

Warfare in the Kingdom

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Jesus said if ...*I have told you of earthly things and you believe not how can you believe me if I tell you of heavenly things. Joh 3:12* So now I will tell you of earthly things, that you might believe the things of the heavenly.

** Premise : ...Any time a Child of God begins to exercise faith to walk into or upon new spiritual inheritance territory, which God has promise to His Family, The powers of darkness, spirits of wickedness begin to war in resistance to this spiritual taking of new Holy Ghost ground.

Spiritual Resistance or War breaks out in the invisible realms of the Kingdom of Heaven to resist within this earthly realm. But, every knee must bow. Thus begins the usual demonic struggles by principalities of the darkness of this world upon the child of God. This war of spirits is not a wrestle of flesh and blood but a wrestle with demons who resist losing their spiritual territory which has been theirs to command. Just as the Canaanites resisted and fought against Israel's advance into their inheritance.

Because of this resistance, there is a spiritual assault upon a believers thoughts, reasonings and imaginations as they are subjected to attacks by the fortresses which were built in time past by the mental intellectual devices of satanic evil spirits. Believers become conscious of accusations which attempt to latch on to or previously latched onto their thoughts as strongholds. However, in Christ Jesus, each born again Child of God has access to the power of the Holy Ghost to overcome these imaginations from darkness and to destroy them.

How does the enemy contend or attack us? Just return to the Garden of Eden. No new tricks. Darkness and evil still use the same adverse, antagonistic, attack strategies. All humans daily face it. The serpent in the garden had no guns, knives, swords, spears, or bombs....he had only "words" of subtle deception. Just as Jesus said ..."*I have all power*"...thus the serpent, the "devil has none" if Jesus has "All Power". The serpent just used words and ideas contrary to what God "had previously said." Darkness always speaks against what God has already said. God's words said ...*The day you eat you will die.* The serpent's words were...You shall not die. Adam & Eve made the decision to follow the serpents ideas expressed in his words rather than God's ideas expressed in His Words. So they chose to agree with the serpent's words. So they believed and agreed with the serpent's lie. You know the rest of that story.

Remember, ..*The thief cometh not, but for **to steal**, and **to kill**, and **to destroy**:* ... Joh 10:10 It's always been and still continues to be this way. Our heavenly Father gives

us something and the enemy dedicates himself to the task of taking it away; ...by any device or strategy, usually of the mind. That's why we need a Holy Ghost mind!

What did the serpent attempt to steal, kill and destroy from our O.T. brothers and sisters in Israel? Anything and everything God had "**previously given**" to bless them. They were given an inheritance in the Canaan promise land of ...in the land, in the city, in the field, seasons, off-spring, animals, crops, basket, store, over enemies, ...it is covered fairly well in Deu 28.2-13.

What inheritance was given to us as the N.T. Children of God? ...Forgiveness, New Birth, Resurrection Life, Sonship-no longer slaves, Love, Joy, Peace, Mercy, Faith, Power over our Enemy, Miracles, Gifts of the Spirit, Deliverance from Oppression, Healing, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Long-suffering, Goodness, Temperance, Rest ...

How do the powers of darkness attack me; ..to steal those things from me? Again, just as in the garden, ... he just uses "words" which he injects into our thoughts, from our mind, from what we read, ..what we hear, ..what we think, ..what we see ... It all works upon our imaginations forming images within our minds ...trying to get us to agree with the oppressive accusing voices from the spirit realm. Creating strongholds for the enemy within my mind.

He steals my **faith & confidence** by raising doubts.

He steals my **peace of rest** by creating anxiety and worry.

He steals my Holy Ghost **Power** by taking away my time for Holy Ghost exposure.

He steals my **identity** by prompting me into a religious mind.

He steals my **deliverance & freedom** by binding me by what others think

He steals my **health** by destroying my relationship with my heavenly Father

He steals my **mercy** by increasing my outward religious efforts to please

He steals my **Spirit sensivity** by taking away my prayer & worship time

He steals my **Understanding & Knowledge** by occupying me away from scripture.

Resistance @ Deliverance From EgyptPharoah's reluctance to Let Go

In Egypt *Ex 1:7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.*

Egyptian King was afraid of the Israelites ...got to keep them in subjection by setting up taskmasters for increased affliction with burdens in building construction for Pharoah's name. Later, kill all newborn male babies.

God' Voice says ... LET MY PEOPLE GO! ...Egypt's (darkness's) Response

...Stay in the Land ...Worship your God here. Exo 8:25

...I will let you go ...but not too far away Exo 8:28

...I will let you go ...(but lied...changed his mind when plague lifted) Exo 9:28,35
...Only the men can go ... Exo 10:11
...Go, ...but leave your flocks & herds ...Exo 10:24
...Pharaoh & His armies & chariots pursue & overtake them at the sea... Exo 14:9
...Destroyed in the Red Sea... Exo 14:13,28,30

Resistance @ Wilderness & Entrance into Canaan (1st Attempt)

It was the Lord's time. Send men of every tribe to search out the land of Canaan. They searched the land forty days and returned with a report of a land flowing with milk & honey. The people are strong with walled cities and there are giants there. Caleb said let's go up for we are well able to overcome it. The other spys gave a evil report of the land. We are as grasshoppers to the giants we saw there. The land eats up the inhabitants thereof. The people murmured. Joshua & Caleb encouraged the people that God will give us the land if He delights in us. The people are bread for us. Their defence is departed. The Lord is with us. Don't be afraid. Num 13-14

An evil report created doubtful minds.

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Resistance During Wilderness School
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Rebellion of Korah, Dathan, & Abiram. Num 16:

Murmuring of the People about the earthquake & deaths ...a Plague starts

King of Edom refuses passage...& Israel goes around (Edom ...brother of Esau)

King of Arad the Canaanite fought Israel & took prisoners...& later utterly destroyed
People murmured & Lord sent fiery serpents...

King Sihon of Amorites refused passage, & fought them...& lost

King Og of Bashan fought them & lost & possessed their land

King Balak of Moab ... hired a prophet Balaam to curse Israel ...but prevented
Balaam recommends a party invitation ...24,000 Israelites die
Moses last battle was against Midianites for Baal-Peor Whoredom Party
...slew all men...burnt all cities
Kill every female ...not a virgin...& kill every male adult & child

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Resistance to Canaan Conquest
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None surrendered ... Jos 11:19

Always ... a WALL...

I have given you Jericho, their king and their men of valor But there is a WALL!
Walk around it quietly, you men of war, only trumpets blowing in worship by priests.

Always a Rahab ...believing & showing their Faith which Preserves & Delivers them.

Always a Achan ..whose lust to have what God prohibits costs His Family their lives!

Sin always Brings Defeat ...as at Ai

DECEPTION is always one of Hell's strategies as the Gibeonites did...Jos 9

Hell's nation always unite/ confederate/alliances to fight you...Jos 9:2

5 Amorite Kings & Cities destroyed....Jos 10

Another Canaanite Confederacy Conquered

Destroyed Anakims / Giants out of Israel's land ...few left in Philistine cities.

Kings possessed on the East & West of the Jordan River.

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Continued Resistance to Canaan Occupation & Reigning
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Resistance to Post Babylon RestorationEzra-Nehemiah-Esther
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The Nature of Resistance ...

-Resistance definition, the act or power of resisting, opposing, or withstanding

-the attempt to prevent something by action or argument.

-the opposition offered by a body to the passage through it of a steady electric current.

b :opposition or impediment to the flow of a fluid (as blood or respiratory gases)

through one or more passages — see vascular **resistance**.

Electrical Resistance, the measure of the degree to which a conductor opposes an electric current through that conductor. Friction, Drag (physics) ("air **resistance**"), fluid or gas forces opposing motion and flow.

Resistance in Physics known as...

...electrical resistance opposing current flow

...air resistance in air, drag or friction, opposition to motion in fluid or gases

...thermal resistance to heat transfer through substances

...hardness resistance of materials

...geological resistance of minerals to erosion

Resistance in Medicine known as...

....Antibiotic resistance, used for bacteria resistant to antibiotics

....Airway resistance, a concept in respiratory physiology

....Drug resistance, the reduction in effectiveness of a drug

Resistance exists in culture, in politics, in society, in military,

Resistance is part of our universal earthly experience. Gravity holds us down.

Friction slows us down. Ohms measures the resistance to flow.

When you wish to move from one chair to another there is resistance.

The Bible reveals to us Spiritual Resistance. In the Old Testament resistance is illustrated by people, cities, tribes, nations, armies,...etc. Once one come to the understanding that the natural of the O.T. portrays the spiritual aspects of our N.T. life and walk with God, then that believer has a manual (the scripture) which shows them the character and techniques of spiritual resistance we all face in walking with God. Since resistance is woven into the all areas of the physical and social fabric of the universe and we would do well to realize this also applies to our spiritual lives also.

Man-kinds existence was resisted, soon after his creation and entrance into this earthly realm. Our creator made it to work this way. Yes, it was a test, a trial, a proving, a temptation of sorts. Yet, ultimately, it was Resistance to the Existence of **God's purposes** upon this new created Adamic race of humans.

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Now on the other side of Jordan River, Israel was standing in the Canaan Land; they could behold more clearly the vistas of this Promised land of milk & honey.

Everything they had experienced upto this point were preparations for what would come next as ventured into the Promise Land. The reigning of the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was about to begin.

The only problem was that the Promised Land was **already inhabited** by many nations and tribes who had lived there for centuries. Abraham had walked and lived among these nations centuries (400+ years) before; even when God had spoken to him that He would give it all to his descendents. Now it was time for the Promise to be fulfilled. It was all a earthly, physical demonstration of what the spiritual seed would face in Christ.

Joshua, ..everywhere you place your foot I will give to you. No man shall stand before you. I will not fail you. Nor will I forsake you. Be strong and of good courage for you shall divide the land for an inheritance unto this people. Do all that I have said, don't lean right or left from it, that you & your children may prosper wheresoever you go.v3-7

There was great resistance and conflict. Fighting everywhere. In the mountains. In the valleys. In the plains. In the wilderness. The Canaan land inhabitants fought against this conquering seed of Abraham. **No one surrendered** except for the Gibeonites. All other nation tribes were conquered in battle. Jos 11:19

The battles and attacks continued periodically. Over & over displacement of the Israelite tribes from Canaan was attempted. Sometimes Israel was conquered, subdued or enslaved. (It never stops. Still that way, centuries later!) Many times Israel resisted in Victory over those who were out to expell from God's promised land given to Abraham. Heroes rose up leading the people repeatedly out of bondage back into freedom. David was their greatest deliverer.

Their experiences are not just Bible Stories for children. They were written for us who are "in relationship" with our captain Joshua (JESUS), and our King hero David (JESUS). Those stories are revelations of the workings of Jehovah God within the spiritual Kingdom of Heaven which presently exists upon this earth in the Holy Ghost!

The natural kingdom was always a pattern of the spiritual Holy Ghost kingdom that would follow. By looking at how our heavenly Father works naturally, we can apply those attitudes spiritually now to the Spiritual Kingdom of God where Jesus sits on David's throne over God's people everywhere.

As Joshua led naturally, Jesus leads us spiritually. As they fought naturally. Our war is a spiritual one. There are seasons of peace. But, our enemy keeps returning because that is his purpose.

Each born again Holy Ghost filled believer comes up out of Jordan standing spiritually on the banks of a Holy Ghost Promise Land. Where their Joshua(JESUS) leads them into spiritual battle to take possession of their own specific spiritual ground inheritance in establishing God's Spiritual Testimony of Christ Jesus within each one personally and publicly within the earth.

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When we first came to Jesus, we may have had some initial mis-givings and hesitations about taking that step of surrendering our lives to Christ. We may have found our-selves in somewhat of an all-out inner struggle. But, once we stepped through into faith and forgiveness,.. it was joy unspeakable and full of glory. Our new birth in Christ gave us a spiritual life experience above and beyond anything we had ever experienced in our time here as a member of the human race.

For many of us it was a honey-moon of glory and wonder in this new found abundant life and walk with and in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. If you are at that stage as a new born in Christ, enjoy your time there. Be amazed at the wonder of it all. Listen and learn as a new-born enjoying all the comforts and provisions of this new-world existence in the Holy Ghost. You will one day have the furry softness of the nest pulled out from under you. You will be forced to fly on your own and provide your own daily food. *As the eagle stirs up the nest for it's young!*

Somewhere during this process, you will realize by the schooling of the Spirit of God that you are in the middle of a conflict with an spiritual antagonist. You will gradually become aware that all of those first new-born experiences of comforts and blessings are still available to you; but, now only upon your own individual exercise of your faith. The continual experiencing of God's blessings become more dependent upon a personal daily transformation and renewal of your mind's adjustment to Christ's perspective on things.

Not only is there a life to live; ..but there is also a battle to fight. Someone or something is resisting you.

Then you become aware that there are unseen powers of the regions of darkness which we wrestle against you on many different spiritual levels. Over time, each believer becomes aware that there are intellectual devices working against their mind and thought life. The realization also comes that believers are not left defenseless; ..but are empowered with spiritual weapons for warfare against any and all principalities of darkness which attack their imagination. Thoughts, ideas, and

reasonings attack our intellect with concepts which are contrary to the knowledge which God, our heavenly Father gives us in Christ Jesus.

Just as Adam & Eve were attacked spiritually by a line of reasoning, thoughts and considerations whose primary purpose worked to lure them away from what their God and Father had previously told them. *ie...Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, in the day you do you will die.* But the serpent's voice contradicted God's Words; *...thou shalt not surely die.* We all know how that turned out.

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Our struggle is just as real spiritually as our O.T. counterparts experienced as they followed Joshua. The blessings are wonderful to behold but there is a price of struggle in war to experience them.

Predominate Christian teaching says believers can't be bothered by demons or the devilBUT....

0 ... Gen 3..Sinless without, ... Yet Satan's Words ... Convinced them

1... Mt 4:1-11...Satan bothered Jesus & talked to him...even tempted, enticed Him.

2....1Jo 4:1 Beloved believe not every spiritbut try, test, prove, evaluate ..the spirits whether they be of GodWHY? ...because many false prophets are gone out into the world.....thus listening to the wrong spirit influences us as a false prophet.

3... Eph 4:27 Believers can give the devil place ...because Paul said in..neither give place to the devil ...

4... Eph 6:11...There would be **no need for armour if there was **no battle**...**

5... Rom 8:37 ... Also **we are more than conquerors ... thus we are conquerors because we had a battle & conquererwe experience resistance ONLY 1 WAY TO VICTORY ...that IS to WIN A BATTLE!**

6...We are called "OVERCOMERS**"...THUS we come-over an obstacle, ...a resister!**

7...Rememberthe "wiles" of the devil means ...(He lies in wait ...on the journey)

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3 Heavens?2Co 12:2 *I knew a man in Christsuch an one caught up to the third heaven.*

Analogy Jesus said the Son of Man was **both in Earth and in Heaven** at the same time Joh 3:13 And no man hath **ascended up to heaven**, but he that **came down from heaven**, even the Son of man **which is in heaven**.

When Adam & Eve died ..they died or lost relationship with God ...died spiritually ... not physically ...thus they lost access to a ...spiritual relationship & a...spiritual fellowship ...a spiritual communion with God! ...

*In the **new birth**,... **regeneration** ...of **the gift of the Holy Ghost** ... believers are given **access ...AGAIN ... to the Spirit of God...our Father** (in measure,not in fulness:earnest) Thereby, HE is the **Father of (our)spirits**. Heb 12:9*

*Eph 2:18 For through him (receiving the Spirit of Jesus Christ..) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father....Ro 8:2 For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

*Php 1:19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the **supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**,*

*Ga 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father**.*

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How did Adam & Eve lose their relationship, fellowship, and communion with the Spirit of God in the garden? Satan brought thoughts or words into their thinking and mind which **they agreed with**. The powers of darkness are always trying to insert into our minds, into our meditations, into our reasonings, ...thoughts & words which contradict what God has previously spoken.

Just as the serpent did. God says ...**Thou shall not eat the fruit of the tree of good and evil or you will die**.

Darkness always expresses a thought or a word, ...to elevate it's specific knowledge above God's knowledge. The serpent said **Thou shall not die!**

Adam & Eve agreed with the serpent's knowledge ...thoughts...words above what God had previously said.

He always tries to replace God's knowledge with His Version of knowledge. His Version brings fetters, bands, captivity and imprisonment!

How can I discern the voice or thoughts of the spirits of darkness? First, they will always be contrary or in conflict, even minutely, to what God has previously stated as

his wishes for your life. That's the reason for **Hearing His Voice** ...as He speaks to us daily in the Spirit. We **Hear His Voice** by reading the Bible. We **Hear His Voice** by reading what He said earlier to others. We **Hear His Voice** by listening to Preaching. By knowing what God has previously said gives us the ability to choose which thoughts or words to agree with.

Jesus illustrated this for us when Peter voiced that Jesus was not going to die in Jerusalem. ...Mt 16:23 *But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest (exercise mind, set affection on) not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.***

2Co 10:3 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:*

2Co 10:4 *(For **the weapons of our warfare** are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

2Co 10:5 **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

Jesus' 40 day temptation in wilderness (Mat 4) illustrated how the devil mis-uses the previously stated Words of God to entice Christ Jesus to accept hell's version, thereby elevating what the devil says or darkness's knowledge higher or above the knowledge of God...ie..what God has said. Jesus kept returning to what God had previously said in the scripture. Watch it ...the powers of darkness always speak to us or inject their thoughts & words into our minds to greatly or slightly change what God has said or the meaning of what He said.

For us in the New Testament, we should be motivated to always ***elevate Jesus' Words above*** what our thoughts or imaginations say. When our thoughts about issues conflict with what **Jesus has said** in the gospels and the epistles, we know we are entertaining thoughts engineered by the regions of darkness, and they should be immediately rebuked as soon as it's revealed to us that they do not represent the Spirit of Christ, nor Christ's Character, nor the Words of God!

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