



WORD OF HIS GRACE CHURCH

Weapons Of Our Warfare #6

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2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but **mighty in God** for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that **exalts itself against the knowledge of God,** bringing every **thought into captivity** to the **obedience of Christ**, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Today we're going to look at worship as a weapon of our spiritual warfare.

We will look at individual worship and corporate worship

We will look at two different views of what it means to worship in the spirit.

And we will look at how the Israelites positioned themselves for victory through worship and how God used that unified worship to conquer Israel's enemies.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, **to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—**this is your true and proper worship**. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Hebrews 13:15-16

Therefore by Him let us **continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.** But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

John 4:20-24

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**; for the **Father is seeking such to worship Him**. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1 Corinthians 14:1-2

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who **speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God** for no one **understands** him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Understands: Greek - akouó

Definition: I hear, listen, comprehend by hearing;

1 Corinthians 14:14-15

For if I **pray in a tongue**, my **spirit prays**, but my **understanding** is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the **spirit** and I will also pray with the **understanding**. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the **understanding**.

Understanding: Greek – nous

Definition: mind, understanding, the reasoning faculty, intellect.

2 Chron 20:15-17

And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. **Position yourselves**, stand still and **see the salvation of the Lord**, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”

2 Chron 20:18-21

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, **worshiping the Lord**. Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to **praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high**. So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

"Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever."

2 Chron 20:22-23

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, **they helped to destroy one another. So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude;**

2 Chron 20:24-25

and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped. So they came to **Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the Lord.** When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

2 Chron 20:26-27

And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they **blessed the Lord**; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, **to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies.**

2 Chron 20:28-30

So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the Lord. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord, He is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good;

His mercy is everlasting,

And His truth endures to all generations.

Declarations

- I bless You LORD creator of the heavens and the Earth!
- For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!
- Praise You Lord, For Your mercy endures forever!
- As surely as You live the whole Earth will be filled with Your Glory!
- You are the LORD my Healer
- You are the LORD my Provider
- You are the LORD my Deliverer

Declarations

- The things which are impossible with men are possible with God!
- With God ALL things are possible!
- You God have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm!
- There is nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing that is too difficult for You!

Declarations

- I bless You Lord, with all my soul; all that is within me, blesses Your holy name!
- I will not forget any of Your benefits:
- You forgive all my iniquities,
- You heal all diseases!
- You redeem my life from destruction
- You crown me with lovingkindness and tender mercies
- You satisfy my mouth with good things
- In your presence my youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Declarations

- The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
- You have not dealt with me according to my sins or punished me according to my iniquities
- As far as the east is from the west, God has removed our transgressions from us.
- The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.