

**XXXVIII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON THIRTY-EIGHT**

... ABOUT WEAPONS OF WARFARE, OURS AND SATAN'S

INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, About the Authority of Those in Christ Jesus, we learned that our Father God the Source of all authority, has given to His children, those in Christ Jesus, authority over all the authority and power of satan and all the host of the kingdom of darkness. God's children have been given the authority to kick down the gates of hell and set the captives free.

Spiritual Warfare is exercising this authority in The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Luke, chapter 16, verse 16, and Matthew's Gospel, chapter 11, verse 12 describes the forcefulness which is to be used in exercising this authority over satan and the host of hell.

Luke 16:16, "The Law and the Prophets were until John: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, AND EVERY MAN PRESSETH INTO IT." The Greek verb translated presseth suggests a forceful endeavor on the part of the one who is pressing in.

Matthew 11:12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." We see from this passage that those who make the effort to enter in, face violent opposition from the enemy, therefore if they are to enter in, they must not yield to or back-off from the violent opposition of the enemy, but by force press in for the victory. They will "take it by force."

Spiritual Warfare, then, is a forceful, violent, endeavor against the violent opposition of the enemy.

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

According to 2 Corinthians 10:4, How are our weapons described?

From the following Scriptures identify our mighty, spiritual weapons. (Note in the 1st two Scriptures the word armor is a translation of the Greek word which means weapon/weapons.)

Romans 13:12

2 Corinthians 6:7

1 Samuel 17:45-46

Ephesians 6:17

Hebrews 4:12

Revelation 12:11a

Revelation 12:11b

Revelation 12 llc

James 4:6-7

Matthew 17:21

Psalm 149,

2 Chronicles 20:22

HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THESE WEAPONS?

Deuteronomy 7:24

Deuteronomy 11:25

Deuteronomy 28:7

Joshua 23:9

Isaiah 54:17

Luke 10:19

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the weapons of our warfare against satan and his kingdom are:

- 1. spiritual weapons;**
- 2. they are powerful weapons; and**
- 3. they are weapons which promises total victory and invincibility to the who obediently use them.**

These weapons are:

- Walking in the Light;**
- Living righteously;**
- Going forth in the Name of the Lord;**
- Using the Word of God;**
- Under the banner of the Blood of Jesus;**
- Declaring boldly our testimony of Jesus (really not caring what satan might do);**
- Being in submission to God;**
- Praying and fasting; and**

- Singing praises to God who gives us the victory.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Knowing that we are in a violent struggle with the enemy, should motivate us to follow the instructions of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10-18 and 2 Timothy 2:3-4.

1. To be strong in the Lord;
2. To put on the whole armor of God;
 1. loins girded with truth
 2. breastplate of righteousness
 3. feet shod with gospel of peace
 4. shield of faith
 5. helmet of salvation
 6. sword of the spirit (Word)
3. Be not entangled with the things of the world.