

Prayer  
is  
“Laying Hold of...”

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Introduction:

1. Titles

- a. Prayer is Necessary
- b. Prayer is Representing Jesus
- c. Prayer is Creating a Meeting
- d. Prayer is Supporting
- e. Prayer: “A Time to Pray”
- f. Prayer: “Spirit-Directed”

2. Let us look again at Romans 8:26-28 which was the text for Prayer: Spirit Directed

26) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

- 1. When verse 26 and 27 happens, then verse 28 is fulfilled
  - i. We are at a loss on how to pray, or what request we should make
  - ii. We feel helpless and hopeless, but we try to pray
  - iii. The Spirit begins speaking through us with words we do not understand, and when that happens, He is praying for us, for the situation, for that which we are burden in accordance with the will of God
  - iv. We let Him pray, then when prayer is completed, we rejoice because we know verses 26 and 27 have happened, and v28 is on its way to being fulfilled.

b. The key is in the word “helpeth” in v26

i. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities...

**Note:** Infirmities is Weakness, without strength, without ability which refers to our inability to produce the desired results.

1) By making intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered

2) By making intercession for us, the saints, according to the will of God

3) And when the Spirit “helpeth” us then all things will work together for our good because we love God and we are called according to His purpose

a) I love God and the Spirit is helping me with my inability to produce the right results

b) I am “the called” of God for His purpose, so the Spirit is helping me with my inability to produce the right results

c) Therefore, all things are working together for my good

ii. The Word helpeth is from a Greek word which means

“To take hold of together with against”

iii. The Holy Spirit takes of together with us against

1) The demonic spirit of addiction

2) The demonic spirit of affliction manifested in our health

3) The demonic spirit that is stealing our finances

4) Satanic spirits which desire to sift and destroy us

5) Against... \_\_\_\_\_

iv. The Holy Spirit “takes hold” of something “together” with us “against” our opposition, and thus He is our Helper.

1) The Holy Spirit directs our prayers precisely, causing them to “light upon” the need correctly

2) The Holy Spirit takes hold of the situation together with us, adding His strength to ours.

3) Everything is a spiritual battle, so God’s Word to Zerubbaal in Zechariah 4:6 is still true... “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

3. Today's message deals with fighting the fight of faith as seen in the text
  - a. KJV... Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on
  - b. Versions
    - i. AMP... Take hold of
    - ii. NLT... Hold tightly to
    - iii. CE... Claim
  - c. Let us "lay hold of, take hold of, hold tightly to, claim..." whatever it is, and fight a spiritual battle with the Holy Spirit laying hold of with us against the opposition
4. We are in a battle, and prayer, Intercessory prayer is our most power weapon.
5. In these messages we have found the Hebrew word "Paga" being used in different places
  - a. In Isaiah 53:12, Paga is "Intercession" as the work that Jesus did for us in creating a meeting between us and God.
  - b. In Isaiah 53:6, Paga is where Jesus "laid on" himself our sins and carried them away from us.
  - c. In Joshua 19, Paga in prayer is setting "perimeters of protection" or "creating boundaries" of protection for those and those thing we carry to God in prayer.
  - d. In Genesis 28:10-17, Paga is used to show that our prayers are not just by chance, but God directs us in prayer so we are not "lighting upon something by chance," because God leads us to where we are
6. Today we are going to study "Prayer as Warfare," with "paga" being used as a term of warfare or fighting.
  - a. "Paga" is used 15 times in the context of "warfare."
  - b. "Violence" and "war" are rooted in the very meaning of the word.
  - c. Let us look at some Scriptures where "paga" is used denoting "violence and war."
    - i. Judges 8:21... Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall (paga) upon us:...
    - ii. 1 Samuel 22:11-19... In v19, Doeg "fell upon" (paga) the priests and slew 85 of them.
    - iii. 2 Samuel 1:11-16... David had one of his men to "fall upon" (paga) the Amalekite because he claimed to have killed Saul.

d. In these few verses, we see that the word “paga” is used denoting violence and warfare.

i. Warfare and violence was involved when Jesus did the work of intercession for us.

ii. Therefore, we are involved in warfare, and spiritual violence is involved, so we must fight.

7. Scripture as well as some of our “spiritual songs” declare that we are in a war

a. Songwriter Dwayne Friend wrote

It is a battlefield brother, not a recreation room. It is a fight, not a game. Run if you want to, run if you will, but I came here to stay.”

b. Otis L. McCoy wrote

i. Verse 1

If you are in the battle for the Lord and right, Keep on the firing line.  
 If you win my brother, surely you must fight, Keep on the firing line.  
 There are many dangers that we all must face, If we die a fighting it is no disgrace. Coward in the service, He will find no place, So keep on the firing line.

ii. Chorus:

You must fight, be brave, against all evil, never run, nor even lag behind, if you would win for God and the right, just keep on the firing line.”

c. This is why Paul wrote Ephesians 6:10-18

i. v10...Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

ii. v11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

iii. v12...We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

iv. v13...Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

v. v14-18 Stand therefore,

1) Having your loins girt about with truth, and

2) Having on the breastplate of righteousness;

- 3) Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 4) Having above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 5) Having put on the helmet of salvation,
- 6) Having taken the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 7) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and
- 8) Watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

I. Let us “Lay hold” as if we were “battling” with a “combatant.”

A. We must realize that we are doing battle with a “real devil.”

1. Remember the two aspects of Jesus’ work in Intercession

a. Jesus “reconciled” us to God, and “separated” us from satan.

b. Jesus “joined” us, “united” us to God, and “tore” us away, or “disunited” us from satan

2. We are to continue Jesus’ work of intercession by

a. Reconciling men to God and separating them from satan, and

b. Joining or uniting men to God and tearing or disuniting them from satan, by

c. Our prayers and intercession of “binding and loosing.”

**Note:** Refer to the Prayer of “Binding and Loosing.”

i. We bind ourselves and those for whom we pray for to God’s will.

ii. We bind the strongman, satan.

iii. We loose ourselves and those for whom we pray for from the bondages of satan and darkness.

iv. All of this is based on God’s word, and we should note

1) Matthew 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on

earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

2) Matthew 18:18

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

3. Let us understand that there are times that it is not enough to just ask the Father to do something, which is the understanding of prayer for many Christians.
  - a. We need to accompany our asking with a “spiritual ‘warfare’” or “grabbing hold” of or “wrestling”
  - b. We need to “enforce” the victory of Calvary.
  - c. We need to “P.U.S.H.” or “Pray Until Something Happens.”
  - d. Yes, Victory is an accomplished fact, but we need to “lay hold” of that victory and rush headlong into a confrontation with the enemy, and “resist” him.
    - i. Numbers 33:53...  
Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess.
    - ii. Deuteronomy 3:20...

Until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they too have taken over the land that the LORD your God is giving them, across the Jordan. After that, each of you may go back to the possession I have given you.

iii. Deuteronomy 3:21-22

At that time I commanded Joshua: "You have seen with your own eyes all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. The LORD will do the same to all the kingdoms over there where you are going. 22) Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you."

iv. Deuteronomy 9:23

And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, Go up and take possession of the land I have given you. But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust him or obey him.”

**Note:** Experiencing God workbook teaches us that when we come to a crisis of faith, our next step or action demonstrates what we really believe about God.

- e. I said all of the above to say this:

- i. Take possession of your Victory.
  - ii. Take possession of your deliverance.
  - iii. Take possession of your healing.
  - iv. Take possession of your finances.
  - v. Take possession of your loved ones.
  - vi. Take possession of Revival.
  - vii. Take possession of.....
- f. We can take possession, or we can do like the children of Israel did as recorded in Judges chapter 1: 19, 22, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 34,
- i. We are told that Israel did not drive out all of the Caananites.
  - ii. Then we are told that when Israel was strong they put the Caananites to tribute,
  - iii. But when Israel sinned, God allowed the Caananites to oppress the Israelites.
- g. It is time for us to acknowledge our opposition
- i. Address it in faith and prayer knowing that the Holy Ghost will take hold of it with you against that opposition so victory is yours
  - ii. Never settle for living with the opposition, for eventually you will become its slave
  - iii. Destroy our opposition through the power of God which works in you as your pray in faith knowing the Holy Ghost will take hold of it with you against the opposition to work and bring forth the desire results in your life
- Note:** God had promised Israel victory, so Israel failed to either assert the energy to “take hold of their land,” or “then begin to doubt” what God could do.
- iv. Many try to live with things in our lives that interfere with our relationship with God.
    - 1) When we are spiritually strong we seem to take control of those things that would interfere with our victory
    - 2) When we weaken spiritually, then those oppressing enemies began again to choke out our victory
    - 3) Therefore, Let us destroy the things in our lives that are unlike God.

- 4) Therefore, Let us not try to live comfortably with sin in our lives thinking that we have it under control.
- 5) Therefore, Let us agree with God that it is sin, and if necessary, confess our fault to someone that we can trust, praying together, and one for another that we may be spiritually healed. (James 5)

**Note:** Let us follow Paul's direction in Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

4. Jack Hayford in his book Prayer Is Invading the Impossible says

When we see both sides of Jesus, we see both sides of prayer.

- a. There is a need for compassion, for care, for concern, for weeping with those who weep, for sympathy, for groaning, for aching deeply because of what we sense is transpiring in human lives.
- b. There is also a need and a place
  - i. For anger, when we see satan's wiles successfully destroying;
  - ii. For indignation, when the adversary's program violates territory that rightfully belongs to Jesus;
  - iii. For boldness, when demonic hordes announce their presence;
  - iv. For attack, when the Holy Spirit prompts and advance.

**Note:** Take hold, and do warfare.

B. Paga involves warfare.

1. I have already defined "paga" and its involvement in warfare.
2. I want us to see that there are times that our prayers are just that: "War."
  - a. One of the best ways to face impossibility, is attack it according to Jack Hayford.
  - b. Let us attack the impossible
    - i. Not with glib speech of high hopes
    - ii. Not in anger



- iii. Not in stoical self-control
- iv. Not in resignation
- v. But with violence, and it is prayer that provides the vehicle for this kind of violence.

C. Many are ignorant of what they are doing, and of whom they are fighting.

- 1. Our enemy is real, and the real cause of our problem is Spiritual or demonic.

**Note** Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- 2. When we are ignorant of satan, his tactics, and are ignorant on how to deal with them, then it becomes very costly to us in our “spiritual battle.”
- 3. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 2:11 that “we are not ignorant of his devices.”

**Note:** The Nlt says that “we are familiar with his tactics”

- a. The word “ignorant” comes from a Greek word meaning “without knowledge or understanding of.”
  - i. We are told by Paul to not be ignorant, or agnostic which is without understanding where the devil is concerned.
  - ii. Let us understand some things about our enemy, and how to defeat him
  - iii. Do not ignore your enemy
- b. The word “devices” means “thoughts,” so, we are told
  - i. To not be without understanding of how the devil thinks.
  - ii. To not be without understanding of how the devil operates, of his plans, of his plots, of his schemes, and of his devices.
- 4. Paul is telling us that if we are ignorant of his devices, than he will take advantage of us
  - a. Advantage is from the Greek “pleonekteo,” which means
    - i. To have or hold the greater portion
    - ii. To be covetous

- iii. To over reach
- iv. To defraud
- b. This is what satan will do
  - i. He will “take the greater portion” of our lives.
  - ii. He will “take advantage” of us.
  - iii. He will “get in more blows” against us, if his reach is longer than ours.
  - iv. He will “defraud” us.
  - v. He will “make a lot of gain” on those who “are ignorant” of “his devices.”
  - vi. He will “make prey” of those “who are ignorant” of “his devices.”
- c. Satan will gain on us, prey on us, defraud us of what is ours, and have/hold the greater portion of what is ours to the degree of our ignorance of the way he thinks and operates.

**Note:** He will take our homes, marriages, families, communities, money, government, nation, and more, much, much more, if we are not aware of what he is doing.

- i. An example is Prayer in school.
- ii. Another example is abortion
- iii. Even another example is the explosion of gay rights (etc)

d. Have you ever had someone take advantage of you? Paul did in 1 Thessalonians 2:18:

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

- i. This scripture does not say that God changed His mind, but it says
- ii. That satan hindered Paul.

**Note:** Again, let me say, Do not ignore satan. God does not ignore him, so we had better be aware of what he is doing.

**Note:** God has created the laws and principles that are in affect on the earth such as sowing and reaping, cause and effect, and the free will of humans.

- i. Therefore, we implement these principles and we determine much of what we reap and experience.

- ii. Listen: Satan understands these laws and he uses them to his advantage whenever possible, so let us not be ignorant of him so he will take advantage of us, but let us be knowledgeable of his devices, and “War” against him through “Prayer.”

D. As we “lay hold,” we face the enemy.

1. Again remember

- a. We are in a very real war as seen in 2 Corinthians 10:4 and 1 Timothy.1:18
- b. We are soldiers in this war as seen in Psalms 110:2-3 and 2 Timothy 2:3-4
- c. We are to wrestle against all levels of the kingdom of darkness as seen in Ephesians 6:12
- d. We are to resist the devil as seen in James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:9
- e. We are to tread on satan and his demons which is exercising authority over them as declared in Luke 10:19 and Romans 16:20)
- f. We are to cast out demons as commissioned in Mark 16:17
- g. We have authority to bind (forbid) and loose (permit) when dealing with the agents and gate of hell as authorized in Matthew 16:19
- h. We have powerful weapons designed to overcome the kingdom of darkness as seen in 2 Corinthians 10:4 and Ephesians 6:10-20

2. Example of a minister praying for a person who was constantly up and down from Dutch Sheet’s Intercessory Prayer.

- a. God showed him that there were 3 demons that were following this person
- b. God showed him their names
- c. He begin to bind the demons one by one, and God gave the man deliverance.

**Note:** Knowing scriptures and quoting them is not sufficient at times. There are times that we must persevere in prayer until God directs us to pray in a way to obtain the victory. It is not all in shouting and speaking in tongues. Sometimes we do that and go home without ever realizing a real victory. Persevere until the answer comes.

3. Let us be like a Pro wrestler.

- a. The word “against” is used five times in Ephesians chapter 6.
  - i. The Greek word for “against” is “pros”

- 1) The meaning is “in front of”
- 2) This concept is used today in the term “professional” or “pro athlete”
- ii. Notice what does a “pro wrestler” does
  - 1) He steps in front of his opponent
  - 2) He feels that he is superior to his opponent
- c. This word gives the idea of “stepping forward” and “facing someone”
- d. Paul is telling us in Ephesians 6
  - i. To “Step forward and face the powers of darkness.”
  - ii. To “Be a pro wrestler.”
  - iii. To “Get involved in WAR.”
- 4. Let us not be like the bodybuilder who went to Africa.
  - a. A village chief wanted to know what he did with all those muscles.
  - b. So he flexed his muscles and put on an exhibition as he would in competition.
  - c. When the man finished, the chief asked: “What else do you do with them?”
  - d. The body builder responded: “that is about it.”
  - e. The chief muttered in disgust: “What a waste.” “What a waste.”

**Note:** Many of us are like the bodybuilder.

- i. We know our Scriptures, and we we know how to pray.
- ii. We know how to do war, but we do very little of anything.
- iii. We just sit back and wait for God to do it, but in His plan and scheme of things, we must be involved for victory to occur.

**Note:** Step into the ring, and wait upon the Lord to show us what strategy or method of warfare to use. God is a God of relationship, and He is a Father who is in love with His family. God is more concerned with our love than our labor, and our walk with Jesus prepares us for the warring aspect.

## II. Our devotion to the Lord is important

### A. So. Let us wait upon him.

1. Involved in waiting is worship, and
2. Many times, warfare is born from worship.
3. Out of our waiting comes warring.

### B. Our simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus becomes the springboard for everything we do

1. Paul was concerned that the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 11:3 would  
Be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.
2. Regardless of the depth of our revelation, it will never diminish the need for simple, pure devotion to Jesus.
  - a. The greater our revelation, the greater need for simple, pure devotion to Jesus
  - b. The greater our knowledge, the greater the need for simple, pure devotion to Jesus
  - c. The greater that any gift is worked in us, the greater the need for simple, pure devotion to Jesus, or satan will lead us to our fall through pride.
3. To whatever degree that Satan can distract us from our relationship with Jesus, then that is the degree that we walk in deception, regardless of how much revelation or gift that we may have.

**Note:** In 1 Corinthians 13, we find that without love, all other gifts are for nought. Love therefore, begins with our simple and pure devotion to the one who loved us enough to die for us.

### C. Let us look at three aspects of “waiting” in the Old Testament

#### 1. Scriptures

##### a. Psalms 62:1-2

1) To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. 2) He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

- i. Here we find the Psalmist “silently waiting: with a “quiet trust.”
- ii. The thought conveys a strong calm quiet trust in the lord.

b. Psalms 33:20...Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

- i. David was waiting or “longing” for the Lord.
- ii. Then in Psalms 42:2, we hear David say: My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
- iii. Again in Psalms 63:1, David declares:

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;”

c. Psalms 27:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

d. Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

- i. The meaning of this word “wait” is
  - 1) With eager expectation
  - 2) This word also means “to bind something together by twisting or braiding”
- ii. So the main thought of this word is “eager expectation and oneness; a joining, a braiding together.”

2. Consider how we are to wait upon the Lord in our simple pure relationship with Him.

- a. We are to silently wait with a strong, calm trust, longing for His presence and eagerly expecting Him,
- b. We are to wait knowing that He will show up,
- c. We wait in anticipation for the Lord to arrive on the scene
- d. As we wait, we experience the oneness that results in our hearts become entwined with God’s heart

D. Waiting on the Lord takes us to victorious warfare, and Waiting involves Worship.

**Note** Psalms 37:7, 9, 34

- i. v7...Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him:
  - ii. v7...Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.”
  - iii. v9...Those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.”
  - iv. v34...Wait on the LORD, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land
  - v. v34...Keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land
1. Wait on the Lord in prayer and worship, and watch your inheritance (v9) come to pass.
  2. Inherit (v9) means “to possess” which means by “waiting,” “worshiping,” and “Praying” we will “possess” what is ours.

**Note:** I like the lyrics of the song which say, I will Take back from the enemy what he has stolen from me for He is under my feet. Hallelujah.

3. Let us do a spiritual military invasion of the enemy’s territory and possess our
  - a. Spiritual growth in God
  - b. Freedom in Christ
  - c. Victory over every opposition
  - d. Health and Finances
  - e. Children’s salvation.
  - f. Church revival and Church growth. etc
4. Those who wait on the Lord gain the ability in the Lord to possess their inheritance.

### III. There is A Time To Shout

#### A. We must watch out for distractions.

1. Ministry can be a distraction as Martha was distracted from the good thing in Luke 10
2. We should not forget that God is more concern with our relationship with Him than the amount of work that we do for Him.
3. If we are not careful, we become so busy for Him that we do not have time to be which can be a distraction.

4. So let us “wait” upon the Lord and find that “good part” that Mary found.

**Note:** When we spend time sitting at Jesus’ feet, it puts something in us, so we will not only look good, but be good for something. Many times we look good, but we lack the anointing. Therefore, we must wait in His presence allowing all ministry including our warfare to be born of relationship.

B. Waiting teaches us to do things God’s way at God’s time

1. Examine Joshua and Israel at Jericho

- a. God chose the time to do battle. “After 7 days of Marching.”
- b. God chose the terms of the battle. “Take no prisoners.”

**Note:** God chooses the timing, the terms, and the method. Those who do it God’s way wins. Those who try in themselves will only walk in circles

**Note:** We have walked in enough circles. Therefore, it is time to do it God’s way.

2. God told David to wait until he heard the wind blow in the treetops in 2 Samuel 5:24, and then he could attack. David won.

3. God told Saul to wait seven days for Samuel to come and offer the sacrifice in 1 Samuel 13:8-14

- a. The people got nervous because of the enemy, so they begin to go home.
- b. Saul got nervous over losing his army, so he offered his own sacrifice, which indicated that he was going to do I his way
  - i. A council member said to me, If this brother does not make good financially, then we will not make it.” (Sounds like Saul to me)
  - ii. Samuel told Saul that he blew it and lost the kingdom.
  - iii. Let us wait upon the Lord possess your inheritance.

4. Jehoshaphat worship in 2 Chronicles 20:1-30, and Paul and Silas worshipped in jail in Acts 16:16-36, and God brought the victory.

5. Wait upon the Lord.

- a. One minister led 200 Christians on a silent march down the streets of New Orleans during Mardi Gras, and the presence of the Lord brought a hush to the streets.



- b. Another time, the same minister led a group down Bourbon Street singing Emmanuel, and the Spirit of God brought a silence to the crowd.
- c. Follow the strategy of the Holy Spirit.
  - i. At times we will be silent
  - ii. At times we pray with others in concert
  - iii. At times we pray one by one
  - iv. There will be times we speak in tongues
  - v. At other times we shout and rejoice

**Note:** The important thing is to follow the direction of the Spirit of God, and we attack the enemy.

- i. As we enthrone Jesus in worship, Satan is dethroned in the heavenlies.
- ii. As we lift up the Son, we pull down the serpent.
- iii. He inhabits our praise according to Psalms 22:3
- iv. Then we see in Psalms 149:5-9 that when we praise and worship God, kings and enemies are bound.
  - vi. There will be times that the Spirit leads us to be reconciled to others
  - vii. There will be times that the Spirit will lead us to agree with others and bind the enemy

C. Then there are times we Shout

**Note:** There are times for “Spiritual Intensity.”

1. Zerubbabel shouted grace to a mountain in Zechariah 4:7
2. Israel shouted at Jericho in Joshua 6:16
3. Gideon’s army shouted before the battle in Judges 7:20
4. Jesus shouted on the cross in Matthew 27:50
5. Israel shouted when the Ark of the Covenant would lead them to a new place. They would declare according to Numbers 10:35 and Psalms 68:1, Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered

6. Joash was rebuked and suffered defeat because of his lack of spiritual intensity in striking the ground with the arrows in 2 Kings 13:14-19
7. Then there are times to “speak the Word” with faith.
  - a. Bind with authority
  - b. Loose what is right (Move in accordance with the will of God)

**Note:** In some things we know what His will is, so move accordingly.

Conclusion:

1. Let us seize and secure our inheritance.
  - a. We are not trying to defeat satan. He is already defeated.
  - b. We do re-defeat, but we re-present the victory of the cross through our praying intercessory prayers as an extension of what Christ has already done through His work of intercession.
  - c. Jesus crushed Satan and shattered and scattered the headship of the serpent like broken pieces of glass. It was a total defeat.
    - i. What Jesus did, we must release and enforce.
    - ii. What Jesus provided for us, we must seize by faith with spiritual weapons as Paul told Timothy to “fight the good fight of faith and to Lay hold on eternal life.” in 1 Timothy 6:12
    - iii. Just as Israel had to take from the Caananites what God had given to them, so we have to take from Satan what God has given to us.
      - 1) You can have it, but not have it.
      - 2) You can own it, but not possess it.
      - 3) Therefore, let us possess our inheritance.
      - 4) As one would seize and secure territory in war, so let us seize and secure our inheritance in Christ.
      - 5) We are to seize it from the world, the flesh, and the devil.
2. Jesus legally broke satan’s authority.
  - a. We are delivered from satan’s authority.

- b. Satan no longer has the right to use his power on us, but we have to enforce our rights through our prayers, worship, and praise.
- c. God has always had more power than satan.
  - i. Adam gave satan authority
  - ii. Jesus got that authority back, but satan still has the power that he has always had.
  - iii. But greater is He that is in Me/You than he that is in the world.
- d. Satan still “prowls like a lion.” and he still “shoots his fiery darts,” but he lost the right (authority) to use his weapons and power on those who make Jesus Lord.
  - i. Satan is a thief and a lawbreaker.
  - ii. He will still use his power on those who do not understand that through Jesus they have authority over satan and his power.
  - iii. Authority is the issue. Power does the work, but authority controls the power. We do not have the power, but we have authority in Jesus’ name which gives us power.
    - 1) Hold your hands up like Moses did in the battle with Amalek in Exodus 17.

**Note:** This battle was not won on the field, but in the spiritual realm as Moses held up his hands, and his two comrades assisted him in holding up his hands

- 2) Hold up your hands, and assist others to hold up theirs, and watch the harvest come down from heaven above.

3. Here is how we are to approach the Father in this warfare

- a. With bold confidence knowing that He is our Friend and Father. (Hebrews 4:16)
- b. Ask “according to His will” from 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14.
- c. Realizing that we are laborers together with God (2 Corinthians 6:1) not warring against God
- d. We are to storm the gates of hell, not the gates of heaven (Isa 28:6 and Matt 16:18)
- e. We are to persist in prayer which is necessary, but it is not to overcome God’s reluctance, for God desires to give us the desires of our heart according to the power working in us.

**Note:** We are warring with the devil not with God, so let us do warfare enforcing what Jesus has already accomplishing for us. Go to the enemy’s camp and take back from him what he has taken from us.