

WARFARE PRAYER IS NOT FOR THE WEAK

Part Five Series on Prayer

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Matthew 11:12

12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **the violent take it by force.**

It is necessary to keep on slugging at prayer long enough that we are taken seriously by both God and the enemy. Only those that are diligent, and persevere, achieve their goal. Those that are fainthearted and faltering, with minds that doubt, will never shed the burden that was placed on them to pray in the first place. Its easy to get weary, but if we push through hard enough and overcome the obstacles Satan lays before us, we will end up the winner. God wants us to reach for the highest things, for the best, but only a certain warrior type will fight hard enough in prayer to obtain the victory.

Matthew 7:7-8

7 “**Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**

8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

These are persistent prayer warriors that know God's will on a matter and stand firm until that will and their desire is met!

We must war extremely violently when in combat with the enemy. Confrontive opposition must be expected against powers and principalities for there to be any kind of penetration. This is not child's prayer, this is all out war!

God's warriors are not the normal status quo, nor are they anything like the religious, formal church. They take a firmer stand, war with a different music, believe in the miraculous and in the power of the Holy Ghost. They bring confusion, agitation, and upheaval through prayer and praise to the systems of man. They firmly believe the kingdoms will become their Father's, they believe in Kingdom rule, and they sure believe that the authority that has been given to them is more than sufficient for victory.

Luke 10:19

19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

This scripture also means that nothing can stop them! They believe they are equipped, armed, and able to subdue. Did you know the definition of believe

is: to trust in, have faith in, be fully convinced? Well these prayer warriors are all of the above. They trust, have faith, and are fully convinced they can do all things through Jesus. They trust the scripture at Romans 10:11.

Romans 10:11

11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Here are some other scriptures that are the backbone of who they are.

John 12:31

31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

I John 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

I John 4:4

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

So, we must passionately “press in” through warfare prayer and unafraidly

confront our enemies, expect miracles, reach out to those drawn to God's army and fight to allow the Kingdom of God to penetrate the world's systems with boldness and courage. This is the heart condition of God's Sion Warriors. Through violent spiritual prayer, they expect victory.

The new covenant that Jesus established for all that are born again, gives the children of God the advantage of an inward power. This power bears the Spirit of God Himself. It sufficiently enables us to take authority over all evil and with the faith of a mustard seed, to actually become the law over earth's physical laws. In fact, those that are Spirit-filled have power over all that is involved with this temporary realm. Our Kingdom is of another place. We are aliens as children of God to this temporary environment that is governed by Satan, and this atmosphere is our battle ground. We as God's vessels, discharge this power through the Word of God in an act we call prayer. Through our prayer the Spirit of God fights the powers of darkness to defeat the forces of evil and right the havoc and damage they have already caused. Again, this power, with God's Spirit in it, is ours. It is the force that drives the Word of God to its mark. If we could learn how to use the different aspects of this power we will surely be the victor.

Prayer therefore is taking direct authority in the spiritual realm to impart or change things in the natural. To accomplish this you must be a bold, passionate, persistent warrior. I say bold because fear will cause doubt. In

fact the exact opposite of faith is fear. It is a spirit that erodes our confidence, trust and belief in the love of God, to hinder one from thinking He would even want to meet our needs. Fear is a strongman in the forces of evil that brings torment, and with it doubt, cinching the devil's wish to steal God's answers to our prayers.

James 1:6-7

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.

We must be determined to achieve our goal in prayer and diligently persevere. Fear has to be routed out of our lives so that conviction, confidence, trust and the belief we need to really stand, can take place.

Galatians 6:9

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good (persevere), for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

I said we must be passionate in that we must really love and care about God's people and things we are praying about. A good warrior is one that has feelings that go deep in his spirit and pulls at his heart. This prayer warrior will plead with God for the cause of God's family and gallantly stand between the flock and the enemy. They will tearfully sow the Word of God into seemingly impossible situations, expecting miracles. These warriors are a humble and submissive people that totally know their complete dependency on the Lord. They are Sion prayer warriors.

Psalms 126:5-6

5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

6 He who continually goes forth weeping (the result of having a broken and contrite spirit), bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (there will eventually be a harvest).

So, planting seeds of prayer, and watering them with tears, will not only harvest good results, but will bring a sense of joy to the sower! This is the ministry of tears.

Nextblast will discuss in further detail the ministry of tears.

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