

Spiritual Warfare

1) Spiritual Warfare is a reality

It is real. It can happen to any true believer of JC.

The moment you claim you are a believer or the moment you accepted the Lord as Saviour, despite of maturity and age, you are vulnerable to attack.

Why? Because Satan hates you.

They hate the image of God, the subjects of God, and anything that has to do with God.

That's why you need the armour of God.

That's why the bible says the world will hate you because they hate me. So don't think that the world will treat you well because you are a Christian, and you do good works to them. The world would not mind you doing social work, running hospitals or relief mission, but once you start preaching JC, they will hate you. Once you start to live a life solely for the truth, they will start to hate you.

Over the last few weeks, our church had been under attack esp after we conducted 4 weekends of overnight prayer meeting. Parents of young people started to rise up against their children why they have to go to church 3 times per week.

But in fact, they have been doing at the time. The attack happens immediately after the 4 weeks of overnight prayer meeting. But I know that before being a Christian, these guys were going to the Karaoke, to fishing on a Friday night, late till Sat morning, and in that type of lifestyle, parents would say it is normal for young people.

In everything you do, understand that there is a MIND BEHIND THE SYSTEM.

There is a mind to want to work out things that come against God. And it has began from the very beginning, and esp in the last days, trying to build up and anti-christ system that will come against the church.

Gen 4:14 – Cain out of presence of God.
Went about building of cities, tools

Nothing has been said of God's people.

The requirement for one to live a life is to walk with God, and depend on Him. (4:26) E.g. Enoch (5:21)

Gen 9:20 – Another round of building an anti-christ system after the flood. The descendents of Ham -> Nimrod -> mighty (tyrant, going against), 'before the Lord' (against the face of God)

That's why he went about building those wicked cities, because there was nothing righteous in him to be building a godly city. E.g. Babylon was the one with defeated Israel and Judah later in BC568.

Assyria too defeated Israel in BC722.

Nineveh – a wicked city in the times of Jonah.

Gen 11 – tower of babel.

So there is a mind behind it.

There is a prince of this world (John 12:31), powers of this dark world (Eph 6:12)

Why I need to mention this is because this is something that you got to keep it mind in your prayer?

I'm not saying that everything is spiritual warfare, but our discernment must be sharp enough to detect that there is an evil spirit at work behind.

Know this, and I can guarantee you your prayer will be very powerful. Why? Because I notice too often, when things happen, e.g. when the relationship between a husband and wife grow cold, we will attribute to the fact that there is a communication breakdown.

Later, we will resort to things in the world which can help them in improving their communication, e.g. talks and seminars, counseling etc. This may help them for a while, but the root problem is that there is a spirit of adultery that is working behind to tear down the relationship.

Too often, I notice that believers will spend a considerable amount of time and attention to this couple, not knowing that their presence does not really help.

I'm not saying that you should not care for them. I'm saying that when you are able to nap the spirit behind, problems are more easily solved.

A few times, my marriage was saved because I discovered that there was a spirit behind. I learnt it through experience.

Few times, my wife became angry with me for no reasons, and I just kept quiet. Few days later, I did a deliverance on her, and I found that she has got a spirit through a staunch ex-idol worshipper who recently came to our church.

A times, my kid – pour out the orange juice on the floor, and my wife were angry. But when I came out and see, I sensed an evil presence, I quickly stopped my wife from scolding the kid.

- when he was a baby, in the car, he was fidgeting, my wife out of sudden command in the name of Jesus for the devil to get out of the car, I felt a kick on my back, and my son fell asleep straight. From that day on, I know that the devil does not even want to let go on children.

So if you don't know about spiritual warfare, a lot of times, you may suffer, trying to work things out on your own. You try to explain your way out. You try to reason.

But these are all nothing but the works of the flesh, which is the spirit of the law at work.

And that is why you will get disappointed/depressed when you don't see fruits in all that you are doing.

Jesus was such a person who was able to tell what is behind quick.

- 1) E.g. when Peter tried to stop Him from going to the Cross, He said, 'Satan get behind me!'
- 2) Jesus spent no time in winning the Pharisees over, because He was able to detect the spirit behind.
 - o John 8:44, You belong to your father, the devil. He was a murderer from the beginning.
- 3) That's why at the day of crucifixion, Jesus spent no time giving much explanation or answer to the false accusations that was hurled at Him. He knew there was a mind behind the system.
- 4) In the still of the storming, in Mk 4:35, the word used is 'Be quiet' (be muzzled), basically rebuking the spirit that was behind the storm.

Spiritual Warfare is a reality. It can come in all shapes and form. It can attack directly and indirectly. Or strengths and weakness.

There were many more experience I had on this, and let me share with you so that you may be warned and be alert.

- At the beginning of planting my church, in a deliverance case, there is a spirit who says “you better watch out, and I will kill you.”
- Later on I see it manifesting in other ways of rebellion, and coming against the pastor, that eventually I got to tell the person off, and he left the church.
- So pastors/church leaders who do not deal with these spirits that is behind are basically placing a time bomb in church, that can blow out anytime.

- Through prayer. Do you know that when you do not pray according to God’s will, God cannot answer your prayer, but another ‘person’ would?
- He did this because he wants the person to know that their prayers are answered.
- It is either that the spirit behind is uttering curses through the mouth of the believer or what.
- In one of the deliverance case, I discern the attack came through people who are praying for him. So I asked him to list out the number of people whom he had asked to pray for him, and I command the spirit from these persons to leave, and it started to manifest.
- And I want to tell you, few of those names in the list are pastors.

- When I left my previous church to start a new church, there were many good-hearted members of the church, who love me, can’t bear to let me go, said they will pray for me to stay. I said ‘no’, because it is God’s will for me to leave, or if not, I can get attack.
- True enough, I got attack at the beginning of starting the church, that I got to break off the spirit and the ungodly soul tie I had with the so called ‘prayer warriors’, and cast off the evil spirits sent by those ‘prayer warriors’.

- So if you don't discern, if you don't hear the voice of God, sometimes, it is better for you not to pray.
- Why? Because the devil can ride on the gifts of HS to wage destruction to the church.

- In ministry and prayer meetings, sometimes I may have to end up praying for the person not to come, because he or she is not helping but destroying the ministry, he or she was sent by the devil.
- At the beginning, I was able notice the trend of the evil working. But once you know it and are able to deal with it, they will send you another one. Until in the end, they attacked my family.
- How they do it?
 - They cancel your prayers through their prayers.
 - They sent out evil spirits/substance in the prayer room.
 - They give false prophecies/visions.
 - They distract you by manifesting.
 - They fake the manifestation of the HS when there is not much of God's presence around, to make you feel that you have entered the throne of God.
- In a meeting I was conducting and doing SW, out of the sudden, there was a person who shouted, give praise to God, for the Lord has warned the victory, and people around start clapping hands and giving praise, but I sensed in my spirit, it was the voice of God, but the voice of evil spirits, because that was the way to stop us from doing the spiritual warfare. I immediately stopped the prayer and rebuked the spirit, thus exposing the lies of the evil spirit at that point.

- Many more experiences but have no time to tell.

- **How to fight?**
- Know that in the end times, the Lord will release greater power and gifts and weapons for you to deal with.
- Envisioning
 - In korea, I heard the preacher hands can go in to the body in take out the disease.
 - You can shrink the devil.
- Mobilizing of angels
- Don't be too engrossed with the methods, depend on the HS.

- Because every time, it is different.
- Don't depend too much on methods, depend on HS. HS is the best teacher.
- **The best way is to live a God-centered life.**
- w/o this, it is difficult to be victorious in warfare at the time.
- How did God prepare the Israelites to fight to possess the promised land?
- He did this through sending them into the wilderness for 40 years. Why? He wanted them to get used to living in a system created by Him.
- That's why the establishment of tabernacle, and the law, which was the instruction for living in the godly system.
- Got to depend solely on the provision of God.
- Got to fix your eyes on Him.
- But today, the center of our society and our life has been very much on the world. (the mall, shopping complex, cinemas had been the center)
- You got to come out of Egypt!
- But many Christians are living so much the way of the world.
- Ex 32 – the golden calf.
- Lord's prayer – deliver me from evil
- You can't be deliver from evil, unless you clear stage 1 of your prayer, 'Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.' => desire life of holiness
- Elijah/John the Baptist – only that type of life, can then you call down the fire of God to burn up the enemies.
- Yes, authority is given to us, but we need to grow. Growth takes time.