many ways and it doesn't have to be that way. My passion is sharing the parts of the Godhead and the written word that I missed in

30 years of sitting in churches and reading the Bible behind layers of veils. It's my goal in this course that your spiritual eyes will be increasingly enlightened by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

Though this course is specifically about warfare I have other courses available about other topics. I'm no longer perishing for lack of knowledge and I have faith to believe God that no one has to if we're willing to learn to do well (Isaiah 1:17).

On to victory!

Zari

Day 5: Deuteronomy 20

Hallelujah!

I hope this course is blessing you. If you're missing any information, please ask questions by emailing [me](#). If I don't have the answer I can at least tell you where to find it. I'm here to serve you and want to honor God by serving you well.

Let's investigate a portion of what the Bible teaches about warfare. Please watch video [Day 5: Deuteronomy 20](#) now.

Running time: 21 minutes, 38 seconds

Spend some time reading and meditating on Deuteronomy 20 and if you'd like please share what Holy Spirit taught you as you met with Him. The things He speaks as we partake of Jesus are excellent and will bless us individually and as a Body.

I know many people are uncomfortable writing in their Bibles, and that's fine, just use a journal. I write in my Bibles because I don't carry a journal to church. Not true, I carry two that are small enough to fit in my purse, but they're for prayer requests, to record visions, etc. I write in the Bible so I don't have to carry another journal and so I don't have to look anywhere else for the information pertaining to a scripture. It's easily accessible and written there for me to go back to.

I love you. Our God reigns!

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Day 6: Weapon 1–Worship

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

~ 2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV

Worship is a weapon. I want to write it's a "powerful" weapon, but they're all powerful because they work by Holy Spirit who is the manifestation of God's power (dunamis) through us on this earth. *Ruach* by Eddie James is an example of a warfare song. It's to your benefit to create a playlist of warfare songs for times of battle so that you can blast them and make the enemy flee in fear. The [shofar](#) blast is another powerful worship weapon.

Let's go back to 2 Corinthians 10:4...the weapons [strategies/tools] of our warfare [which is always spiritual and never against people] are not carnal [they're outside of man's logic—God's ways are higher than ours and His thoughts higher than ours all the way to the heavens—and sometimes not tangible in the natural], but are mighty through God [who can stand up to the Most High God to defy Him and live?] for the pulling down [we take territory that's blocked off to us in the spiritual by destroying invisible walls, blockades, gates, bars, doors, barriers, boulders, mountains, boxes, glass ceilings, etc.—you name it in the natural, they'll construct it to keep us from all things of God] of strongholds [demon-occupied camps].

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ~ Isaiah 14:14 ESV

One of the reasons worship is a warfare weapon is because satan wanted to be worshiped. He gave up his position in heaven so that he could be exalted as great and mighty. Therefore, when we worship the One True God, El Elyon, the Most High God,

the Exalted One, we're making satan angry [he wanted the worship of God—which happens nonstop in heaven—to be his]. You know well from your own life and behavior that acting in anger never benefits you. So when we anger the demonic realm they begin to make mistakes just like we do when we're following the leading of our flesh. Revenge isn't a godly characteristic and it cannot succeed against a heart that's worshipping The Father. So if the enemy attacks you, for whatever reason, go into worship and let them hang themselves.

You were an anointed guardian cherub; I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God.
~ Ezekiel 28:14 ESV

The holy mountain of God in the Old Testament scriptures speaks of God's place of worship; it speaks of the place (spiritual and natural) where God's presence met those worshipping Him. From the ancient texts scholars have discerned that satan may have been a worship leader in heaven. Ezekiel 28 tells us that before he was satan, he was an anointed cherub in the presence of the Lord. When you read Revelation you know that those in His presence are constantly worshipping.

Not only does the demonic realm get angry when we worship God over satan, but we're his replacement. I can testify about being laid off that it doesn't feel good to be replaced. It stinks to know that you've been kicked out and someone else is now at the forefront of God's attention. And he can never repent and be reconciled which is why he wanted humans to fall so badly and why he keeps us deceived; he wants us to suffer what he suffered. Eternal separation is an indescribably horrific end; but that's satan's desire for everyone of us.

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts
with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

~ Psalm 100:4 ESV

God gives us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3) and He's given us the protocol of how to enter before Him as King of Everything. We worship Him to get an audience. When you're in a battle you need an audience with the One who can send the decree and have your enemy subdued. Worship Him. Worshiping Him allows you into His presence, His presence is light and causes the enemy to flee, that's why it's a weapon. It's not a carnal weapon and may have unbelievers and some believers wondering why you're praising God when your life is falling apart. What they don't understand is your worship is knocking enemies down all over your battlefield. The enemy cannot stand light—especially not God's light which is seven times brighter than the sun according to Revelation. Psalm 22:3 tells us God is enthroned on the praises of Israel (Israel is a type and shadow of us; we spoke about what that means in the Deuteronomy 20—Day 5). Our praises lift Him up and exalt Him as King over every circumstance in our lives. That's a weapon!! To be redundant...a POWERFUL one! So we praise, we get an audience with God, we get His attention, His light invades our presence and the enemy is destroyed.

Worship has levels. There's a flesh barrier that has to be broken through in your private time. Once you break that flesh barrier you go from worshiping being a chore to being something you enjoy to being something you can't live without to being so engrossed in the goodness of God that 3, 6, 12 hours can go by and it seems like a few minutes. When this happens, you become a tabernacle—a constant carrier of the manifest presence of God. Then His presence abides with you always as long as you continue to seek after righteousness. I've reached this place; the

Lord anointed me to have "whatsoever I say" and then He confirmed that I'd become a tabernacle through a prophetic word that activated the anointing. I release it to you in Jesus' name. Receive it by faith, tell Holy Spirit you want to worship in a way that pleases Him and ask for any instructions you need to follow to receive the fullness.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam.

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