FIGHT STRATEGIES AGAINST THE ENEMY

Messages from God teachings

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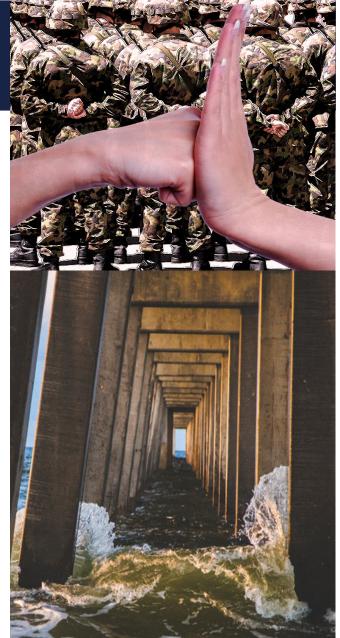


Understanding the Battle

We, as children of God, are in a permanent and daily war with the Enemy of our souls. He knows that he has no time left and if he gains us, he will be more than satisfied. Why is that the case?

Because we are precious. We are the elected ones. That is the main reason why He wants us so badly for himself and his purposes. He declares war to us every day whilst waiting patiently for the right moment to hit you, and gain you, brothers and sisters, for himself and for his evil plans.

He is very well prepared, studying you every day to find an unguarded and open door that he can use to enter. For every area that is left unguarded, He will seek to take advantage of th at area of your life which is not covered by the protection of God. In order to fight this battle effectively, we must understand that our Enemy is very agile and very well prepared for the battle. He has his own strategies, therefore we must have ours!



THE FIGHT STRATEGIES

Preparing for war

How then can we prepare for the daily battles in this war? What are the fight strategies that we can use to win the war?

1. Be aware of the war!

(verse 1 and 2)

You and me are in a war every day with the Enemy. This is our reality, the reality of a child of God. Verse 1 and 2 of 2 Chronicles 32 says: "Sennacherib, king of Assyria (the Enemy) came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem."

Let me emphasis that Hezekiah "saw" his Enemy coming, therefore he was aware of the Enemy and his mission to make war. Brothers and sisters, be aware of the Enemy's initiative and purpose: he wants to make war against you. Why? Because he wants you in his group, he wants to win you over to himself.



2. Do not fight alone!

(Verse 3 and 4)

What did Hezekiah do when he was aware of the presence of the enemy? In 2 Chronicles 32 verse 3 and 4, it says "he consulted with his leaders and commanders". Therefore brothers and sister ask for help and seek advice by consulting with the leaders (Bishops, Pastors) at your church. They have the right expertise in this field because they have fought many battles within their lifetime and have gained such valuable experience in spiritual warfare through various situations in their spiritual journey. Consult with them in order to find out which is the best strategy to adopt in order to win the battle.

Do not be ashamed to ask for help. You cannot do it alone. We need one another for this spiritual war. Verse 3 says that Hezekiah consulted the leaders and commanders and they helped him. They helped him, this is important to underline because when you are bringing your battles before the leaders of the church they must not judge you but...help you to win the battle. This is the reason why you should go to the leaders. They have the right wisdom to guide you towards the best strategy.

3.Do not loose heart!

(Verse 5)

The significance of the name Hezekiah means "God is my strength!". Do not loose heart but strengthen yourself as Hezekiah did and prepare for the battle! How can you prepare? Take example from Hezekiah. Start by building protection walls all around.

Do not leave any corner of your life unprotected, not even 1, because the Enemy will enter using the door that you left opened. Be wise! Pray! Get protection from God! Repair the "broken walls"-those things that welcome the enemy in your life, in your soul. Repair what is ruined by sin, repent yourself, confess your sins and be forgiven by God.



4. Take the whole armor of God!

(Verse 5 b)

"Hezekiah made weapons and shields in abundance". Let's read Ephesians 6:11-17. Our weapons as the children of God are: truth, the word, faith and the sword of the Spirit.

Take the "whole" armor of God! We cannot afford to forget even one weapon at home! Take them all with you on the battle field!

Make "weapons and shields in abundance"! Ephesians 6:16 says: "above all, taking the shield of faith". Hezekiah made shields in abundance! We need faith in abundance in order to win the battle!





5. Do not be afraid or discouraged!

(Verse 7)

The Enemy's weapons are FEAR and DISCOURAGEMENT. Be aware of his fighting strategies! "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind". (2 Timothy 1:7) Fear is not from God! Discouragement is not from God! These are the weapons of our enemy!



Afraid

Do not be

6. Remember that God is fighting your battles!

(Verse 7 b)

You just have to do your part and let God do His part! Trust in God, because He will fight for you, he bought you with a high price and nothing will depart Him and His love from you. The Enemy will try in every way to discourage you, if he won't succeed in installing fear and discouragement, he will send his servants to do the job for him (verses 9-19).

They will speak against your God and will declare that God is unable to save you from their hands and to give you victory in your problems. They will make you believe the circumstance sin your life are so bad and too many for God to fix. They will try and make you complain and groan about how much time has passed without receiving an answer to your prayers. They will say many negative things about your God. Do not believe them! Remember that their master is a liar, he is the father of lies. The messengers of the enemy will try in every way to discourage you and to intimidate you. They are so determined that they will keep doing it every single day. Maybe we have these "messengers" in our families.

But keep on trusting the Lord because our help comes from Him alone. Be strong and courageous!

7. Pray and cry out to heaven

because our help comes from the Lord! (verse 20). God will declare victory upon your cause and the enemy will return "shamefaced" (verse 21) and he will finally be destroyed. (verse 21b).

When we trust in the Lord and we let Him fight our battles, the war is won! Let's be like Hezekiah ("God is my strength!"), sons and daughters of God who are encouraging one another to get prepared for the battle and to not loose heart because" Who is in us is greater than he who is in the world". (1 John 4:4).



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