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This third manual deals with the subject of Spiritual Warfare. A large proportion of the Bible deals with warfare in the spirit realm. The Apostle Paul said that our battle is not with flesh and blood, but with dark spiritual power Ephesians 6:12.

The Bible begins with warfare in paradise and ends with warfare in the book of Revelations.

If we are to be successful in our battle against the darkness of this world we must understand something of spiritual warfare.

The Church today is dangerously ignorant of schemes of the Devil. Some pride themselves in not knowing much about the Devil inferring that all you need is to focus on Jesus and not on the Devil. While our primary focus must always be upon Jesus, The apostle Paul said; Lest Satan should get an advantage over us; we ought not to be ignorant of his devises 2 Corinthians 2:11.

I hope this manual will give you some insight into how to overcome the evil one.

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Lesson 1 - A Brief Biblical Overview

If we are to be successful in our battle against the darkness of this world, we must understand something of Spiritual Warfare. The church must not be dangerously ignorant of the schemes of the devil. While our primary focus must be on Jesus, the apostle Paul said, ‘Lest Satan should get an advantage over us; we ought not to be ignorant of his devices.’ (2 Cor. 2:11)

NOTE: Casting out demons and Deliverance is another course. If you want a comprehensive teaching on Spiritual Warfare, get the handbook of Dr. Ed Murphy’s, also Ed Silvoso’s That None Should Perish.

Eph. 6:11-12,

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil; 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.

These scriptures make very clear the fact that Christians are involved in a tremendous struggle, conflict, struggle with evil forces headed up by the devil.

We are told to resist these evil forces and fight a good fight. (James 4:7; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7)

But first of all, we need to look at where did it all begin? How come these whole situation develop it had.

I. WHERE DID IT ALL BEGIN? (THE ORIGIN OF SATAN, THE DEVIL)

Isa. 14:12-15,

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Notice how many times the word ‘I’ is there, ‘I, I, I, I, I, I will ascend... I will be like the Most High’? Isa. 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Ezek. 28:12-17 is an allegory speaking of Satan and the allegory uses the king of Tyre as a picture of Satan himself,

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared
in thee [That speaks of music] in the day that thou wast created. [Now, this person was created, he wasn't born. Now, we're not talking about the king of Tyre, it is just an allegory.] Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. [Why? Because...] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Two basic passages of scripture which speak about the fall of Lucifer, and the reason for his fall was obviously PRIDE. He sought to exalt his throne above the throne of God. Now, how can an angel, a perfect angel...it would appear that he was the highest angel in heaven, the scriptures say even higher than Michael, and how could he fall? Well, even angels have free will. They have choice. And pride was the problem, that he sought to exalt his position above that of God. Remember in the garden of Eden, the first thing he did to Adam and Eve is ‘You can be just like God Himself,’ same kind of thing in there.

How long this kind of thing pestered the heart of Lucifer, how long this went on, we don't know, but the scriptures kind of give us an insight through the fact that he was able to persuade a third of the angels to rebel with him. Now, that's a lot of power, I mean in a perfect environment where everything is right, there's no external temptations at all, that he was able to persuade at least a third of the angels. It seems clear from Rev 12:4 that Lucifer was able to deceive a third of the angels and persuade them into following him in rebellion against God.

Now this factor of free will is really important, with the angelic realm and with the human realm. To create us in His image, God gave us free will. To have done otherwise would have been to make us puppets or hollow mannequins. Yet to give us free will, God had to forgo the use of force against us. We do not have free will when there is a gun at our back ... in agony He must stand back and let us do what we want to do. He will not intervene. Now, for God to put Himself in that kind of position, yet for us to have free will, there's no other alternative. If you have free will, you have to have a choice. And so Lucifer had that choice.

II. THIS COSMIC REBELLION REACHED EARTH SOON AFTER MAN'S CREATION

Jesus said, ‘I beheld Satan fall like lightning from heaven,’ and he was cast into our earthly sphere. And so this kind of rebellion reached earth. Soon after man’s creation, came into the earth, it would appear that Satan did have some dominion in the earth even before the creation of Adam, you know, the scriptures say, ‘Thou has been in Eden, and precious stone was your covering.’ The Bible does not give us a lot of insight into that, but he did come to earth, he was cast out of heaven and he came to earth.

And the evil this brought affected two spheres: the Natural and the Moral. The natural realm changed. The conflict is seen in nature in storms, hurricanes and any other violent manifestations of nature.

Rom. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
That’s why Jesus had authority when He was on the earth over nature. He took authority over
nature, and it’s an important aspect to understand. When we come into the Millenium reign of
Christ, nature comes back to its rightful place. And we see that as we look and study conditions
during the Millenium. It’s very different from what it is now.

The conflict is also seen in a Moral sense, in fallen humanity.

A. Warfare in Paradise

And so basically, we have Adam and Eve in paradise entering into warfare. God created man in
His own image, sinless and perfect. But when the theatre of warfare shifted to the earth, Adam and
Eve were obviously the first target. The tragedy and aftermath of Adam losing that battle is reflected
in the horrific history of mankind.

Rom. 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;
whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all
men, for that all have sinned:

Adam took the whole thing down into the human race. It affected the entire human race. And so
we have a conflict, we have rebellion in heaven, we have these angels and Lucifer cast out of heaven,
those angels that rebelled with him. The theatre of warfare shifts to the earth, and Adam and Eve
were the first target, and then the whole of the human race will be targeted through the ages. This is a
little background of how warfare with the enemies began.

B. Warfare and Moses

We have a classic example of spiritual warfare in the conflict between Moses and Pharaoh. How
many of you know that was a spiritual conflict? The setting is that of over two million people held as
captives and slaves by Pharaoh. IN REALITY, GOD THROUGH MOSES WAS CHALLENGING THE
RULING SPIRITS OVER EGYPT. Pharaoh was only the physical channel for these spirits.

We understand that the Egyptians worshipped ten major deities that governed the land. It
would appear that the ten plagues were a direct attack on the power and influence of each of these
ruling spirits.

Truly this was a spiritual conflict which finally was won by Moses and his obedience to God.
The results liberated over two million people.

The ruling spirits of Egypt, the strong power behind pharaoh was the spirit of Pride, because the
Bible says he kept hardening his heart. There was a conflict with the spirits. It’s very, very interesting
because the occultist in the land of Egypt kind of got into it. There was a real conflict between the
spiritists of the land and Moses. Remember, they did most of the things Moses did to a point. And
then the spirit said, Jannes and Jambres said, ‘This is too much. This is the finger of God. This is the true
God.’ (book of Timothy) And so they kind of knocked off these lesser spirits, but pharaoh was still
unmoved. There was a real battle going on in the land of Egypt.
Then finally, you see, one of the major gods of Egypt was the offering of children unto a particular deity. And God came on the scene and smote the first-born of Egypt and broke the power of that thing, the tremendous power of that thing. Then, they were liberated, two million people who were slaves and captives were set free, out of that warfare. This did not happen overnight. There was a continual battle that went on, until finally the conflict over that nation, the ruling spirit over that nation were broken, and God set His people free.

So Moses took the people of Israel, headed them off to the Promised Land. Then Joshua picks it up after Moses died, and again Joshua was engaged in spiritual warfare.

**Joshua**

The conquest of Canaan is a major graphic example of spiritual warfare. The literal conquest of these nations is an object lesson for us today. It shows us how a nation is taken for God.

**THE GIANTS IN THE LAND HAD TO BE CONQUERED.** It is evident to us in reading the accounts of the conquest of Canaan, that conquering the land by military force had a secondary affect, that of dislodging the ruling evil spirits over those nations.

Num. 33:52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

**SOUVENIR STUFFS FROM FOREIGN LANDS WITH ATTACHED EVIL SPIRITS**

They were to go into the land, they were to drive out the inhabitants, and then they were to destroy all semblance of their religion. Now, this is really, really important, because what you have today, you see, people go into Bali and they bring back cards (souvenirs), go to New Zealand and bring back a ‘tiki.’ I don’t know how many missionaries have brought stuff back from the mission fields that were affecting them, inanimate objects. You see, it says here that you are to destroy all their pictures, all their molten images, pluck down all their high places.

Way back in the 70’s, we had in our home a little carving which looked innocuous. It didn’t look like it was too bad, but it created problems in my home. You see, what happens is because these are representatives, those carvings are actual carvings of what those spirits look like. In trances, visions and dreams, these people know what those spirits look like. Now, if you go into Indonesia or Thailand, you will see in a lot of hotels a carving of a particular spirit. It’s everywhere with wings called garuda. Now Garuda is the ruling spirit over that nation. It’s actually a fallen angel. And tourists bring all these little kinds of carving called garuda, and they named their airline after it. You ask them who is this ruling spirit over their nation, they will answer, ‘garuda.’ They’ll just openly tell you. It’s in hotel lobbies, in shops, everywhere. They know what he looks like, and they’ve carved him, and he has the head of a bird.

You have to be very, very careful of that because ‘maori’ carvings from New Zealand are extremely powerful. Believe you me, if you have one of those in your home, you’re in trouble. You will bring back a spirit with it. Demonic spirits are either inhabiting or being attached to inanimate objects. It’s very, very real. So you need to be aware of that. You don’t go overboard obviously on it, but so many times, I’ve had to deal with missionaries who brought back things from the mission field,
carvings, masks are very, very bad, particularly if they come from Indonesia or New Guinea, also aboriginal artifacts. They hang them on the walls, and after a while their children will start to get sick, they will start to get nightmares, those things happen. And eventually, we have to tell them they have to burn those things. They represent particular spirits and those spirits are attached to them. You see, when those people worship these carved images, they are worshipping literal spirits behind them. So, there is an attachment.

And so going into the land,

Num. 33:52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

You've got to be very careful. For instance, there were some rock records where the company that put them out prayed over them. As a result, each record came out with its own spirits. And it's the same with the dolls that were selling, cabbage patch dolls and other dolls. Occultists had actually created them and prayed over them. So what happens is little girls get attached to these dolls and attached to the spirits. You need to be aware of that and how that operates and how that works. Really, it can produce a very strong bond, but it's a spiritual bond. You need to burn them, and the birth certificates that come with them.

What we're primarily dealing with are artifacts or pictures that reflect their heathen gods. Some things had been prayed over. Anything in a country where they have a god which is made into an image, for example, the elephant gods in India which are interwoven into their commerce, is so bad. It's one of the most powerful. Totem poles of Indians are problems with definite strong spirit base.

You know, every time you pass something with a spirit base, something innocuous, you're going to get an uneasy feeling, if you are sensitive in the spirit. You know there is something wrong. You have to be very discerning. Obvious board games like dungeon and dragons, you don't touch. Some things which are innocuous, you just need to pray over them. There's no set ruling. You just have to pray, you have to be sensitive and discerning to these things. You can go overboard and think that everything has something behind them. You just need to be sensitive.

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In the New Testament setting the opposite seems to be true. First, we are to conquer the evil spiritual forces over a nation, then the social fabric of the nation changes.

Paul the Apostle clearly stated that these Old Testament examples are examples which we ought to follow today. The literal warfare in the Old Testament is a picture and pattern for our spiritual warfare today.

1 Cor. 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for our examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

So we need to be aware of that, particularly the conquest of Canaan, what they had to destroy, what they had to do.
David

Much of the life of David is a picture of Spiritual Warfare, from the slaying of Goliath to the taking of the stronghold of Zion. There is a whole patch of history in there which has to deal with spiritual warfare.

New Testament Examples, the Lord Jesus

Wherever Jesus went, he was in conflict with demonic powers, no matter where He went. In fact, at least two-thirds of the ministry of Jesus was in casting out of demons. So wherever Jesus went, there was a conflict. Jesus clearly taught we are in a spiritual conflict which requires warfare on our part.

Matt. 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick:

Matt. 9:33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: And the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Matt. 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matt. 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 can’t cover this in detail, but a lot of sicknesses are caused by evil spirits. Not all, but a huge amount of sicknesses are caused by evil spirits. See, He talks here about deaf spirits, about casting out dumb spirits and the person spake. I have seen that so, so many times, dealt with people who are deaf, then simply cast out the spirit, and the person hears. I have lost count of the number of people who I have dealt with in that way. Blindness, apart from creative miracles, are producing new eyes where there are no eyes. Quite a lot of blindness, particularly overseas, are caused by evil spirits. That’s how we had such success in Pakistan, how I just simply stand on the platform and how I take authority over the blind spirits and begin to cast them out en masse. And person after person after person would receive their sight. You look in the natural and you say, ‘How can this be?’ Because you don’t understand the POWER that literally works, dumb spirits, deaf spirits, blind spirits.

Now, not everybody who is blind is caused by evil spirits, but a lot are. And so, in dealing with the sick, you’ve got to realize that a lot of the problems are evil spirits, more than we would realize. A lot of back problems are evil spirits. Spirits tend to lodge in the spine because the spine affects a lot of the other parts of the body, and you’ve got to be aware of that. In fact, one time when Peter’s mother had a high fever, Jesus came in and He just didn’t heal her. He rebuked that fever. He dealt with it as an entity. I have seen that with my children many, many times. If fever starts to go to the roof, you take authority over it. So, we need to be aware of this.

The Apostle Paul

Paul was very familiar with spiritual warfare. As his life drew to a close, he said this, 2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: The first thing he said was ‘I have fought a good fight.’
WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WHETHER WE CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT OR NOT, WE ARE IN A CONFLICT, and it will continue. Paul continually reminded us that we are in a spiritual conflict and WE HAVE TO FIGHT, WE HAVE TO DEFEND OURSELVES, WE HAVE TO KNOW OUR ENEMY.

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 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].

II Cor. 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES.

Peter said this in I Peter 5:8, Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Now, what we need to understand is that when Paul said that, he meant it. Our problem is not flesh and blood. Pastors have problems in their churches with their boards in situations, and they are not flesh and blood problems. They are spirit problems, people are motivated by spirits. Wherever there is real conflict, you’re dealing with a spiritual problem.


Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
Lesson 2  -  Winning the Battle on the Inside

It is important to win the battle on the inside to some degree before we begin to wage war externally. If we have MAJOR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS in our lives, we need to seek to resolve them before we become active in external personal spiritual warfare. In group warfare, it's different.

We realize that we are not yet perfect. However, we need to be walking in the light and be free from MAJOR SPIRIT-BASED PROBLEMS. If the enemy has ground in us, we will be vulnerable.

John 14:30  Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.
Il Cor. 10:6  And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Well, you say, ‘We’re all always facing that kind of criticism. We’re Christians, born again and Spirit-filled, you cannot have spirits on the inside.’ Well, I’ve got news from you, YOU CAN AND PROBABLY DO. The Bible does not say that, actually nowhere the Bible says that. It just takes it for granted, that we’re in a conflict. Well, you say, ‘What about your spirit?’ Well, your spirit is born again, but your body is in the process and your soul is in the process of being saved. And it’s like you take the stronghold in your spirit, you’re born again and you are joined to the Lord as one spirit. The problem is not there. The problem is in your physical body and the problem is in your soul - mind, emotions and will.

And Christians can have demonic invasions in the areas of their mind, and in areas of their soul. I’m not saying demon possession. We’re talking about a different thing with demon possession. But people can be demonized, they can be influenced by spirits whether external or internal. Really it doesn’t matter. The influence is really there. People, Christians get consumed with spirits of jealousy and spirits of pride. They get consumed with unclean spirits, they have all kinds of problems. Sometimes people, Christians have a strong, strong spirit of unbelief, strongholds in their mind.

Now, THESE ARE NOT JUST INFLUENCES, THEY ARE SPIRITS. They have to be cast out, and if you don’t cast them out, they stay there.

And whether we like it or not, we face a kind of a situation where, people say to me, ‘Where was it in the life and ministry of Jesus?’ My answer is I don’t know. He went around casting out spirits. He dealt with the lady who was a daughter of Abraham and cast the spirit out of her which created a problem in her back. Again, there is a lot of silence on that. It’s almost like it is taken for granted. You know, these problems are spirit-based problems. Now I know it’s a kind of an inn motive subject, but when you have a church where you know good people, who love the Lord, baptized in the Holy Spirit, they prophesy and they speak in tongues and you’ve known them for a long time and they’re good people, and then you get a move of the Spirit and they start to manifest, you cannot deny it. You either kind of deny the obvious and ignore it or deal with it.

I had a nice, little tranquil church until Derek Prince came through in the 70’s, and he really upset
our apricot. And he didn’t have a clear theology for it, and to be honest, I still don’t have a clear theology for it. But I know in reality, IT IS SO. He preached just one message on the first day, and prayed for people, and half of my church were manifesting. And I went into theological, ‘How can this be so? How can this be so?’ I came from a very staid Assemblies of God background who did not believe in this. So, what do I do, ask them all to leave the church? He ruined it, he ruined it, and night after night, he ruined it. But these people’s lives changed, and then when he left, I was left with the residue. I had either continue it or ignore it. But believe me, Christians or no Christians, you can have spirit-based problems in your soul and in your physical body. You are born again in your spirit, your spirit is quite safe. But when it comes to your soul, your mind, your emotions and your will, and areas of your physical body, CHRISTIANS CAN AND DO NEED DELIVERANCE.

So we have to do battle on the inside.

**Personal Negative Emotions Need To Be Dealt With**

Such things as:

- Anger
- Fear
- Resentment
- Unforgiveness
- Jealousy
- Pride
- Etc.

These things give ground for the enemy to knock us out of the battle.

**The flesh opens the door to these spirits**

Now sometimes just through obedience to God and through dealing with these things in our life, you can get free. Sometimes you don’t need someone to cast it out from you. You just deal with these things in your life and they leave. How many of you know that if you start starving it in your spirit, you can start ruffling the cage, and they kind of want out because you don’t feed it anymore. And so we are to deal with the flesh, but the flesh gives occasion to these spirits. THE FLESH OPENS THE DOOR TO THESE SPIRITS. And so you start starving these things, you start denying them their food, whether it’s jealousy or anger or whatever, deal with it, bring it to the cross for crucifixion, you’ll quite possibly starve that spirit out and it will leave anyway. But nevertheless, we can’t just ignore this whole area.

Winning the battle on the inside is very, very important, particularly in ATTITUDES, SPIRIT-BASED-ATTITUDES such as anger, fear, resentment, unforgiveness, jealousy, pride. These are spirit-based problems which we need to deal with. I can’t go into details, but you really need to get your life in order. You’ve got to deal with these things. You can’t just let them go on. You’ve got to come to terms with these problems and deal with them. If you don’t, you’re going to have an open door. Jesus said, in Jn. 14:30, ‘Hereafter, I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world cometh, but he don’t have any ground in me.’ 2 Cor. 10:6, ‘Having readiness to revenge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.’
PERSONAL NEGATIVE EMOTIONS have to be dealt with. We need to ground it in the Word of God.

Grounding in the Word of God re - your position and authority in Christ

You need to be grounded in a good understanding of your authority in the Lord, and the legal defeat of Satan. Now if you don’t have a good understanding of that, get hold of some good books that deal with that. There are a lot around, the legal defeat of Satan and your position and your authority over him.

Don’t be Ignorant of Satan’s Devices

The Church today is dangerously ignorant of the schemes of the devil. In fact, some people even pride themselves in not knowing much about the devil and his devices, saying they focus only on Jesus. Apparently the apostle Paul did not feel that way, II Cor. 2:11 ‘Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices (how he works).’
Lesson 3  -  The Unseen World of Spirits

Now, we will do a course on Deliverance, just on that, how to minister deliverance to people. We will not be able to cover that in detail here.

The Biblical Cosmic view of the universe is this: "THE UNIVERSE IS GOVERNED BY THE SPIRIT WORLD," first and prime most. How many of you know that before our world existed, there was another kingdom that existed? The Kingdom of God which is a spirit kingdom. Our world came into existence because of what took place in the Spirit Realm. Everything in our world is a product of the Spirit Realm. Every natural thing in our world is a product of another kingdom, the Spirit Realm. This universe, this world is governed by spirits. Now we need to understand that.

Jesus made it very clear that "the kingdom of God" is a spiritual kingdom, John 8:38, John 18:36.

Jesus also made it clear that "His kingdom rules over all." (1 Chron. 29:11; Psalm 103:19) And also that evil spirits also rule and influence nations.

Evil Spirits also Rule and Influence Nations

Rev. 18:23, Dan 10:13. So we are talking about we are locked into a physical world which is primarily governed by spirit. And the problem is we only see the natural things that are occurring. We don’t see, we don’t have a penetrating enough look behind the scenes as to what is causing these natural things to happen. If we change the natural realm would change the physical realm. Now, it’s really important to understand that. NOTHING HAPPENS UNLESS IT FIRST CHANGES IN THE SPIRIT REALM. It has to first change in that realm before anything changes on this physical side.

We're familiar with Dan. 10, the prince of Persia ruling over Babylon at that time interfering with Daniel’s prayer. We understand that, the cosmic aspect. In fact, Joe Jones (this was written in 2003) believes that prince of Persia has been released and is now ruling through the influence of Saddam Hussein and the Islamic world. It’s a very interesting concept and the rise of Islam over the last few years which seems to give credence to that. It’s a very aggressive rise of that whole movement, but there’s spiritual power behind it. In fact, Saddam Hussein talks about having visits from angels and he talks about having visits from angels that also visited Nebuchadnezzar. He talks about having angels giving him instructions on how to proceed. The gassing of those Kurds, that came directly, he said he was instructed to do that by angelic visitations. So we see that whole Islamic realm is a very powerful realm, and they are very militant and very fanatic because they are in touch with spiritual powers which they know are real. We need to be aware of that, the prince of Persia is on the march again.

It’s very, very interesting in Rev. 18:23, ‘And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the
earth; FOR BY THY SORCERIES WERE ALL NATIONS DECEIVED.’ All the nations deceived, talking basically about the Jezebel spirit, ‘by thy sorceries, all the nations deceived.’

Evil spirits rule and influence nations. We’ll look at that later.

**Fallen Angels and Demons**

Let’s just quickly make a difference between fallen angels and demons, because if you don’t understand this, you won’t be able to deal with it properly.

The angels that fell with Lucifer are still angels. Rev. 12:9 speaks of the devil and his angels. They are angels that fell with him, it would appear at least 1/3. But the Bible also refers to the existence of demons and evil spirits. We need to be clear that fallen angels and demons are not the same thing as some would suppose. Now, if we don’t understand this, we’ll move into strife. I know there are a lot of books written today and they kind of lump the two together. They are not, believe me, they are not, they’re very different. Anyone who moves visually in discerning of spirits does not believe that, because they can see the difference. We need to be very, very clear.

**A. FALLEN ANGELS**

- Firstly, FALLEN ANGELS do not need to inhabit people in order to express themselves. They have a body. There is only one instance of this in the Bible, when Satan entered into Judas, Luke 22:3. That’s the only incident.

- Secondly, FALLEN ANGELS do not inhabit the earth. They inhabit the heavens, that is their abode. Rev 12:4-9, you see, they are seated in these heavenly places. They have thrones in the heavens and they rule from that realm. They do at times come down and visit the earth because they control the demonic realm, but that’s not where they live. Their abode is in the heavens.

And in Rev. 12:4-9, it says, ‘And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. [That’s not heaven as we understand it. It’s the heavens. We’ll talk about that later.] And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ’ [Now, when that happens, the earth is really going to be in big trouble.] ‘And they heard a loud voice from heaven which said, ‘Now has come salvation and strength and kingdom to our Christ. And the accuser of the brethren is cast down which accused them before God day and night.’

And so we have this situation. Later on, it says, ‘Woe unto the earth because Satan and his angels have been cast out into the earth.’ THAT HASN’T OCCURRED YET, but they have a realm in the heavens. They have a realm which is not physically upon this earth.
B. DEMONS

Demons, on the other hand, are earth-bound, they do not and cannot go off the earth, they don’t have wings, they roam the earth. They don’t look like fallen angels nor do they have the power of fallen angels.

Demons are disembodied spirits, they seek a body to live in and express themselves through. Fallen angels are not disembodied, they still have their spirit body.

This distinction is very, very important, because you see, you cannot deal with fallen angels the way you deal with demons. You cannot do it. And I have seen so many Christians get into trouble rebuking fallen angels and trying to cast them out when you CANNOT cast them out. They are a different creation altogether, they are not the same.

Now the demonic realm, the spirits, demon spirits grow from very tiny little spirits, the size of beans, smaller, 2 to 8-foot 9 demons. Demons are still demonic power. They are not fallen angels. Now, when we are dealing with fallen angels over cities such as the city of Perth, you cannot just get together and cast them out. He will not budge. One, you don’t have a mandate for that, you don’t have the authority to do that on your own. There are certain ways that these things are dealt with, which we will look at later. They have to be dealt with, but not the same way as we deal with demons. They are not the same kind of creation.

For a number of years in the late 1970’s, God opened my eyes for about 4 months to the Spirit Realm. It almost drove me up the wall. In the end I had to say, ‘God, You have to shut this down. I cannot live like this.’ And for a period of about 3 months, I just about drove my family nuts. THAT REALM IS VERY, VERY ACTIVE OUT THERE. THE SPIRIT REALM IS SO ACTIVE. I was totally open day and night to the whole of the Spirit realm. God was trying to teach me some certain things. ‘God, You’ve got to shut this down in my life. I cannot live like this. I’m living here on the earth. I cannot interact with both realms like this.’ It was like both realms were one realm. And I’m going into shocks and I’m having problems, I’d get a cough (?) and I’ve got a problem with it, wherever I went.

And I began to see a great difference between the demonic realm and the fallen angel realm. They were not the same. Since then I’ve talked to a number of people, certain people, prophetic people, prophets who have a very clear discerning of spirits. They all say the same, this is not the same realm. Fallen angel realm and demonic realm are different. The distinction is important. There is no incident anywhere in the scripture of a Christian casting out fallen angels.

Where Do Demons Come From?

Many Bible scholars believe that demons had their origins in a pre-Adamic age. And it is known as the Gap Theory, and I tend to kind of subscribe to this.

“The Gap Theory”

Gen. 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [Full stop, and then...] And the earth WAS without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
The word ‘was’ in verse two is the Hb word for ‘became.’

So what we’ve got is the earth was first created by God, vs. 1, then later became spoilt, vs. 2. So we have this principle for the Gap Theory between these two verses. Here we have a gap or period of time between these two events. Let me just say something here, I’m not being dogmatic about this. I believe it, but I’m not being dogmatic. The Creation Movement will not agree with this. They believe in the young earth, they will not agree with this. I’m not being dogmatic about this, but we need to understand it.

When God commanded Adam, His command to Adam was to “REPLENISH” the earth. Replenish the earth? What with, what has been there?

Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,

The same word is used when God told Noah after the flood to replenish the earth, Gen. 9:1. So if it is to replenish the earth, what was there before? Replenish.

Isa. 24:1 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

So if you talk in context, he is not talking about the flood. If there was a former creation in the earth prior to man, a spirit creation, and Lucifer was over that creation before he fell (because remember he has been in Eden, and that was before his fall), that creation would have fallen with him, just as all of humanity fell in Adam. If at the fall of Lucifer the world he ruled under God was judged and became without form and void (possibly the Ice Age), then that creation as disembodied spirits would have been left in the Earth.

Jere. 4:23-24 I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

Jere. 4:26-27 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

Now, most commentators, which are basically evangelical theologians, agree with the fact, they say that Jeremiah here is talking about the beginning of time right back in the book of Genesis 1 and 2.

So the problem is that many, many demons look like animals, many, in fact, if not most. Now others look like human creations. What we need to understand was Adam was the first man on the face of the earth. The first (?) is the first man ‘Adam.’ We’re not talking about a human creation. We’re talking about the possibility of creation before Adam which Lucifer ruled over. And that was his kingdom, and he was cast out into his realm, that earth. That’s just food for thought.

However, we know that demons exist and are the enemy of God and man, and we have to deal with them. Now, whether that Gap Theory is right or not, we’ll find out till we finally get to heaven. It’s controversial.
Lucifer became the Devil or Satan

After Lucifer fell, he became known as the Devil or Satan, 1 Chron 21:1; Matt. 4:1. Jesus summed up his mission in the earth like this: John 10:10, TO STEAL, KILL, AND TO DESTROY. That is the devil's mission.

He is our adversary and he governs a vast kingdom in the spirit world or realm. We must not be ignorant of his devices, how he works. We must resist him steadfastly. Remember, James does not say: Ignore the enemy and he will flee from you. He said, ‘resist him, and he will flee from you.’ We are to resist the enemy, James 4:7.

I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I usually teach this in 26 hours in Bible School, so there are gaps in it. We can’t cover it all. It’s a big subject. Where the demons come from is a bit of a mystery. But one thing we need to be clear of is they are not fallen angels.

Fallen Angels

Fallen angels don’t live on this earth. In fact, they don’t even like visiting this earth. They rule the demonic kingdom from up there. If the demonic kingdom is in real bad trouble, they’ll come down and help them. Fallen angels will visit people on the earth for specific reasons, for instance, Joseph Smith had a visit from an angel called ‘Maronnai.’ It’s a fallen angel, and out of that a whole movement came right across the face of the earth, out of a fallen angel who visited him. The problem was he did not challenge that angel.

Well, I’ve had experiences with fallen angels in other countries. I was in the Philippines one time in a conference, and God was moving mightily. I mean we had 2000 ministers together, from all kinds of background, Catholics, etc., and God was powerfully pouring His Holy Spirit. One night, half-way through that conference, THE SPIRIT OVER THAT NATION visited me one night in my room. He came into my room, he lit up the whole room, and it was just his presence totally immobilized me. And he was so angry, he was questioning me what right I had in his domain. This lasted for about half an hour and I could not in the natural resist him. He just totally immobilized me except in my spirit, I was calling upon the Name of the Lord Jesus. And after about 20 minutes of calling upon the Name of the Lord, that room filled out with about 15 angels. That was just ‘Dsummm,’ and the light was so intense that I could not walk the next day. It was so much on me. It was an incredible time. But you see, WE HAD CHALLENGED HIS KINGDOM. And sometimes they make visits.

It’s very, very interesting because at the end of the week, the Lord clearly spoke to me, ‘Close the day early, close the whole conference one day early.’ And I said to the guys, ‘We’ve got to close this conference one day early,’ but they said, ‘We’ve paid for it, we’ve booked it, all these people...’ And I said, ‘Look, God told me close it one day early.’ And we closed it, we closed it that night at the end of the week. The next morning when we should have had another session, a vehicle drove past and threw 3 hand grenades into the building. But we weren’t there, very, very interesting, totally destroyed the inside of the building, but we weren’t there. That spirit was so angry about our invasion of the...
Philippines at that time in the city of Davao. And it was a confrontation.

Our battle is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities and powers and wicked spirits in high places. But WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS and we don’t have to fear that. We have to walk in the will of God, do what He tells us and there are more angels that are for us than they that are against us. And I’m glad of that, Hallelujah.

And the Holy Spirit monitors everything that is happening on the earth CONSTANTLY. He knows what is going on, He knows what is taking place. He is usually working ahead of us to keep us protected. But we have to follow the principles of God’s Word. And we are in a tremendous conflict, there is a tremendous battle going on.

One time I was in Thailand and I had a visitation from this spirit called ‘Garuda.’ It was a different kind of an encounter. I was in my hotel room and this spirit came in, came down and he came in, this fallen angel. And he just stood there, and something, it was no fear, rose up from my spirit and I became so angry and I began to prophesy to that fallen angel. But the fact that it held millions of people in spiritual blindness through decade after decade after decade and affected that whole area of Asia, I began to prophesy to this fallen angel. And as I began to prophesy, it wasn’t me but really the Lord, it began to reduce and reduce and reduce, reduce, reduce. Now he wouldn’t stay in that condition but he came under the direct word of God, and how I began to prophesy his end. And for the first time, he registered fear both on his face and on his actions. And I believe God wanted someone just to speak to that spirit and tell him his days were numbered, there’s coming a day. But his power over those nations, this group of Asian nations which he governs will be broken.

This realm is very, very real. It’s not a mythological realm, it is very, very real. And we have to be aware of that, WE ARE IN A BATTLE. And we have to read the last chapter, WE WIN, Hallelujah. And we need to be aware of that. We don’t need to fear it, but we’re going to win.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Satan is in the heavenlies, he’s not on the ground. He’s not in hell, he can visit hell. He lives on the throne. He is not in hell. Hell or Hades or Sheol is certainly in the heart of the earth. Eventually, you know, there’s going to be a change. But now, he is loose, he runs to and from across the earth.

Garuda is a fallen angel. In a nation, there are many, many different kinds of demons, but they are subject to those fallen angels. I don’t believe the kingdom of darkness is very well organized. There is definitely competition. There is competition. But nevertheless, angels, there is a hierarchy. Fallen angels are at the top echelon and they’re out from the earth. They rule demonic forces on the earth. They occasionally visit, but most of the time, they are ruling from there. Now, to deal with them is very, very different from dealing with demons. Dealing with demons, we can deal with them easily. Dealing with fallen angels is another thing. There’s a number of factors involved and you just can’t cast them out. You just can’t do that. It will be great if you could.

There are 3 theories on the First, Second and Third Heavens. Fallen angels rule in thrones out of planet earth. The Bible talks about thrones of iniquity in the heavenly places. We’ll look at that in the next session. It’s important we understand Heavenly Places.
The thing is that in the kingdom of darkness, occultists can deal with demons and cast them out. But what happens is they replace them with something stronger. That’s the problem. We’ve got a number of Asians in our church, and virtually all of them, we had to deal with the fact that they were dedicated at birth to particular spirits. And we had to break those things in everyone of the Asians coming to our church. A lot of Asians are dedicated to the ‘goddess of mercy.’ These things are very, very real. They become Christians, born again, but that dedication still hangs in there until they are legally broken. They would have spiritual visitations, problems until dealt with. Asian churches must become aware of this, it has to be dealt with, it’s important.
Heavenly Places, we really need to understand this. In order to reach our cities for Christ, the Church must engage and defeat the occupying army of demons under Satan and his fallen Angels command who are blinding the lost to the light of the gospel. See 2 Cor 4:4; 10:4-5

In active warfare, the most critical information is not what you know, but what you don't know, especially if your enemy knows that you don't know it. It is fatal to step into a war zone unawares. THE WORST MISTAKE IN WAR IS TO NOT KNOW WHERE THE BATTLEGROUND IS LOCATED. - Ed Silvoso

Where is the Battle Zone?

The book of Ephesians above all other books of the Bible, give us a window into the spirit world and Spiritual Warfare. It is the handbook as it were for Spiritual Warfare. It contains more power words connected to warfare in “the heavenlies” than any other book in the Bible. The epistle to the Ephesians was addressed to a church that succeeded in reaching its entire city for Christ. So it has significance in that area.

Heavenly Places

This phrase is used five times in the book of Ephesians, so it must be an important phrase: What does it mean?

The problem is that the average church member in the Western world has no idea what this expression really means, or where is this so called place “Heavenly Places,” where is it? The believers in Ephesus evidently understood this term ‘heavenly places.’ Paul did not explain it to them. Our western mindset is so closed to spiritual things and the spirit world that we find it difficult to comprehend the seeming intangible world of spiritual things.

The Greek word for this term “Heavenly Places” is ‘Ouranios’ which literally means “the heavenlies.”

Eph. 1:3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: [So we’ve been blessed in the heavenly places with all spiritual blessings in that realm.]

Eph. 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand [Where is Jesus seated?] in the heavenly [places],

Eph. 2:6 And hath raised [us] up together [as well], and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:
Eph. 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly [places] might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

So, just from those 4 scriptures, we see:

1. We have been blessed with all blessings in heavenly places.
2. Jesus is seated in heavenly places.
3. We are seated in heavenly places.
4. Evil principalities and powers are also in heavenly places.

Where are these Heavenly Places?

So it is not just a place we call ‘heaven,’ because we see that evil principalities and powers are there too.

The term ‘Heavenly Places’ or ‘the Heavenlies’ is THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT.

This realm encompasses Heaven, Hell, the Earth. It is a term that encompasses the whole of the spirit world. It is the world of spirit. Heaven is the world of spirit, Hell is a world of spirit, there is a world of spirit in the midst all around us. Today, here, there’s a world of spirits. And so when we talk about ‘heavenly places,’ we’re talking about not so much a geographical place. We’re talking about the concept of ‘the Realm of Spirit,’ the Spirit World. Now inside of that Spirit World, there is heaven, there is hell, there’s a spirit world around the earth. But the term ‘Heavenly Places’ is used to describe right from heaven through to hell in the Spirit Realm. So it’s an encompassing thing.

THIS IS WHERE THE BATTLE ZONE IS

The Apostle Paul made it very clear that THIS IS WHERE THE BATTLE ZONE IS. It is not in our physical world, it is in the spirit world. It’s really important that you really grasp this.

Eph. 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].

See, if we grasp this, God will not be a million miles away, because WE LIVE IN THE SAME REALM where God lives in. Your spirit lives in this realm because your spirit is spirit.

You, in the realm of spirit, have absolute authority, because of who you are in Christ and what He has done

Jesus has absolute authority in this realm, and YOU ARE SEATED WITH HIM IN THAT REALM. You must let that sink in. You are seated, you’ve been raised up, seated with Him, and YOU, IN THE REALM OF SPIRIT, HAVE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY, BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST AND WHAT HE HAS DONE.

Eph. 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right
hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph. 2:6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Isn’t that fantastic?

The unsaved are captives to that realm, they are imprisoned, their spirits are imprisoned in “heavenly places” in spirit realm, and YOU HAVE AUTHORITY IN THAT WORLD TO RELEASE THEM. We are called to release the captives, to set the prisoners free, to proclaim the good news, to declare it to principalities and powers. Now, it’s really important that we grasp this.

While on earth, Jesus operated in the Realm of Spirit, the “Heavenly Places”

Now, Jesus had real trouble with the disciples when He started talking about these things. He had real trouble with them.

John 3:12-13 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you [of] heavenly things? [He had real trouble. And then He went on to say something that seemed absurd.] And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, [even] the Son of man which is in heaven.

Jesus spoke this while He was on the earth. ‘…[even] the Son of man which is in heaven,’ how can you be in all these places all at once? And He just said, ‘If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not,’ ‘You’re really going to have trouble in what I want to say to you next.’ That’s what He was saying, ‘You’re going to have problems with these.’

While on earth, Jesus said He was in heaven. Jesus operated in the realm of spirit, “heavenly places.” See, it’s not a million miles away, it’s all around us, the REALM OF SPIRIT.

To bring change, change must first be accomplished in the Spirit Realm before it is manifest in the Natural Realm

To bring change, change must first be accomplished in the spirit realm before it is manifest in the natural realm.

Getting people saved is a spiritual problem. You’ve got to deal with it there and we will see results in the natural realm. Let’s just stop there for a moment and make sure that everybody understands what we are talking about.

Heavenly Places is basically, it is the Realm of the Spirit. And in the Realm of the Spirit, and in that kingdom, that realm, you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places. In the realm of spirit, you have authority. If you don’t believe it, you don’t have it. If you believe it, you do have it, as simple as that. You believe it, then it is so. If you don’t, it is not so. It’s up to you. But it says, you’ve been RAISED UP and seated with Him in the Realm of Spirit. Now, there are all kinds going on in the Realm of Spirit, but you are seated with Him and HAVE AUTHORITY IN THAT REALM. And that’s where things are changed first before the change in the natural.
So Jesus said to Peter in,

Matt. 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.

That will be done in the Realm of Spirit.

The Amplified Bible is more accurate from the Greek, it reads like this.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever you bind on earth must be already bound in heaven: and whatsoever you loose on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

In other words, it's got to happen in the Spirit Realm first. That's what it is saying. It has to happen.

**Things have to be changed in the spirit realm first**

The fourth dimension, that Realm of Spirit, controls the third dimension that of the physical. Yonggi Cho was very, very good on this. He wrote a book called the Fourth Dimension, very, very good, excellent. When Jesus turned the water into wine we see the Spirit Realm controlling the Natural Realm. You know, the molecular structure of wine is very, very complex. He's got water and He changes it into wine. The Spirit Realm effected a change in the physical realm.

But when you kind of look at it in that sense, science tells us now that the atoms, which are the building blocks of the whole of life, of everything round us, are held together by atoms. They begin to tell us now that the atom is also powered by light, very interesting. The Bible tells us in Colossians that by Him (Lord Jesus) everything continues to exist. Everything is held together, for instance this pulpit here, basically is not solid. It's only made up of atoms which are moving round and there's a lot of space. It's just that they're moving quickly you can get your hand through it. Those atoms which make up this timber, particularly the molecular structure, all it needs is the 'Word' of the Lord to be spoken into those atoms to change the structure of those atoms, and this wood would turn into whatever - water, metal, etc. Each physical substance has a different molecular setup.

When Jesus spoke into the water, the Holy Spirit just 'psssst' changed those atoms, they became another substance. Now Jesus, after His resurrection and He had a resurrection body bounces and walks straight right through the wall. Now how could He do that? How can He walk through a solid wall in that resurrection body? Well, His atoms became one with the substance of that wall, just passed through it, just changed it.

Now when you look at this, we talk about miracles, but basically we look at it from a different light, the Fourth Dimension definitely controls the third dimension, the physical realm. And when things have changed in the realm of the spirit, that change is effected in the natural realm. That's how creative miracles work. And it's not complicated to God, it's complicated to us.

Now, the Bible tells us that all of the blessings that we have are available for us where? IN THE REALM OF SPIRIT. **But how do you get them out of that realm into this realm?** That you need to fulfill your purpose and calling in life has been provided for you, waits for you, it's there. **It has to be**
taken hold of. Everything has been laid up for you in the heavenly places. It’s all there.

So, the UNSAVED, the spirits of the unsaved person which is in the realm of spirit are held captive in that dimension. That’s what the Bible talks about over and over again, setting the captives free. The spirit is held captive in there, in that realm. Now THE IDEA OF THE CHURCH IS TO GET INTO THAT REALM AND SET THEM FREE.
Lesson 5 - Plundering Heavenly Places

The book of Ephesians gives us a graphic picture of Jesus plundering Satan’s domain.

Eph. 4:8-10 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Jesus through His death paid the price of man’s sin. When He rose from the dead He started a new race of people in the earth who were free from the dominion of Satan.

These people (those who were born again) now have the responsibility of freeing others, those still held captive by Satan.

Satan cannot dispute the position of Jesus over him. So now he works against the believer as an accuser, and he works on three fronts.

Let’s stop there for a moment. I want you to grasp this picture. The UNSAVED are held captive in the realm of the spirit. The idea is for us to get in there and set them free. It’s really important.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Yes, karate is definitely a spirit force, it’s a demonic force. I’ve dealt with a lot of people involved in karate, martial arts. It’s not just a discipline, it’s demonic, definitely demonic. Unless you burn their robes, belts, everything, they will never get free. It’s a form of Hinduism. It’s like yoga, it’s not just an innocent pastime. Each yoga position is a picture of a particular Hindu god. You have to be aware of that, because that kind of thing opens a person to the spirit realm. So these things are not innocent things, and karate is particularly bad. Martial arts are particularly bad. It is the equivalent, the counterfeit of the Spirit of Might in the realm of the spirit of the kingdom of God.

Back to Plundering Heavenly Places, Satan cannot dispute the position of Jesus over him, he cannot do that over Him. However, he can and does accuse Christians. When Christians say, ‘We have the same position as Jesus,’ that’s when he gets uptight, that’s when trouble starts, when we say, ‘Right, I’m seated with Him in heavenly places.’

How is he going to knock you off that position?

1. BY DECEPTION ...

   BY KEEPING THE BELIEVER IN THE DARK. Satan does not want you to know that you have authority over him. When you have authority over him, and you know it, things change. You’ve got to know it, and you’ve got to know why you know that through the Word.
2. **BY SIN ...**

Satan will seek TO CAUSE YOU TO SIN IN ORDER TO DISQUALIFY YOU. When you as a Christian sin, you are brought back under Satan’s jurisdiction. So how do you deal with that? You confess your sin. He is the accuser of the brethren. You really deal with sin, you confess it. Repent of it, turn from it. When you fall, confess it, and the blood of Jesus cleanses you, and it restores you to that position. Now as Christians you’ve got to see yourself in the realm of the spirit in that position with Jesus. Your word under Him is law in the realm of the spirit. You have authority.

3. **BY DIVISION ...**

Satan will seek against the believers TO DIVIDE CHRISTIANS AND GREATLY WEAKEN THEIR PLACE OF AUTHORITY IN THE HEAVENLIES. Now, this is really, really important. Three areas we are dealing with: Deception, Sin and Division. He works on those fronts against the believers.

The weapon Satan uses to do this is **ANGER, it is** anger, anger of Christians directed at each other. This seems too simple, but it is not. Our understanding of this is crucial. **THIS IS A MAJOR KEY.**

The book of Ephesians is a book on warfare and heavenly places, and it is of prime significance that in the middle of this book on warfare Paul says this.

Eph. 4:26-27  **BE YE ANGRY, AND SIN NOT: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL.**

Now, why did he put those two together in the middle of a book on Spiritual Warfare, cosmic warfare, heavenly places? Paul is saying that we give place to the devil BY ANGER. It is extremely significant that Paul states this in the context of spiritual warfare. He is saying that ANGER GIVES ‘PLACE’ TO THE DEVIL.

The word “place” in the Greek here is the word “topos” from which we get the English word “topography.” It can also be translated “office.” This suggests an area of jurisdiction or a sphere of influence. This jurisdiction in the heavens is created by ANGER which brings division. This in turn gives back to Satan authority in the heavens. This is really important. If you understand this in your own life, we’ll understand this collectively.

You will find that when Satan has the upper hand in a city, we always find A CHURCH THAT IS DEEPLY DIVIDED, with members, congregations and denominations angry at each other, for various reasons. Consequently it is futile to try and win a city for Christ without first resolving the anger problem expressed in divisions among Christians in that city.

Look, this is the MOST CRITICAL THING, we've got to get a hold of it. This is the most critical thing, this problem of ANGER. All divisions come this way. When the church is divided, we've lost our face. We give the jurisdiction back to Satan in the heavens, that city cannot be touched. When Satan has an upper hand in the city, you’ll find that the church is deeply divided.
among its members, congregations, denominations angry at each other. Consequently, it’s impossible to take that city.

The Trigger

What is it that causes so much anger among Christians? Without doubt, it is most often SOMETHING THAT IS SAID. Paul again in the context of spiritual warfare states this,

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

This is a book on Spiritual Warfare, city-wide spiritual warfare, talking about the problems, giving place to the devil, ANGER, jealousies which then produce anger, pride which produces anger. And you will find that basically in every congregation, there are levels of unresolved conflicts between members. And that unresolved conflict LOCKS YOU OUT of a city-wide invasion of the Holy Spirit or an invasion of that church. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

Corrupt Communication without Grace

‘...that it might minister grace to the hearers.’ Virtually every major relational tragedy is set in motion by ‘unwholesome words’ or corrupt communication, WHAT IS SAID BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE, against each other.

Criticism is a form of judgment and we are commanded not to judge. When someone says something critical about us that we know is true, or partially true, we become angry, we feel judged, condemned. Telling the truth without grace is devastating. ‘Don’t tell me the truth, tell me grace.’ ‘Telling you the truth, [and Christians do this] I just feel that God wants me to do this, blah blah blah,’ and it’s an offense, a criticism, WITHOUT GRACE.

Paul says we must minister grace to people. IF THERE IS NO GRACE, OUR COMMUNICATION IS CORRUPT, DAMAGING AND DESTRUCTIVE.

Love, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Encouragement - these are the things that have to be ministered to each other.

We have to put away ... Anger, Malice, Wrath, Bitterness, Unforgiveness. [Paul talks about this in the book of Ephesians]

IF WE DON’T, WE LOSE OUR AUTHORITY OVER SATAN, AND WE CANNOT DISPLACE HIM.

Let’s just stop there for a moment. This is so important, I really don’t want you to miss it. You know, quite often Christians feel that they are God’s watchdogs over people’s lives. How many of you know that what another person is doing is none of your business? You are not their watchdog. Now people we have authority over and working within the realm, and then there has to be order, there has to be level, it depends on how it’s done. It is by ministering grace. Look, people criticize
you and it might be partially true, but you’re going to get angry. Look, don’t let the anger go down, don’t go to bed with that unresolved anger. Don’t let it go over to the next day. Otherwise, you’re going to create a jurisdiction in the heavenlies.

Now, this whole book of Ephesians is dealing with this kind of thing on SPIRITUAL WARFARE CITY-WIDE, written to a church which took a city. And one of the major in it is the MOST MAJOR PROBLEM in the church today, it’s not the devil. It’s the ATTITUDE of Christians one to each other. That’s the problem. Get that right, and the rest will be easy.

And Paul, right in the middle of this, says, ‘Look, if you are going to get angry with each other, you’re going to give place to the devil. You’re going to give him a jurisdiction. You’re going to break the unity. Secondly, don’t let any corrupt communication come out of your mouth, but that which is good, for the use of edifying, that it might minister grace unto the hearers.

WE MUST FIRST WIN THE BATTLE ON THE INSIDE
BEFORE WE TAKE ON THE BATTLE ON THE OUTSIDE.

What God is after today is a UNITY LEVEL WHICH IS CREATED BY LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER

This is so important, this is so important. What God is after today is a UNITY LEVEL WHICH IS CREATED BY LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER. How many of you know that you are not perfect, the person next to you is not perfect, they’ve got problems, they’re going to make mistakes, you’re going to make mistakes, don’t judge them. You’re going to say something to them, edify them, encourage them, lift them up, because you’re no different from them. You might not like to hear that, but it’s the truth. You are not perfect.

The problem arises when Christians become God’s little policemen. When somebody comes and asks you for help, you can speak the truth in love. But it’s got to be with grace, not condemnation. Condemnation is never of God. We’re not talking about judging someone, we’re not talking about criticizing someone. We’re there to help and to lift up and to bring a person into a place of wholeness before God. The Bible is very, very specific. It says, ‘Judge not lest you be judged.’

And the problem is we’ve got individual churches ridden with problems of personal relationships, and there all kinds of reasons for that. People get offended, people get angry because of being offended. And so once you’ve got a church where that kind of thing happens and you’ve got a situation where there is anger, unresolved anger, this whole situation, love, acceptance, forgiveness is not really present there, you’ve created jurisdiction over that church to the enemy, you’ve given place to the devil. Once you’ve done that, you’re struggling. Individually, we’ve got to deal with that and understand it, a personal thing. It’s a corporate thing in our local churches, and it’s a city-wide thing, city-wide thing, denominations angry at other denominations, pastors angry at other pastors because they spoke against them. And so it goes on. Don’t give place to the devil.
In order to take a city for Christ, we have to have a group of people, not one church, but a group of people who represent a number of churches who are in one accord and harmony.

See, in order to take a city for Christ, we have to have a group of people, not one church, but a group of people who represent a number of churches who are in one accord and harmony. Until we get that, we’re not going to take the city. It cannot be done by an individual, it cannot be done by one church. If the jurisdiction of the city is given away to the enemy, we give place to the devil by anger – by deception, by sin and by division. And that gives a place to the enemy, and the problem is always ANGER. Maybe there are lesser problems underneath like jealousy, resentment, somebody said something, criticized you. The net result is anger. Once anger is unresolved, you give a jurisdiction to the enemy. Unresolved anger in your life gives a jurisdiction to the enemy over you, unresolved things in the church in the city. That’s why one of the things God is doing today is He is breaking down denominational backgrounds and bringing in people together.

There is only basically ONE CHURCH in the city

One of the things that happened in Eastern Europe when God was about to move in Eastern Europe in the communist bloc, it was the PEOPLE who got together, not the leaders. That’s a frightening thought because usually these are pictures, prophetic pictures. The leaders tried to stop the people getting together, and most of those leaders, some of them were executed because of it. That’s a frightening thought. The thing is that there is only basically ONE CHURCH in the city. There are many congregations, but there is only one church.

And pastors, we have to learn to drop down our defenses and allow cross-pollination, because if we are not willing for that, this thing is not going to happen. I am quite happy for our people to go to another church and take in some meetings there. I mean, there is going to be loyalty and faithfulness and commitment to the local church. But outside of that, I have no problem with our people visiting other churches. I don’t have a problem with that, I encourage them to do it. In fact, I’ve said to quite a number of our people, ‘Look, I think you need to spend a couple of years in New Day Church, because I can’t give you what they’ve got.’ Until we come to that place, we’re going to have DIVISIONS all over the place. There is only one church, there is one church, many congregations. There is only one CHIEF SHEPHERD with many under-shepherds.

This whole kind of concept, this kind of isolation through denominations, this kind of thing has got to be broken down IF GOD IS GOING TO MOVE. We are one church, we are one people. You say, ‘There’s all kinds of problems out there, there’s all kinds of deceptions out there.’ Yes, there are, but I want to tell you, if we keep our attitude right, God is quite able to sort all that out. Some things do need to be discerned and dealt with, I understand all of that. I’m not saying that we’d let all things go by the board, but what I’m saying is that WE ARE JUST ONE PEOPLE, we are just one people, ONE CHURCH.

Cross-pollination is really good, really good. I have no problem with it. We’ve got to break down...there’s got to come a UNITY, there’s got to come a unity between individuals and their local churches, and local churches with the wider Body of Christ. And once that starts to happen, then we come into a position where together, we can go beyond just the local church problems, but we can begin to take on the FALLEN ANGELS over the city. But while the churches...you need a FEW
CHURCHES to gather to do that, or at least a CROSS-POLLINATION OF PEOPLE in order to kind of break into that kind of thing. And we must foster that, and pastors must not be afraid of that. Because I've learned the hard way – THE MORE YOU GIVE AWAY, THE MORE YOU GET, spiritual principle. And it's not a problem, it's not a problem with me.

We have to create an Open Heaven over the city

WE HAVE TO CREATE AN OPEN HEAVEN OVER THE CITY. We don't have it yet, but we have to create an Open Heaven over the city. Once we create that, something is going to happen. And more and more and more, we're going to see a freeing up on attitudes, churches and pastors with each other. We've got only one church in here. I do believe in commitment, responsibility and covering. I believe in all of that, and I believe that you can't shoot that down in the local church because a local church has a specific calling in the city and a group of people have to do that together. I understand all of that, but on the LARGER PICTURE, there's got to be a much greater OPENNESS and UNITY.

And ANGER...I want to tell you, if I get angry with people and sometimes there are people who speak against me, my life will be a misery. I can't afford it. I'll just commit it to God and leave it. I can't afford to do that. Once you get down that road, and somebody more spiritual than you, and so jealousy arises. Your life becomes hell, there's no rest, there's a problem, ANGER, unresolved anger.

And so Paul says, ‘Look, if you are going to be involved with people who are involved in Spiritual Warfare, you've got to understand this realm of Heavenly Places and the battle in the heavenly places, DON'T GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL, don't let the sun go down on your anger.’ Anger is the problem, the root problem of the whole thing. It's an important one.

I do believe something is being released over Perth in a very powerful way to destroy the unity over this city and destroy the rise of a Prayer Movement. Something is taking place in the spirit over this city which we have to break, because if we don’t, it won’t get off the ground. It's the Ed Silvoso meetings that brought an incredible, an incredible influx of spiritual powers from overseas into this city with one end in sight, what he talked about is not going to happen in this city. That's what the enemy is up to. If what Ed Silvoso talked about happens in this city, we will have one of the greatest moves of God Perth has ever known, and the enemy knows that. That's why I want you to read that book, it's really important, lays down the basic fundamentals. I think he has had the clearest understanding of city-wide...how to take a city for Christ more than anyone I have ever known or read. He has come with the clearest revelation of that and you need to read it.

But you see, if we don’t get together, that’s why I feel to some degree God can use this school to some degree to polarize some of this thing because it's not a denomination. And in two weeks time, if we can get 200, 250 people together from different churches in spiritual warfare, we will begin to penetrate, something will begin to happen and the effect will filter out to the churches. And if we keep doing that, if we keep doing that, say every 2nd month and it grows, we can end up with a thousand people every two months in spiritual warfare. How many of you know that is going to affect this city? It's going to do something. One church cannot do it, we are not called to do it on our own. But if we can pool a lot of people together, something is going to happen.

You see, there's tremendous pressure against a city-wide Prayer Movement through every
suburb getting off the ground. The enemy does not want that to happen, and there's been tremendous inroads over the last few weeks after the Ed Silvoso meetings. Something has changed in the spirit over this city. It is not comfortable anymore. Suddenly people are under a lot of pressure. Something has happened in this realm, and it’s been for many, many areas.

The enemy makes inroads from overseas

The enemy makes inroads from overseas through many, many ways. Reinforcements are called in often from overseas. And also the enemy makes inroads, and I’m not racist in this, I have no problem with overseas investments. I’m talking about the spiritual side. For instance, the Japanese buying up whole areas, they own hotels, they own this and that. No problem with the Japanese, it’s the SPIRIT CULTURE that they bring with it. That is a major gate into our cities. It’s the spirit culture that comes in with it. So they establish...we see a façade on the outside, it’s just a hotel. But in the spirit, THERE’S A FORTRESS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF THE CULTURAL SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS BEHIND THAT. Now you understand where I’m coming from. Like in the Vayans, they set up these little temples and all kinds of scenes in hotels. What happens? They establish a fortress, a channel to the outside world for those spirits, you get an opening for those spirits to flow in from Japan to here. And other nations, all kinds of things happen.

We need to be aware of that. THE ENEMY WILL EXPORT DARKNESS FROM OTHER NATIONS. And you get the Buddhist monks visiting and all that kind of stuff is exporting darkness into other nations, being aware of that and understanding how it works.

But I do believe, you see, we can do something about it. We can do something about it. We can begin to kind of get together in God with some clear directions and clear discernment and begin to make a difference in the city. I believe if we don’t collapse what has been built over the past few weeks, we will not break through in this city. And we have to do it now before it strengthens anymore. And I believe if we can get a number of people together from across the board in spiritual warfare, I believe we will be able to do it. Something has been built in the spirit over the city, and it needs taking down, it needs demolishing, it needs to be dismantled over the city. And I don’t fully understand it all yet. I see some of it in the spirit, but I don’t fully understand it yet. I think if we kind of begin to deal with it, we’ll break through. And so, in a couple of weeks’ time, we’re going to deal with it.
An OPEN HEAVEN, we'll just talk about the principle of open heaven.

Isa. 25:6-8  [These are interesting verses]  And in this mountain [Now the mountain being referred here is Mt. Zion.  We'll look at it in this context.] shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow [that sounds good], of wines on the lees well refined.  And he will destroy in this mountain the face of THE COVERING CAST OVER ALL PEOPLE, AND THE VEIL THAT IS SPREAD OVER ALL NATIONS. [The result of that will be then...] He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken [it].

THERE IS A COVERING OVER ALL NATIONS

Okay, Isaiah tells us: (1) That THERE IS A COVERING OVER ALL NATIONS, a veil or a covering, then (2) THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN GOD WILL BREAK IT. When that covering is removed, there will be victory over death - tears - sorrow - the enemy will be rebuked. Okay, we need to stop there.

The context is in Zion. Now, we are not Zionists. The context is in Zion. Remember when God spoke to Moses and said, ‘You’re going to the Promise Land.’ He didn’t get in, but Joshua got in. He started going, he started taking the giants on the land. He died then they had problems for a long time and Saul rose up. And still, there were problems. They didn’t take the whole land. They didn’t get as far as Jerusalem. And then David comes to the throne. Okay, David comes to the throne and finally David got involved in spiritual warfare and the Bible says the last thing, he took the stronghold of Zion. He got right into Jerusalem, which wasn’t called Jerusalem then, but he got into it and took the strongholds of Zion.

The Jebusites were in Zion, he had to defeat them. The Jebusites in scripture always speak of one thing, “THOSE WHO SOW DISCORD AMONG THE BRETHREN.” There were seven enemies in the land, this was the last one. Seven things which God hates, this is the last one, the Jebusites - those who sow discord among the brethren,” I mean, you know, that’s going to be dealt with in the church.

The Lord said THERE IS A NEW ERA COMING INTO THE CHURCH

Coming to Zion is a whole new area. David brought the ark back and planted it on Mount Zion. It wasn't in the tabernacle of Moses anymore. It's on Mount Zion where God was manifest openly to the nation, the Tabernacle of David.

You see, THERE IS A NEW ERA COMING INTO THE CHURCH. When I was in San Jose [Note: Lecture given in 2003], the Lord appeared to me in my hotel room, in my bed, about 18 months ago in my hotel room and stayed with me for one hour. And you know, it has happened, whether you
believe it or not, the Lord actually came and sat on my bed, talked to me about a number of things. One of the last things He talked to me, He said this to me, He said, “Know the household of Saul is now coming to an end.” And I asked Him a few questions about that “the house of Saul is coming to an end.” How many of you know that this has been the house of Saul in the church for many, many years? But see, it has to give way to the household of David. God blessed Saul. He was with him, but eventually it wasn’t what God really was after and God had to bring that thing to an end. The problem is the household of Saul fought the house of David, tried to kill it.

And God says in His word through Amos and also the book of Acts, it says, “In these last days, God is going to rebuild the Tabernacle of David.’ I know we had a lot of teachings and seminars on that, but it hasn’t been established, it hasn’t been built yet in the church. Because when the Tabernacle of David is built, he said, “Then God came in glory.” That’s a really, really important area because the Saul ministry is going to come to an end.

Saul was threatened, he was insecure

And how many of you know Saul was threatened, he was insecure. He was threatened by other ministries around him or anyone that could take his place. There was conflict. The whole household of Saul was governed by jealousy. And it was a major, major, major problem and God is dealing with that today. You will find that ministers, people who do not understand and do not get that spirit out, that household, that ministry will come to an end because there’s a new kind of order in the earth arising and that is the household of David. And as we understand that, and you know, one of the things about the Tabernacle of David was a new kind of worship, dancing, rejoicing. It was an exciting era but let me just say this, one of David’s wives called Michelle criticized him and was barren for the rest of her life. That’s a testimony.

God is establishing a new order in the earth and a new order in the church. It’s the household of David, it is going to come forth. The household of Saul is going to come to an end. The church is being characterized much by Saul-typed leadership in the church today. And the Saul-type leadership in the church today is coming to an end. It’s really important to understand that.

And the reign of David was very, very, very different. But it says here, in this mountain, in Zion, the Lord is going to destroy on that mountain the face of covering cast over all people and the veil that spread over all nations. I’ve something in my spirit about the household of Saul which I can’t give words to it at the moment but I believe next year, together, we need to do a course on the Tabernacle of David and understand really what it means because that’s where the glory came, that is where God is manifest.

THERE’S A NEW KIND OF LEADERSHIP. How many of you know that so much of the leadership today is basically spirit of control, that’s a major problem. David wasn’t like that, Saul was like that. You see, something is got to be worked in the hearts of many, many of ministers to prepare us for a whole new era and all the fears, jealousies and insecurities have got to go. God is God and there is one church. If we can’t help each other and build each other’s work, we’re not going to be in this household of David. Different era, different kind of thing, you know, altogether but something in my heart, something prophetic in my heart about this, and I can’t get my fingers on it yet, but something is changing in the realm of the spirit. WHEN GOD BRINGS THIS IN, THE VEIL, THE COVERING OVER NATIONS IS GOING TO BE BROKEN.
What is that Covering?  Satanic Power sits over Nations as a Covering

When that veil, you know, what is that covering?  Satan was called the covering cherub before he fell.  Remember Ezek. 28:16, he is also known as the “prince of the power of the air.”  Satanic power sits over nations as a covering.  Fallen angels enforce that in, they rule over nations keeping them in darkness.  Dan 10:12-14 makes it clear that a satanic prince ruled over Persia.  It would seem that the power if this prince had to be broken before Israel could be free to return home.  See Zech. 1.  Satanic prince that ruled over Persia had to be broken, displaced before the Babylonian captivity was released.  People came home.  That’s really really important.  We don’t have time for this but an open heaven, this principle is very very important.

An Open Heaven

AN OPEN HEAVEN, WHAT GIVES US AN OPEN HEAVEN?  Gen. 28 gives us our first picture of an open heaven.  We see here the church under an open heaven. There are three levels of an open heaven.  You can read it in Gen. 28.  Remember Jacob was running for his life, running away from a situation.  He lights upon a certain place by chance, the Bible tells us, but it was God, it was a ‘Paga.’  He lays down to sleep and there was an open heaven.  There’s a ladder reaching from heaven, angels ascending and descending.  He wakes up in the morning, what did he say?  He said, ‘This is nothing but the house of God, the gate of heaven.’  This is the first mention in the scripture of the house of God.  It is very important because the Law of First Mention come into play here.  Prophetically, the saying is that the house of God should have over it an open heaven.

Okay, we also see Jesus move under an open heaven, John 1:51.  He said to Nathaniel, ‘From now on, you’ll gonna see the heavens open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon me.’  He walked under an open heaven.

Isa. 25 which we just read, we have a picture of a nation under an open heaven.

An OPEN HEAVEN occurs when the ruling power over a nation or city or an individual, is displaced.  When this happens, the influence of the Prince of the Power of the Air, Satan, is broken and the prevailing blindness to the gospel disappears, God’s grace is poured out and people come to the Lord in large numbers.

Individual Level of an Open Heaven

Now the numbers of levels is that when you become involved in the purposes of God for your life, you become involved in some level of working for God at whatever level, there is a sign against you, a power to take, knock you out of that position.  You are in the ministry, there is a sign against you, a power.  Intercessors, there is a sign against you, a power.  Satan will do that, a power.  We might want to term it a strong man or ruling spirit.  Now you have to be aware of that, you have to deal with it and it might take time.  Otherwise, it will constantly hinder what God has called you to.  You must maintain an open heaven of your own life.  You must deal, sometimes, this strong man, when it comes down, it can be a family thing.  From generation to generation, it sits on families.  It
might be kicked off in centuries past through something like pre-masonry in the family. That becomes a strong man all the way down the family line. These things keep coming down and become a strong man from family to family to family. You gotta deal with that and knock it out. Otherwise, it’s gonna affect your ministry. If you’ll gonna have an open heaven, that thing has to be dealt with, it has to be taken out.

Argentinian Open Heaven

It’s very interesting to know it, you know, in Argentina, in the 50’s when in that Bible school went into travail for a long period of time, many, many weeks until they broke the ruling spirit over Argentina. Very, very interesting story and I visited those places where that happened. It’s an interesting story. Nobody got saved in Argentina, I mean, it’s so hard, it’s so closed. If you got someone saved in a year, you had revival. If you got somebody baptized in the Holy Spirit, you have double revival in one year. It’s so hard. Then eventually, they broke through, just one Bible College and all the students took into intercessions and travail and had angelic visitations and all kinds of things going on. But one day, they broke the power over the nation. Within a very short while, over a million people came to the Lord, just swept into the kingdom of God. It was an incredible move, incredible move of God. See, they had an open heaven over the nation. That lasted up until the 60’s where it was closed off again, and Peron came back into power for various reasons and it’s been broken again over recent years. It affects the nation.

Jesus said in...

Matt.12:28-29 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

Luke 11:21-22 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

So, we understand you’re gonna get in. See, it's very, very interesting in talking with Ed Silvoso, we talked about this, it’s kind of a very interesting situation because they felt just a little while back, a few years back, that power, that ruling spirit over Argentina was bound again. It happened on a specific day, when I told you about that, when the British sank that Argentinian Warship, and there needs some apologies for that because it was outside their territorial water when they sank it. Nevertheless, it said something in Argentine, that psyche that day just broke. And he said, there had been much warfare, there had been much intercession for about three years in Argentina, heavy intercession. But on that day, something in the spirit broke and the ruling junta, power over the nation was broken.

And it said, God raised up a man by the name of ‘Anaconda’ and I want to tell you, that man has gone from city to city to city and virtually Christianized cities. It’s amazing, I mean, you bind the strong man, then you can spoil his goods. And they have gone into city after city after city with incredible results, I mean, it’s like the book of Acts all over again, wherever they go. And it’s very interesting because once the main thing is dealt with, you can begin to spoil his goods. And so Anaconda goes into a city, and he’ll go there weeks before, he’ll pray and fast and locate the ruling
spirits over that particular city, deal with it, then they'll have a crusade. It's incredible, what happens in the first night of crusade and they'll have all these people and maybe a few thousand people in the first night, and they'll cast demons out of them, and they're not even saved. And in masse they get stuck in the spirit realm and suddenly, they'll have a thousand people manifesting on their hands. And he'll just keep going for an hour, and then he'll preach the gospel and they'll get saved. It's incredible what he is doing. You see, you've got an open heaven over the place.

Pharaoh is a classic example of a strong man ruling a nation. This strong man of pride kept two million people captive. When that power was broken those two million people were released. Okay.

Let's just for a moment, let's just stop. Let's just close our eyes for a moment.

**A new kind of church is arising, a new kind of leadership is coming forth**

A new kind of church is arising. A new kind of leadership is coming forth. The old kind of leadership is going to fall by the wayside. This has been in my heart ever since I was in San Jose. It was the last thing the Lord said to me. And the old order is going to come to an end. And the old order of leadership is going to come to an end. God's going to bring forth something new, something fresh, something that has freedom in it.

Lord, I pray today, as a people, we wanna hear what You wanna say to us. We wanna hear Lord behind the facade of the natural realm. We wanna know what is happening. We wanna know what is going on. Father I just pray that you will give us ears to hear and give us a heart to perceive. I pray Lord for the spirit of revelation to rest upon us that we might understand the day in which we live, we might understand what is beginning to take place across the world and the church today that we might understand that one era is coming to an end and a new one is beginning to be formed.

And Lord, we have to hear and see and we have to adjust this through our lives and attitude to be part of the new. And as the household of Saul begins to wane and the household of David begins to take its place, that would be a very different church in the earth. Father, I pray that You'll really give us understanding, give us understanding, give us true insight, give us wisdom in that insight so that we might know how to proceed because of what You are saying to us. I pray Lord that revelation of Your Spirit will come to us and be so clear to us Lord. Father make us, in Jesus' Name. These are critical times Lord, and David went in and took the stronghold of Zion. The whole thing collapsed and Your presence came, the Ark came to Mount Zion. You sat upon that hill and the manifest Glory of God was present and You said on that place, You will destroy the covering.

I pray Lord particularly for our attitudes, I pray for anger levels in Your people. I pray Lord that You will adjust us in the inside in such a way that we don't get offended anymore that we don't react, Lord that the real spirit of meekness might take us over in such a way that there is no response to negative things around us. We don't get angry and sin by letting the sun go down on our anger. We administer grace to each other. We trust You Lord to work out in everyone of our lives of that which is good. Thank You Jesus. We thank You Lord Jesus. Thank You Lord Jesus. Thank You Lord.

He's gonna shake, one more time the church, gonna shake one more time. One more time, it is by His grace and by His Mercy. It is the decisions we make and attitude we have in times of shaking. The idea of shaking is to sort out that which is of God and that which is not, that which is of God remains, that which is not of God.
falls away and he is no more. I just believe God's gonna shake us one more time in the Southwest, gonna shake one more time. People had either to go on or will not go on. People will rather embrace the truth or will not. I believe in the grace of God there will be another, still yet time and opportunity to respond to the Lord. He's going to shake one more time and the hearts of men will be revealed, motives of men will be revealed, people will be revealed. And after that, then God will have a company who will go forward and accomplish what God's is purposing for us for this hour. Thank You Jesus.

Father I pray that as we go close today, we might sense the importance of this hour. It's not business as usual anymore. But You will be our main business Lord. Change us. Change the church. And bring us into something new and fresh. And I pray Lord that as we go our separate ways, our hearts might be open to You but above all, that we might have discernment and revelation as to what is happening on what You are saying today, in the Name of Jesus, Amen.
Lesson 7 - The Kingdoms of this World

Eph. 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].

The kingdoms of this world. So we’re looking at achieving an open heaven. To understand that, we need to understand that there are:

- Strong man over nations
- Strong man over cities
- Strong man over churches
- Strong man over families

We have to dispossess the enemy; fight for what is rightfully ours.

You’ll find that in churches that spirits are assigned against churches, strong men, spirits are assigned against churches. If you don’t locate these spirits and deal with them, the church will have constant problems. And it’s very important that is discerned because the church can go well for a number of years and falls apart, and people ask, why did that happen? What went wrong? They didn’t get the strong man that was assigned against that church. And you know, it’s really, really important to understand this - over cities, nations, churches, families and individuals, okay. You have to dispossess the enemy.

Jesus said the keys to the kingdom are LOOSING AND BINDING

Matt. 16:18-19  And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 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.

Jesus said (1) I’M GOING TO BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL WOULD NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. Then He said, ‘This is how I’m going to do it, ‘Whatsoever shall you bind on earth shall be and whatsoever you shall loose shall be loosed.’ Isn’t it amazing that we’ve read that for years and missed it. You know, He said, ‘I’m going to build My church. The gates of Hades will not prevail against it. But this is what you must do. I’m gonna give you the keys to this.’ (2) Then Jesus said, ‘I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THIS.’

An understanding of this is vital to our spiritual warfare. We must now what Jesus has achieved through his death and resurrection and how we enforce it in the earth.

Jack Hayford did a Greek word study on this passage of scripture and came up with this accurate rendering of this verse which you really need to study closely. Matt. 16:18-19, it says here,
Whatever you may at any time encounter (of hell’s counsels which I am declaring my church shall prevail against), you will then face a decision as to whether you will or won’t bind it. What transpires will be on additional upon your response. If you do personally and consciously involve yourself in the act of binding the issue on earth, you will discover that at that future moment when you do, that it has already been bound in heaven!

That is a very accurate rendering from the Greek of that passage of scripture.

Your Words Are Binding

What we need to understand is binding the enemy, BINDING AND LOOSING. We’re not dealing with the concept of chains, cords in that sense even in the realm of the spirit. We are not dealing with that kind of concept here. The Greek was very clear on that. What we’re dealing with are YOUR WORDS ARE BINDING. You know when the judge comes into the scene, his words are binding. There are certain things which are law in the city. It is binding, it is law. This is the concept we are dealing with. It’s like through the death and resurrection of Jesus, He has accomplished certain things. But He needs OUR signature to make it binding.

Now this is the thing. That contract has to be signed. YOUR WORDS MAKE IT BINDING WHEN YOU ALIGN YOURSELF WITH THE WILL OF GOD IN THE SITUATION AND BEGIN TO DECLARE IT. Your words go out into the spirit realm and they are law. You understand what I’m saying is? It’s not like you’re binding something and you’re chasing every demon. That’s not what we are talking about. We’re talking about YOUR WORDS IN THE SPIRIT REALM WILL STAND. What you say, WHEN IT’S IN LINE WITH GOD, what you bind on earth, your words will be binding, and what you loose will be loosed. It’s like a judge comes along and he says, “Okay, you will lose that man, and he’s loose.” It is law, and his word is binding and the whole legal system backs him up. When you do that in the realm of the spirit, the Holy Spirit backs you. Now, that’s the concept of LOOSING AND BINDING.

And so, when we come against something and we’re moving in God, your word, because you are seated with God in heavenly places above these powers, your word is binding. If you believe that, it is. If you don’t, it isn’t. If you believe it, and you know it and believe it, then it happens. But if you don’t believe it, it doesn’t. It’s as simple as that. You have to know it. It’s vital to agree with words, with God and with words that are binding until you see the reality of it in this world achieved. Okay.

So understanding the concept of loosing and binding is very, very important because in spiritual warfare, it is very, very important thing. Often when we’re in spiritual warfare and we get into an evening of spiritual warfare, and we almost come into conclusion, many, many times the Lord has spoken to me and said, “Now, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THESE SPIRITS? Your word is binding.”

And then you’ve got to get the counsel of the Holy Spirit. But many, many times after the battle that whole spirits come before us and we declare judgment upon them, and the Bible says, this privilege has the saints of God. Okay, your words become binding. The Bible says you will judge angels. Your words become binding. And many, many times I have declared over the spirits that the
earth will be opened up and they will be incarcerated for the rest of this time on earth, this period of time, this dispensation and it actually happens. **YOUR WORD IS LAW, YOUR WORD IS BINDING.**

And Jesus said, ‘Look, this is the way you’ll gonna build the church and the gates of hell will not prevail it. **BUT** you must have to do this if the church is going to be built.’ And the church has totally missed it, totally missed it. But it’s coming to the light in this generation in a very forceful way. **Okay, you have to do that.**

**The Kingdoms of this World are Ruled by Satanic Power**

This planet has been taken over by spiritual evil forces. God in His Word makes this very clear. We also see evidence of this in human history.

II Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

We saw in the manual on intercession how that Adam gave away this world to Satan. Adam also gave away his authority to Satan. Jesus came and legally reversed that situation.

The mandate of the church is TO RETAKE THIS PLANET FOR GOD. **By displacing the kingdom of Satan, we bring in the kingdom of God in the earth.** We must enforce Christ’s victory in this earth. When we begin to do this, we enter into a conflict with the powers of darkness that is often very violent.

**IN THE MINISTRY OF PAUL**

Let’s look at this in the ministry of Paul: We’ve talked about this before. Wherever Paul went, wherever he went to preach the gospel, he always, when he went to a new region, he always runs smack into a territorial spirit, every time, it’s amazing.

In Acts 13:6-12, he runs into a strong man of sorcery which governed the whole region. The territorial spirit was the spirit of sorcery and the spirit had direct access over the governor of that region. It’s interesting.

In Acts 16:16, he gets into another region, he runs into a spirit of Python, territorial spirit which influenced the whole area. When he started dealing with that, the massive reaction that came, I mean, they were so angry. All kinds of things going on, but what happened is you see, he run into...or maybe you’ll say, well he’s just a little girl, she must be another teenager in her early 20’s and he’s a little kind going into fortune telling. It wasn’t like that at all. What happened was the territorial spirit over that area which held that entire area in bondage, the entire geographic area was under the control of this spirit and it operated through this girl. And the Bible says, from the highest to the low consulted her and that spirit just controlled the whole area. It’s amazing, from the highest in the government, they all consulted this little girl because that spirit operated through her in that region.

We have this again in Acts 19, Paul runs into the goddess Diana, this too was a ruling spirit over that area. Again massive reactions came out of that.
So we see that whenever Paul venture into another area with the gospel, he encountered opposition from the ruling spirits over that area.

There is a correlation between the ruling spirit in the heavenlies and a human agent on the earth

We need also to note that often too THERE WAS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE RULING SPIRIT IN THE HEAVENLIES AND A HUMAN AGENT ON THE EARTH. What was that girl? The other one is a sorcerer, so we have this. We realize we don’t battle against flesh and blood, but we find that often there’s a human being who was a channel for that spirit in that geographical area.

There’s a man on Perth, he was a man who was living, he was a sorcerer and he lives in Perth and he channels most of the major stuffs over the city of Perth, it’s channeled through him. And one day, we'll gonna confront him. Hallelujah! And one day, he might get saved. We really need to pray for witches to get saved, because when that happens and you take them out of the structure, that structure begins to crumble. We need to pray that because WHAT YOU PRAY FOR, YOU GET. Do you believe that? What you pray for, what you get? When you pray, you expect it to happen. It’s very, very interesting.

Examples

1) Let me give you an example of this. There was a guy in Nigeria called Thomas Ajah, he was an interesting character. He was now the Sunday School superintendent of the AIG church in Harcourt Nigeria. Now before his conversion, he was the highest-ranking occult leader in Nigeria. So you can see he had some power. Satan actually appeared to him and gave him the name of Saint Thomas the Divine, assigned to him 12 spirits, 12 regional spirits and said that they would be under his control. And then he said unto this 12 regional spirits, each spirit, each of the 12 had another 600 spirits under him. So, you know, you’re dealing with over a 7000 spirits. And he said that he was in touch with all this spirits in every town in every village in Nigeria and they have stranglehold on the entire country of Nigeria. And so he was a human agent high up in that realm.

The problem is one day he got converted. And you know it did something in the entire, in the whole of Nigeria. And because he was the head of that thing, it crumbled. When he got saved, he got delivered and they had trouble getting him delivered. But they eventually got him delivered. And his salvation was almost sovereign, but the church had been praying down that way to break the tremendous witchcraft in the area. He came to the Lord, he got saved and the whole spirit hierarchy collapsed, and they had a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, eventually had a revival in Nigeria. Interesting, you see, the correlation between the structure in the spirit realm and the fruit of the church in the earth. We’ve got to begin to kind of see that.

2) In Auckland New Zealand in the 70’s, we mapped the spirits in the city of Auckland. We've found was that Auckland is surrounded by 10 extinct volcanoes. You know, you can climb up in them, they have a crater in them. What we found as we began to map the city, that there was tremendously strong spirit power in each volcano. These were high places around the city, normally associated with Mari Homo spiritism and ancestral spiritism and so on, but they are strongholds.
And systematically, we began to take these strongholds out and took a thousand people in a time out and we began to deal with it. Slowly, we cut that ring right around the city and slowly disposed that they overlook the city and there was just a cloud. When we finally did that, it took us about a year to do that, we had such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we couldn’t stop people getting saved. I mean, churches who didn’t preach the gospel, people were getting saved, churches who didn’t believe in it, you know. And it was really funny because I had this Anglican minister, he said ‘Look, you’ve got to talk with me. I’ve got this funny thing happening in my church.’ And I said, ‘What is happening?’ ‘I had never seen anything like this or never heard anything like this before.’ And he said “People are repenting,” and he said “I don’t know what to do with them.” I said, ‘Well, you gotta come to the Lord first.’ He wasn’t saved and I led him to the Lord. And I said, ‘Now, you’ve got to let your people come to the Lord,’ and I said, ‘Whatever you do, don’t preach the gospel until you got these under control because there are lot of people coming anyway and preach the gospel be ten times worse.’

But we had this happening in churches and people were getting saved in services no matter whatever kind of service it was, whether you preach the gospel or not, people got saved and that is happening right across the city and it was incredible. What happened is that WE BROKE THAT REAL THING ACROSS, it wasn’t the main spirit over the city but it was a tremendous power that were entrenched in those volcanic extinct volcanoes around the city.

3) I talked to you last week about Davao in the Philippines when we got the breakthrough in the realm of the spirit.

4) I had an interesting experience in Whangarie where we were trying to start a church. Virtually, every church that had been trying to start in this Northern town of New Zealand in Whangarie have failed. Church will go in the way that will last for about two years and it will fall apart. God spoke to me very clearly about that area, to start something on the area, and I thought, ‘Oh, that was a very pretty heavy area.’ Anyway, I went up one day and I was just praying in the area. It was just about three hour drive from Auckland North. And I was just praying in that area, in my hotel room one day, I don’t know if I fell asleep, I don’t know what happened, but I was praying and the next thing, I found myself walking down the streets of the city, this town. As I was walking down the streets of this town, I began to realize I was in another era. I was not in my era and I looked at the people and I thought they are not dressed as they should be dressed. I didn’t know whether I was dreaming or out of my body, I don’t know. All I know I was walking down the streets of this city, this town. And as I began to come into the center of the town and there was a river through the town. I looked at that river and it was running with blood and there was blood all over the place. And there was absolute turmoil and there was fighting going on, and I thought this is not place I should be. When I came out of it and I don’t know how long I was in that state but when I came out of this, this place has got some kind of bad background.

And so, we did some research into the history of the town and go back a hundred years or so. We found out that in that town, there was more cannibalism more than anywhere else in New Zealand. In reading one of the historical reports, we came across this, and it says, at times the river ran red with blood and I thought, right, this is a problem. See, there was fighting between Maris, because Maris were cannibals and they were fighting other Maris and eating them. They were fighting Europeans and eating them. I mean, that was a bad area in those days. And the churches, every time somebody decides to start a church in that area, what would happen is you’ll slowly get it under way, and there were infighting inside of that church and just tear it apart. The members of the
church would eat each other alive. Cannibalism, spirit of cannibalism would just destroy the whole thing. What a world, you know, there's not much point trying to start a church until we deal with some of these things. Very, very interesting.

And so, we've got a large contingent of the Maris population together, some Christians and some non-Christians. We've got a large population of the European population together and we began a process of reconciliation between two particular Mari tribes which fought in that area, and also between the Europeans. And we went through a real time of dealing with that thing, things of reconciliations, forgiveness and all of those things. And something at the end of the day just broke over the town. We established a church and it's still there today, and there are churches thriving in that town today.

What happened, how we were able to make the difference? WHY ARE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE? Why did those things happen? Underneath, there were reasons and it has to be dealt with, it's part of spiritual warfare and the reconciliation that came and the spiritual warfare that happened was very, very interesting because I was up there and preaching the gospel and it was hard as anything, I mean this was before we did this. I just come from Auckland where we had an open heaven and you could hardly turn your back and people get saved. It was incredible.

I was preaching away and in the spirit, it sounds funny, but it really sounds funny because I saw this Mari person come down the aisle towards me and he’s in spirit. You gotta understand that he was in spirit, he was coming down the aisle in warfare gestures at me and the strange thing is he was wearing the suit of armor. That’s weird, Maris wearing this suit. That doesn’t compute at all. Anyway, I thought I got to deal with this thing and you know, I stood against it and stopped the meeting and stood against it and I went on preaching. But when we were reading in some of the history of this place, one of the chiefs in that area had picked up a British suit of armor and used to go to warfare in that suit of armor and killed, either way, you know. Those things still really lived, this things are still part of this whole structure. And we broke it, established a good church there and it’s still functioning today. Why are things, you see, the way that they are?

Territorial Spirits

The reality of ruling territorial spirits is evident from passages of scripture such as Daniel 10. Judges 5:19-20, Acts 19.

The reality of territorial spirits is very, very real. In the Old Testament there is much mention of Specific Hills and High Places, where spirits lived and presumably ruled from. The different nations each served different gods. Israel was specifically ordered by God to destroy all semblance of them. This was necessary if they were to possess the land.

Deut. 12:1-3, ‘These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree. And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.’

Different nations served different gods. Israel was specifically ordered by God to destroy all
semblance of them. That was necessary if they were to possess the land. Now what we have to do, and we’ll look at this in the next session, SPIRITUAL MAPPING has to be a very important role in this. The high places, you see, where are the high places in the spirit?

[Question from audience] It doesn’t really matter. It’s the intent of the heart and the action in which you are taking. Jesus used those words, whatsoever you bind. We find that before, when Jesus was in the wilderness, that was a mammoth conflict with the ruling spirits, Satan himself, right? He went through a battle in the wilderness with the ruling spirits. He used the word of God over and over against it, which was always a good way to handle it. But it doesn’t have to be always that way. I quite often still used that terminology, ‘MY WORDS ARE BINDING ON YOU.’ I often used that kind of terminology. What I say now, if I’m deal with demonic spirit that is manifesting in a person, I often say, ‘What I say next is binding. It is not arbitrary, it is not negotiable, it is binding,’ and I say it. And there’s a reaction because the face behind it, understanding what you’re doing releases power. It releases the Holy Spirit then. So, it doesn’t really matter, you know.

[Another Question from audience] Not necessarily, it can be permanent, depends on what you are doing. If we can incarcerate spirits in the earth, it can be for the rest of this dispensation, depending on what is used and the intent behind it. It is not necessarily temporary. If we get away from the concept of binding things with chains, we come back to the concept of what you say is law. Your words are binding when it is in line with God and His will and His anointing. YOUR WORDS ARE BINDING.

When Elijah came on the scene, he came into the palace of the king and he said, “From this day on, it’s not going to rain,’ his words were binding. Those words just closed the heavens. His words were binding. That is the concept. It is not the concept of binding something up, but your words are legal in the spirit realm, backed by the Holy Spirit and are binding. That’s the Greek background of that passage of scripture.

Okay, any other questions before we break? [Another Question from audience] What we’ve got to understand is like there are angels released to want to work with us but they cannot unless we free the way for them to move. Unless we do something, they cannot operate. In that sense, that is true. [Another Question from audience] Strong men, there are different levels of strong men. [Another Question from audience] Whatever is released through you comes through your heart condition, end of story. If your heart’s pure, it is pure. If you have problems in your soul and you haven’t cleaned it, that would be released too. Whatever you are will be released. You cannot stop it. That’s why the Bible is so much on holiness and sanctification. It’s when you operate in the spirit realm, when you release, all of you is released, as well as the Holy Spirit, and so you gotta be aware of that.

Musicians are really important. The heart condition of musicians, because I’ve had musicians who come to me and I say, ‘Look, it’s not a good morning for me,’ I had to pray with them and say, ‘Just sit down today.’ That’s honesty and it’s good, there’s nothing wrong with that, it’s wise. I just say, ‘It might take you a few hours to sort this out, but if you stay in this condition, it’s gonna come through your music. So, we’ll put someone else.’ And we taught our musicians to do that and they were honest with me. If they really, really had a bad day and they say, ‘Either I’ve got to make this right before the meeting starts or I’ve got to sit down,’ and that’s good. Even in preaching, anything you do in the Lord’s service, there’s a price too, because it will come through and it will cloud the whole atmosphere. And I don’t care who it is. If I am not in the right spirit, when I begin to preach, talk to you, that which is in my
spirit as well as other things will begin to be released to you, cloud the whole place. It’s really important that you understand that. Because music is such an important medium in our church services, and it’s the major part, it covers the major time in the service, it’s really important to get that right.

The Importance of Timing in Spiritual Warfare

The importance of timing in spiritual warfare, I just want to relay this to you. We’re familiar with two Greek words for timing now, Chronos and Kairos. Chronos is a word that describes general time, just the normal passing of time. Kairos is used to describe a special time, a critical time, a fullness of time - as I have related to you in my notes.

A number of years ago, I was speaking in a conference in America, and waiting there and sitting there just to come up to preach. And the ministers there decided that they were going to kind of help me binding the ruling spirit over that city. And so they had a number of ministers up there on the platform and they got into it, binding this thing. And we’re going through this whole thing of binding the spirit over there. And suddenly as I was sitting on the front row, a spirit of that city just appeared - took form in shape, just appeared, like in Star Trek they just appeared, just like that - just very similar to that, “Whoosh,” just appeared. He was about 30 foot high and he was too close to me and he was very high, black, with the head of an animal, body of a man, wings, one of his foot was cloven and the other one was normal, and a long black cloak. And he stood watching the proceedings with almost amusement and with a little disdain. He stood right there at the front, I was there and he stood there watching what was going on. And I thought, ‘Lord, this is going to be interesting but I thought, ‘Lord, you got to do something about this.’

So he was standing really too close to me for my comfort and I was looking to the Lord and saying ‘Deal with it, this thing, deal with him.’ The Lord spoke to me and He said, ‘DON’T TOUCH HIM, IT’S NOT HIS TIME. You don’t have the power and it’s not his time,’ and I breathed a sigh of relief and it just vanished the same way it came. And I began to realize that, I pondered that experience through the years and I never said anything in our conference. I just came up and preached there and that was it. I pondered those through the years and came to the conclusion that THESE EVIL POWERS CAN ONLY BE DISPOSED OF IN GOD’S TIMING and only through spiritual warfare and intercession, but the two must link in together.

Now I didn’t understand this until the Lord began to draw my attention to some scriptures concerning this in Gen. 15:7 it said, God is speaking unto Abraham,

Gen. 15:7 And he said unto him, I [am] the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. So He’s promising the land ...

Gen. 15:15-16 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites [is] not yet full.

Now what was God saying? He was saying to Abraham, ‘Look I’m giving you this land but it’s not time, you cannot possess it yet.’ That’s what God was saying to him and there is a reason for that and He said “Abraham it is yours, but you’re gonna die and He said your seed will come here again in the 4th generation and they will deal with the situation, they will inherit this land.’ Now the reason they said that
they couldn’t take it that time, they couldn’t deal with it is because it’s said the iniquity of the Amorites has not come to its fullness. Now sometime later, God spoke to Moses when he was coming in to that piece of land again, in that particular geographic location in...

Deut. 9: 4  
Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: the reason for this possessing is but for the wickedness of these nations. So that puts a different connotation on it, the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham...

Now we read what it is said to Abraham. He said that they can’t do it until the 4th generation. Later, 4 generations later, He was speaking to Moses, ‘I’m doing this because of what I said to Abraham and because the iniquity has reached the point where I can judge it.’

**God does not bring judgments upon the spirits until their cup of iniquity is full**

So we conclude from that, God does not bring judgments upon the spirits until their cup of iniquity is full – and that’s a very important principle. Binding these spiritual strong men require RIGHTS TIMING, INTERCESSION AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE. This was the case with Sodom and Gomorrah, the bible says the cry of that city came up to God, it reached a certain point. And it says that God came down and see and He really saw, ‘Right, the iniquity is full. I’m going to destroy these cities and destroy the powers over those cities.’ And He was going to destroy them. Their TIME CAME TO A FULLNESS – Kairos, a fullness of time came and God moved.

Now it’s really important to understand this because today there are many, many cities in the Western world and in fact, the major population centers of the world today are now similar to Sodom and Gomorrah - the sins that had perpetuated, the spiritual atmosphere, the iniquity is virtually similar to Sodom and Gomorrah. And Jesus talked about this, He said, ‘As it was in the days of Noah, as it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah so shall be in the end times.’ And so he likened these times to the end times. Right across the Western World, in fact, every major population centers of the world today, the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah are being perpetuated. It’s like the iniquities suddenly of these spirits and what they brought the people into is reaching a fullness around the world.

So God in His strategy, God in His overall timing looks at this, sees the cup of their iniquity filling out, so He says, ‘Right, we’re going to now move.’ And so a number of years back, there arose a whole new awareness of spiritual warfare like never before right across the body - spiritual warfare and intercession. A prayer movement suddenly began to gain grounds while getting off the ground. Now, this is the strategy in the timing of God. For one, God looks across timing, He says, ‘Right, the iniquity is reaching down in many, many cities and we were gonna have to deal with this.’ The way we deal with this is through intercession and spiritual warfare. So He begins, He just breathes across the church and ignites a spiritual warfare movement.

**The Plan Comes Together**

Now, that’s in the overall strategy together. His plan comes together and these spirits are now
coming to the place where God can righteously judge them. Their iniquity has reached a certain point. So the coupling of these two together is really important, the understanding of that principle is very important.

God said to me in that American City, ‘His time has not come and you don’t have the power to touch it,’ and I was quite glad, I didn’t want me to get into that. It was like God opened my eyes to teach me something. And that was all it was - teaching me something. And I thought about it through the years and I began to understand some of these scriptures. And the exciting thing is that these spirits now across the major population centers of the world, their cup of iniquity is reaching full. And that is a good thing because they’re going to be dealt with and the harvest will begin to come in.

And so understanding that background, the spiritual timing, Kairos timing in dealing with these things is very very important. Some things could not be dealt with because it was not yet their time like He said to me. And so we need to understand that, but we need to be encouraged because I believe that the iniquity of these spirits have kept millions of people in darkness. Past generations and present generations are kept in darkness. Their iniquity reaches its fullness, then God is able to deal with it. And right around the world this fullness is being reached, city after city after city – the fullness is being reached. So that’s exciting because then we can deal with it. To coincide with that, God raises up a prophetic spiritual warfare intercessory movement. Okay.
Lesson 8 - Possessing the Gates of the City

TAKING THE GATES OF THE CITY IS EQUATED WITH TAKING THE CITY basically because the gates were the weak link in a city’s defenses. If the gates were taken, the city would fall.

NOTE: THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM’S SEED, that’s you and I,

Gen. 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which [is] upon the sea shore; and THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES;

Gen. 24:50 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou [art] our sister, be thou [the mother] of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them, POSSESSING THE GATES OF THE ENEMIES.

Gates in the city were places where:

- Business was transacted
- Legal affairs were dealt with
- Access to the city was gained

One of the greatest gateways into any Western City today is through the BUSINESSMEN PROPAGATING FREEMASONRY. It is a major gateway into all our western cities. Business transacted was a gateway; legal affairs are done in the gateway in the old times and in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Access to the city was gained.

JESUS IMPLIED THAT THE BATTLE WOULD INVOLVE THE GATES OF HELL, because He said in...

Matt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell [or in the Greek, the gates of Hades] shall not prevail against it.

He said that ‘I’m gonna build my church.’ The implication was that there’s gonna be a battle from the gates of Hades, but He said they will not prevail.

GATES: BOTH NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL

Gates, there are many, many gates both in the natural and the spiritual.

- Gates can be a port. Freemantle is a gate, spiritual gateway into the city of Perth can enter
this whole region.

- It can be a town, it can be a bridge. In other words, it can be a geographical entrance to a city. We’ll come back to that in a moment, in the physical things.

- Gates can also be a spiritual gateway open by sin or a cult, ritual and practice.

Now there are gateways into the heavenly kingdom of God which can be opened by the church, for instance in Gen. 28 which talks about an open heaven, gateways unto heaven. And Rev.4:1 John said that the gates of heaven was opened to me, Rev.4:1 door was open. John 1:5 Jesus would talk about those scriptures.

The gates of hell - there are gates of Hades. These gates also open up spirit traffic from the kingdom of darkness. What we’ve got to understand is hell as we know it today, the lake of fire is not yet in existence. That’s a future thing, while it might be in existence, it’s not being used. It’s a future thing. Hell is in the heart of the earth, the scriptures are very clear about that, hell being in the heart of the earth. And if hell is in the part of the earth and obviously Satan has an access to that as well, that he can open gateways from that realm.

Rev. 9:2-3 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Obviously these are demonic spirits released, they’re not natural things. But it’s also descriptive of a volcano, I mean it’s very obvious that He is talking about a volcano clayed out the sun, smoke arose out of it, clouded out the sun, fire and so on. But with that same time and spirits would be released on the earth, it’s a future event, but it’s yet to come.

THE QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ASKED: Do volcanoes release spiritual powers into the world? You know St. Helen’s which erupted in the USA a number of years back, many notable ministers like Jack Hayford and other notable ministers across the United States reported that spiritual darkness covered the nation for months after the eruption of St. Helens. I believe that just as volcanoes throw literal clouds in the atmosphere, it’s a gateway, it’s a gateway that is opened up there. It’s a spiritual unseen cloud that emerges into our world. Rev. 9:2-3 definitely are gateways, these are gateways that open and close, but they’re open for a season.

It’s very interesting because New Zealand has just experienced a volcanic eruption. It’s very very interesting and I know that mountain very well. I’ve skied on that mountain in the snow many many times. It was always some kind of little activity, tremor on that mountain, but it’s really blown its top this time. But it’s very interesting because in New Zealand the prevailing wind is not from North to South, it’s from South to North. But this time when that volcano went up the prevailing wind is from North to South and that’s very unusual, virtually never happens. And the news now is saying that the bottom half of the north island from the midway down has been blanketed by this volcano right through and I think you will find that New Zealand will have to deal with that. There’s something that has been released in that nation. GATEWAYS, were talking about gateways.

In Deut. 32:17, it’s all about Israel who provoked jealousy with strange gods, they provoked anger.
‘They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that NEWLY CAME UP.’ Learning on the Hebrew it’s very very clear, whom your fathers didn’t know, feared not. It says here that new gods came up out of the earth which had an influence on those areas and they sacrificed to those new gods. ‘They sacrificed unto devils and not to God, to gods that they knew not, to new gods that newly came up.’

Now we obviously don’t have in Perth, of any extinct volcanoes. We do have earthquakes, and that’s another phenomena which is directly link to the spirit world. In Guatemala, the big earthquake in the 70’s was a very very interesting earthquake because it was prophesied that it was going to come. It was prophesied on the day it would come, and it was prophesied on the exact timing – the time of the day that it would happen and that God was gonna shake that region. But if the Christians pray, they would be safe. And it was a very very strong prophetic word and it caused...everybody waited with anticipation. That day came, the hour came and it happened, levelled the entire virtual city of Guatemala. Not one Christian church was destroyed in the entire city. So what happened after that was that everyone, the unsaved in the city were saying, ‘This was the judgment of God.’ But something changed in the spirit realm over the city, something was broken and then God began to move in that city – there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was triggered by an earthquake.

I think sometimes WHAT WE SEE IN THE NATURAL REALM IS JUST A REFLECTION OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT. People have prayed in Guatemala for so long, prayed for God to move, there has been spiritual warfare. One day there was an earthquake, it almost like reflected in the natural what was happening in the spirit realm. And so these things are spiritually linked. We’re talking about GATEWAYS.

Rev. 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

So we have again coming up out. So we are talking about gates which can be natural. Natural gateways support a kind of bridge or a geographical entrance to a city.

**Gateways are also created in cities through sin, occults or rituals**

Or it can be spiritual gateways which are opened by sin and a cult or ritual.

**THESE ARE GATES THAT NEED TO BE LOCATED AND CLOSED.**

Freemantle gate on the Southern flank, New Norcia a gate on northern flank – New Norcia, northeastern Frank is a major major gateway. I don’t know if you’ve been to that town of New Norcia. It is an unusual place, I have spent time looking at that place, and gone over it. It was founded and there was no tan there, it was founded for religious purposes to start with. The location of it – when the Spanish came, when Spanish monks came they established New Norcia, they went to the aboriginals and consulted with the aboriginals, and the aboriginals consulted in their dream time as to where the site should be. It’s all a matter of record now. That’s very interesting and so they located on what they said was a spiritual site – point 1.

And so as you go it was New Norcia is a religious stronghold that basically exports religious spirits across our state. It’s an exporting centre now, all kinds of primarily religious spirits. When you go to New Norcia, and if your eyes are open in the spirit realm, what you will see, you will see
the natural town which is very small and is all religious buildings, that’s all there is there. If your eyes are open in the spirit, you’ll see superimposed over that, or intermingling with that - there is a spirit fortress, stronghold where the actual town is built in. In the realm of the spirit there has been something built, it is a mix of the aboriginals and other religious spirits. It is a stronghold on our Northeastern flank and it exports. New Norcia somehow has got to have to be shut down spiritually - and it has got to be done. It is a major problem. People don’t realize how major a problem that is. In fact over most of the buildings, particularly the church, I’ll be there, are very very large freemasonry science over the doorways of all the entrances – interesting place, a very very interesting place.

On the other flank, you’ve got Yanchep in Lansland. Lansland is bad news. Yanchep there is something radically wrong with Yanchep - it’s spiritually. So you’ve got those on that flank. The hills area there is another major problem in the hills - in the hills there is a spiritual gateway into Hades, which is just opened to a cult, ritual and practice, and out of that flows all kind of stuff into the city. Yanchep, I suspect is also a gateway to Hades, but I’m not too sure about that, but it has all the signs there. So what we are talking about is gateways created in the cities through evil practice, can be occult practice.

We have a problem too in high places in Perth – we’ve got Kings Park. Kings Park dominates the city and it is a witchcraft stronghold, it’s well-known as a witchcraft stronghold and that’s gonna have to be cleaned out by the church. It’s got to be dealt with because it overlooks the city and again you have very very strong witchcraft practices continually going up in there, in that area. The police are aware of it, but the problem is with the police is a lot of the high-ranking police are in on that level of occultism - so we have a problem right there and then. Few policemen two, three years back were killed in the Kings Park, remember, they were in their car and they were killed? They were going to investigate a witchcraft medium that was happening right in the center of Kings Park and they were killed on their way in. So we are dealing with a kind of real spiritual stronghold, that’s a definite high place. Then we’ve got the Hills High place on the other flank.

**Gateways are also created in cities through evil practices**

- CASINOS open gates. Casinos are very powerful gates.
- DRUG TRAFFICKING
- BROTHELS. etc.

The casinos here has a particular spirit over it which looks like a dragon, it’s a flying dragon - it’s very fast and it’s very powerful and it’s come in through the Asian influence in the casino, dominates the whole geographical area and that land in the area is controlled by that spirit.

**Legislation opens the gates**

Legislation obviously opens the gates, I mean, you legalize abortion, you open the gates to the spirit of murder into the city, as simple as that. Whenever you have abortion legalized, you have a very high incident of murder. It’s very very interesting because in the entrance to the Hills Area midland, the entrance in midland, you notice how oppressive midland is - there is something wrong in midland. You drive in and you’ll be brought to another world, it’s just different. Midland was established by Italians and Yugoslavs, primarily Yugoslavs but some Italians established it in the...
earlier days, and it was a very closed society, very very close society, very high. Because it was a very closed society, there was a very high incidents of intermarriage, incest was very very high in that community. There was another problem in the community also because when a child was either born deformed, and this was a high incident of that because of the closeness of the community and the inter marrying in the community – and the child was borne either deformed or mentally retarded or some other problems. The child was killed, and it's on record now. And so one of the problems you see in Midland is the high incident of murder, you noticed? Go back to history. Someone was recently stabbed in Midland, the driver was stabbed and I don’t think he died but there has been a high incident of murder.

And not only that, Midland has the largest abortion clinic in the whole of Western Australia. Now why are things the way they are? Why is there such a high incident of murder? Why is that happening, why is Midland like that? You’ve got to look below, what were the foundations of this place? Foundations were incest and murder. Now it’s the perfect setting, opens the gate to a spirit of murder which has its manifestations in the largest abortion clinic in the state. You look at that and say ‘Why?’ You look into the background and say, ‘We understand why.’ So, this is why Spiritual Mapping is so important. If we understand some of these things, you can do something about it. But if you are not targeting it accurately, nothing really changes. And so you have agate and it’s being opened through out of the past. And so we’re talking about legislation opening gates.

Legalize HOMOSEXUALITY and you open the city to a gate of debauchery. It’s actually a spirit of debauchery that opens the whole place up to all sexual kind of problems. That’s the way it happens and so WHAT YOU LEGALIZE OPENS GATES. That’s why what the government legalizes, this is very very important – it opens a legal gate for those spirits to flow in.

Major access points to the city, freeways, bridges, and so on, have gates

Sometimes there can be, I have noticed major access points to the city, freeways, and so on have gates, are points of gate. For instance I have noticed for about a couple of years driving in from down to Fitzgerald street, Alexander drive down to Fitzgerald St. and under the course, or under the bridge – the bridge that comes underneath at the back of the entertainment. I know it’s for a long time and every time I pass through that I felt a spirit sensation when I drove under that bridge I felt something went through me at all – and I thought, ‘I am imagining that.’ And every morning I drove through it and I thought ‘Right,’ and I look up on the bridge itself where the train goes across the top. On the bridge was a picture and it was a drawing of a witch, a cauldron on a broomstick and I thought that’s unusual and I look at it closely and it was advertising a restaurant – the witch’s cauldron and I thought, ‘That’s unusual,’ and I just have to look at that more closely. And it was advertising on a restaurant and yes, the witch, cauldron. I thought I’ll just have a look at that and prove a point.

And so I went down there one day and I walked up and down that whole area and praying against this and I took authority over that thing. Well I knew I wasn’t going to hold it, but I want to test that area and see what was happening because I suspected that every car and every person that goes through that bridge came under the influence of that particular spirit. I could feel it physically, felt it through me. And so I thought a lot of cars are coming through that gate that is just under that bridge. So I prayed and I spent about a little by praying over, praying over, praying over, praying over and within about a week that sign came down, very interesting. I’ve been up there for a long time. Now it’s back because we never maintained that. I was just trying to prove a point and it was
just on my own.

You know, **ENTRANCES INTO CITIES ARE OFTEN...SPIRITS ESTABLISHED THEM.** There is another one coming in from the Northern freeway into the city. There is a walkbridge across the point and right there there's another spirit which affects people driving into the freeway. If we don’t understand these things because they come in under the power of those things and under the influence – they come into the territory as they drive into the city. We’re talking about GATEWAYS, why are things you see the way they are?

**We have to possess the gates of the enemy**

 Isa.28:6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, And for strength to those who turn the battle to thes
gates. You see, the Syrians placed teraphims over the gates of the city to guard them. That was just an
outward sign of the spirit power that guarded those gates. In New Zealand often you see Mari tikis
over gateways – often they placed a mantle, just a visible awareness and invisible spirit that guards
those gates and that is important. They are just outward symbols of the reality of that in the spirit
realm. The Maori tiki is an outward visible projection of a curse.

**Summary**

So **GATEWAYS ARE CREATED IN HEAVEN, THE HEAVENLIES, THE SPIRIT REALM.** Through these gateways, angelic assistance flows, or demonic power flows. John 1:51; Deut 32:17

Now there are many many gates, we don’t have time to go into all kinds of different gates.

And we need to be kind of be discerning and once we put together a spiritual mapping team,
everybody is not called for spiritual mapping, we understand that. Some are called just for
intercession and other people are called for spiritual mapping. But once we sort this thing out and
one of the...in dealing with spiritual mapping, we need to look into the history and there are many
aspects of that. But one of the critical aspects of spiritual mapping is you’ve got to have the people
who have a ministry of discerning of spirits, not just an occasional flick of discerning of spirits. It’s
a ministry they flow in continually. And that way we have to accurately discern what is what. It’s
GATEWAYS.

**Gateways through injustice**

Remember the Bermuda Triangle that had major problems with the Bermuda Triangle and it
wasn’t just myth. They lost a lot of ships and aircraft in the Bermuda Triangle, definitely a very
spooky place. Movies have been made about it, and all other stuffs related to the Bermuda Triangle.
What is very interesting in that, phenomena is very very interesting because a minister in England
began to investigate this whole thing. Why was that phenomena there? What was taking place there?
Why had so many aircraft been lost in the Bermuda Triangle? Why had so many ships gone down
there? What is it about this place?

And as we began to do some mapping and then researching the area, we came up with some
interesting stuff. It came up that the British slave trade is going to Africa, they would raid the
villages, take slaves, insure them through Lloyd’s of London and other insurance companies. And
when they have insured them, they were worth more to them dead, and was selling them in America.
And so they sail off far enough out into the Zaragoza Sea and dumped them overboard. And on record now, it’s unbelievable how many thousands — I mean thousands were dumped overboard and just died in that Zaragoza Sea.

We don’t understand the phenomena associated with that, but this ministry took a group of guys out from England and they sailed into the Zaragoza Sea and they repented on behalf of their ancestors, laid that whole thing to rest and since that day there has never been another incident in the Bermuda Triangle. GATEWAYS THROUGH INJUSTICE — gateways through injustice, now you see that kind of situation. Why are things the way they are?

There is a major freeway in England, and on this freeway, dead straight road — freeway Canonlong and on this freeway the number of accidents and people that have been killed was phenomenal just in this little stretch. I mean the freeway was straight, running through Britain, they get to this point and people are killed all the time. The records were unbelievable. The same ministry goes to have a look at the situation. Why, why is this happening? Why is it taking place? Why this people get killed in this point in the road? What is behind this? They looked into it and they found that during the plague in England, people were dying so fast and they were just dumping their bodies into a mass burial ground right at that spot where the motorway had gone over. The problem is that these people were not buried properly in a sense, but also there were people who were not dead, they were still dying, they dumped them in and buried them anyway because they were going to die, and the plague was so bad. They went into that place and they repented on behalf of their ancestors on what had happened, laid the whole place to rest and not another accident. Police records show no more accidents on that stretch of the motorway.

What had happened is that people would drive in that freeway, but somebody ran out of the road, somebody came down and we swerved to miss them, over and over and over again. Now I don’t want to even attempt to explain that for now to you, and I don’t want to get a whole point on that, I’m not going to. But you see they called so many accidents, so many accident occur and it’s an interesting kind of thing. And so why are things the way they are?

**Jesus said the gates of hell are going to be an enemy of the church, but they will not prevail**

Jesus said the gates of hell are going to be an enemy of the church, but they will not prevail. We’re going to press the battle to the gates. You watch the New Age Movement, they understand this. They tend to congregate their festivals around these gates. Where was the last New Age festival? Down at the port, Freemantle, and another one was in North Bridge. North Bridge is another major gateway. You watch them, the International New Age Festival, they go to places like Stone Hinge — major gateways, spirit gateways, you see in England, Stone Hinge. You just watch where they congregate, you’ll find where the gates are. Very interesting, they say that they are drawn to it by their spirits.

**Spiritually Map the Area**

WE HAVE TO POSSESS THE GATES OF THE ENEMY, and to do this we have to accurately, spiritually map these areas. Gates are very very important. We got to ask the question ‘Why are things the way they are?’
Lesson 9 - Why are Things the Way they are?

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You enter into a city or a town and you sense an intangible unease or oppression. In many cases, what you are encountering is a prevailing atmosphere of another kingdom. You drive into Midland, there is a prevailing atmosphere of another kingdom there and it’s strong enough to sense, YOU CROSSED A SPIRITUAL BOUNDARY.

Other situations are more obvious. There are certain areas in the world today where spiritual darkness is more pronounced. The question is WHY? Why in some suburbs in Perth more, why is Greenwood a major problem? Because there are over 30 witchcraft centers in that whole area – Greenwood alone? Why do they have that atmosphere? Why is spiritual darkness more pronounced in some areas than others? THERE ARE GATES THERE. Situations have developed.

Why has Mesopotamia put such long string of tyrannical leaders right through the centuries? Why is the nation of Haiti so demonized? BUILT ON SLAVE, THE SLAVE TRADE, their life was so hard in Haiti. I mean the slaves’ life there is so hard they called on spiritual power to alleviate their suffering, become one of the most demonized countries in the world. Why are things the way they are? Why do the Andean nation of South America have the highest homicide ratings in the world? Because of the ancestors, the Inca ancestors, were into a very very strong human sacrifice. Why is there so much over demonic activity in and around the Himalayan Mountains? Why? Why do these things happen? Why are these things so?

There’s got to be reasons, these got be spiritual reasons for why things are the way they are. We have to discern these. If we are living in the last days and we are, we’ve got to begin discern this.

JAPAN...

Why is Japan such a hard nut to crack with the gospel? I have preached in Japan and I have taken ministers seminars in Japan and it’s one of the hardest countries. It is so hard it’s just like you operate against such a concrete wall. You preach there and it’s just like your words just go dunk; you just hit something and drop to the floor. Japan is very very interesting.

One of the major reasons for this is Dai Joisey Ceremony which when they install a new emperor it goes to a particular ritual. This emperor will go to a particular ritual. They installed a new emperor in 1990 Aki Hitto and he was initiated into a particular ceremony for the nation. It’s very very interesting because the ceremony is purely witchcraft from beginning to end. It’s a ceremony which starts from eating ceremonial rice - the rice is actually chosen through witchcraft. Secondly he keeps a rendezvous with the fallen angel over the nation, the goddess of the sun – you know, it’s the land of the rising sun. It’s on their flag, it depicts the fallen angel over that nation – the goddess of the sun,
the sun goddess. Its name is Amaterasu Omikari, is a fallen angel over that nation. The emperor has to keep a rendezvous with that angel, and on a special ceremony on a special day, a bed is prepared through witchcraft again where this emperor before he is initiated, he has an encounter with this angel through sexual intercourse with the sun goddess. It’s very open, the whole of Japanese culture is aware of this and this has gone on for centuries and this happen in the 1990. Gates are in the sexual intercourse with this fallen angel, the sun goddess. Through this they become one flesh and the emperor then is regarded as a god. All Japanese emperors are regarded as a god because of the union between the fallen angel, sun goddess over that nation.

Now the effect of this, the emperor performs this occultist ritual on behalf of the entire nation. It’s not on his behalf, it’s on behalf of the entire nation and in doing this, it is inviting the demonization of the entire nation and it brings the entire nation and the people under that nation into demonization. Missionaries working in there are up against this, they are up against, the whole nation is being demonized by this ceremony. And there was a feeling that we are living in the 20th century now and he wouldn’t go through with this, the new emperor but he did. In 1990 he went through the ceremony.

Until that ruling spirit, the sun goddess is bound, the gospel will have a very little effect in Japan. That is why it is so hard. Why are things the way they are? Why? You see, the land of the rising sun, the goddess of the sun and the strong man has not been bound and Japan is known as a “missionaries graveyard.” I have known missionaries come back from Japan having a total nervous breakdown. They went in perfectly normal people, came out total nervous wrecks, nervous breakdowns, came out. And I tell you, I’ve spent much time in Japan. Yonggi Cho is now trying to penetrate into Japan and he has got 5,000 intercessors at any one time praying for Japan. Now they might just have a breakthrough, but that spirit needs to be dealt with.

Why are things the way they are?

We’ve got to understand that territorial demonic strongholds exist. We know that. But the question is where did they come from? How come they exist like that? How were they established?

RUSSIA...

Russia something has happened over Russia. Something is being broken over Russia, it’s temporary, believe me, it’s temporary. But something has happened, you see, over the Russian Empire. We’ve seen over 70-80 million people come to the Lord. Something is broken; it reached the iniquity in that communist state, reached the iniquity and God came in with intercessors and spiritual warfare and dealt with that.

I had a dream just after the yank could have fell and the gospel came in there. I had a dream that the region was split up into 6 regions and 6 spirits taking over, 6 particular spirits. That hasn’t happened yet or it’s in the process of happening. But it could be that region or it might be eventually
the empire will be broken up into six regions, six major spirits and these spirits were ascending out of the earth and these spirits were taking over various areas there.

This is a very real realm and it’s a very real thing. How is this maintained, how this spiritual wickedness in these places? How can territorial spirits maintain their positions, maintain their hold on the geographical area for hundreds of years? How does that happen? How can they hold on to that state? How did it happen in the first place?

Well there are lots of questions that we don’t have answers but we have some clues.

The Tower Of Babel is the Cult Center

When human race were scattered out from Babel, the very spiritual thing that was happening there in the tower of Babel is a cult center and it was a very powerful spiritual thing. God compounded their language and God scattered them out across the face of the earth. And they began the migration of peoples across the earth. When these people faced huge obstacles or they went through trauma, they made pacts with the spirit world for help. It may have been for protection, or the ability to transcend huge mountain ranges such as the Himalayas. Whatever the present need was, these people made pacts with the spiritual world seeking the help of demonic powers.

So in other words, so they laid out welcome mats to those spirits into those areas, gave them the authority and dominion in those areas. They came spiritually bound by those, and Tibet is so spiritually bound, it’s unbelievable. Why is that? Why Tibet? Why the Himalayas? We will find that way back in the history, people made pacts with the spirits to get through those areas.

TRAUMAS …

Trauma, kinds of trauma, people made pacts with the spirit realm for help. And because many of the oldest pacts made between peoples and demonic spirits were transacted in Asia, Asia now hosts the planet’s greatest population and dominates the 10-40 window.

HOW ARE THESE TERRITORIAL STRONGHOLDS MAINTAINED?

The question is to some degree how these spirits hold geographically? How did they maintain their hold? How did these territorial spirits maintain their tenancy rights across the centuries?

Through Religious Festivals, Ceremonial Pilgrimages …

During religious festivals and ceremonial pilgrimages, GREAT SPIRITUAL POWER IS RELEASED. Now these festivals and ceremonies and so on are taking place somewhere in the world every week of the year. Now they are not denying country cultural events. The significance of these ceremonies and these festivals, now the new age movement is into festivals. Why are they doing that? If you will go to India, look at the festivals. Right there in Singapore, look at their festivals. Right across the world, look at their festivals.

Now why are they doing that? The object of a festival is to introduce the current generation to the ancient practices that happened thousands of years back. They are opportunities for current
generations to re-affirm the choices and the practices made by their forefathers. That's what festivals are all about. THEY ARE LAYING OUT THE WELCOME MATS ALL OVER AGAIN FOR THAT NEXT GENERATION. It is very important that we understand this. There are myriads of festivals and ceremonies going on all the time that fuels the power of these ancient demonic strongholds. Some of them like the Islamic Hajjis, very well-known one, but there are hundreds of them.

HALLOWEEN ...

One of the most common ones in our culture is Halloween - that is a festival. The whole objective of festivals is to introduce the current generation into something. Now you notice that Halloween will target the young people and children to introduce them - and the whole objective of any ceremony or any festival like that is to introduce that generation into whatever that festival is about. So what happens is whether it's unknowingly or not, whether it's through our schools systems or not, children get involved in Halloween. And in that festival of Halloween, IT OPENS A GATEWAY, IT INTRODUCES THEM TO THE WORLD OF WITCHCRAFT. And somewhere down the line because that child is being exposed to that, inroads will be made into that child’s life. They lay out the welcome mats for that occult practice into this generation. It might have been established hundreds of years ago but this festival goes on today. And it's not just some simple benign kind of fun thing. It opens them, it opens those children.

One of the things that has to be radically dealt with by the church is Halloween because it initiates this generation of young people, they’re just children. We need to be aware of that, it has to be stopped and if they won't allow religion in the school, we've got to come before the government and say Halloween is a religion and it’s a form of a religion and it has to be stopped. We fight them on their own ground one way or another. This kind of thing needs to be stopped.

Hundreds and thousands of children are born into demonic systems around the world. They grow up hearing about this lie, often during puberty rights and initiations and they are introduced into the power of these demons, and they call these traditions. So it’s their tradition but what is actually happening is they introduce the next generation into it, through puberty rights or whatever. These welcome mats were laid out, from the time of Babylon as the population spreads across the earth; THEY ARE MAINTAINED THROUGH RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS. And these religious festivals reaffirm them from century to century; from generation to generation right through the time. Religious festivals are powerful means of continuing on the hold of the territorial spirits – they call it traditions, but by these traditions territorial dynasties are sustained.

Intercession and spiritual warfare assisted by accurate spiritual mapping make the difference breaking through that covering veil

Intercession and spiritual warfare, assisted by accurate Spiritual Mapping is able to make the difference. Breaking through the covering veil and dispelling the ruling demonic spirits, opening the area to the light of the gospel, cutting through the blindness and deception, thus giving those people an opportunity to be saved.

So we are dealing with a whole broad area. There are all kinds of festivals that are going, we don’t have time to deal with them all now. There are all kinds of different customs, even in our own western world which are directly linked into the demonic.
And a lot of NURSERY RHYMES are directly linked into religious festivals which are demonic. The whole idea is to reach the children to make sure that they are initiated into for this generation. So it is perpetuated from generation to generation to generation – understanding this is important.

We know spiritual darkness does linger in spiritual places and the question is why is it there? How is it maintained from generation to generation and how do we get rid of it? It's gonna be taken out, we've gotta to get rid of that, we've got to possess the land.

And places like Midland, we are going to take maybe a few hundred people into Midland one day and deal with that problem. And some of the original inhabitants are related back to those early days have got to be with us and confess the sins of the forefathers and deal with the spirit of murder in that place. That clinic will never be shut down until this is dealt with. It will continue on and it will continue on and that spirit of murder that is released in Midland will just perpetuate from generation to generation unless the church does something about it. And we're going to the point and say, 'Hey enough is enough.' And for a long time we haven't seen behind the scenes of these things, we haven't seen why things are that way.

Why the things the way they are in this suburb in which you live, why are things that way? There are reasons for it - either traumas in the background. There are reasons the way it is. This is the whole objective of spiritual mapping and spiritual warfare - to accurately target this things, understand them, and with knowledge and understanding taking our spiritual weapons and dealing with them.

If the church will go into Midland, that whole place will change. And it's very hard for the churches in Midland, they really struggle, but it would change, it would change. You'll find that it will have ramifications in the churches too because you'll find that the churches in Midland will have a major problem with spiritual abortion, assassinating each other in the churches. If it's not dealt with, it will continue on. We can go on all night, there so many gateways, so many places around Perth. I just want to get on top of this so that you have some understanding.

Are there any questions because I don’t want you to misunderstand me.

Question: Yes, AIRPORTS is a part of it, when I say ports, ports is a part of it. It appears that SEAPORTS are worst than airports and though most stuffs are transported through airports and people come in most all the time with various spirits. But airports are another, definitely another gateway. But seaports are a greater gateway.

Question: CHRISTMAS goes in two roots, two sources - it can go through like St. Nicholas was a good man - he fed the poor, he brought gifts to the poor, and in history we know that's fine. Santa Claus is another thing. St. Nicholas goes down in history as being a good man and a godly man, right? However that whole thing became a perversion, it came into, they kind of Santa Claus, that whole concept of Santa Claus is a demonic, a demonic concept. However, should we still be celebrating Christmas? There is nothing wrong with celebrating the birth of Jesus, let's get it straight. Santa Claus is another ballgame, but celebrating the birth of Jesus.
Now however, it was about in 400 to 500 A.D that the church in particular the Canon and the church began to change some of the things. The early church kept the feast, kept the Passover, they kept Pentecost, they kept the feast of the Tabernacles. These are the feasts that the early church kept them, they kept them right up to the 34th century. And through an edict in the church, they abolished that and brought in another festival such as Christmas and Easter. I mean the Pagan connotations of Easter are frightening, however there is nothing wrong at Easter - remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, you get my drift? But it depends on how it’s linked into Easter and Easter bunnies. It’s definitely a pagan background which is perpetuated on.

But really the church and I’m sure that it will come slowly but surely, instead of the church celebrating some of these things will begin to celebrate more the feasts. You know that it’s the day of atonement right now, right after the warfare meeting next week, right on that is the Feast of the Tabernacles. And it wasn’t planned that way, but it’s interesting. But definitely that is the case.

There is a lot of religious stuff that has come through the spirit of Jezebel down to the church to a whole. You can’t protect someone who is perpetuating that because it has legal rights. But you can pray that day will come to an understanding of the situation. It is amazing how many churches celebrate Halloween, I can’t believe it. Churches, Sunday School, Halloween week, we all have it in Sunday School, children. And it is a celebration of a witchcraft initiating the children into witchcraft, talking about blindness on the eyes.

There is so much, we can’t even touch tonight cause it is such a big subject, but if you get the basic understanding of what spiritual warfare is about and what spiritual mapping is about and why we need to do it. And eventually we will get the churches in Perth, generals together on spiritual warfare, meetings on a regular basis and it will be the whole church involved in it. Take your time to work up into that, but it will come. The city has got to be taken, every street has to be marched down and we need to deal with it.

The homosexsuals Mardi Gras, particularly the one across here is powerful as the one in Sydney. But it is a religious festival that propagates. What it does is you look at it on TV, anything, oh well the attitude of the public is alright, it’s okay. Once a person looks at that and says, ‘It’s okay,’ they’re into the debauchery. They have now laid out a welcome mat in their own life to the spirit of debauchery - as simple as that. And so a governor of the states stands up and says ‘It’s okay to be on TV.’ What he has done is open his state to the spirit of debauchery. It’s exactly what happens and through that festival it opens up this whole thing. These are not innocent things and they really are not innocent things at all - it’s gonna be exciting.

It’s very interesting because of things like this in India, because I spend some time in India. The HARI KRISHNAS in India, why do they get involved in something like that? You know it’s weird. They get involved in real spiritual power and I know for a fact in the main center, in the Hari Krishna center in here on certain festival days which they have, they come back into their headquarters and they have all these images and they get into dance, and the actual images, the idols begin to dance with them. And they say ‘You can’t tell us this is not spiritual, but this is supernatural.’ You can’t tell them that it’s not real - it is real. But what triggers it is the festival that goes before and the children see these and say ‘Yeah this is real,’ and they are totally initiated into it. And it only happens on their festival day, but the children see it and it’s in acceptance and so they initiated another generation. And so it’s perpetuated from a generation to another generation. Hallelujah!
We better clear the atmosphere. I suggest that you switch your mind out of this tonight before you go to bed and you just concentrate on good things. If you want to go home, play nice music. It doesn’t have to be a Christian music, it could be secular music as long as it’s okay. Just relax, watch a bit of television, relax and just blow this whole thing. Just do something natural because we’re concentrating on this, you will get you an audience. Just low it, go home and watch a television for a while and just shake it off. You can get spiritual tomorrow, and that will be alright. Just play some music, get out of it and just drop the whole thing.

“Father we thank You for truth, we thank you for Your truth which sets us free. We thank you O Lord that in this day and age, You’re opening to us understanding like never before because you are interested in the harvest. You are interested in reaching this generation and Lord we don’t major on these things. They are an aspect that we cannot ignore and Lord this is a time of learning, it is a time of understanding these things and we need to bring it into balance with everything else but it’s an important thing and I pray Lord, I pray Lord and we thank you Lord for your protection tonight. I just speak a release into the realm of the spirit for the angels of the Lord to guard every person. I just pray Lord that you would just lower the intensity of the hour tonight. Let it be lowered in the spirit realm, the spirit of awareness and the spirit of focus that we’ve had tonight be lowered now - let it be lowered in Jesus name I pray. You said Lord that you give your beloved sleep - a good sleep and I pray that everyone would get a good sleep tonight in the name of Jesus. Let the angels of the Lord be released in every heart, and let them wake up refreshed and blessed in the morning.

Father we just thank you in the mighty name of Jesus we thank you Lord let it be released through them, let them be refreshed in Jesus Name! We thank you because you are Lord, You are our Lord and we are in Your Kingdom. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord. Glory to God.”

It’s important to just kind of lower everything and just understand that you are in the Kingdom of God and you are safe. Don’t get spooked by this tonight.
Dealing with the sins of the forefathers is a part of our spiritual warfare. It’s part of God’s strategy in taking a city or a nation or situation or even in our individual lives. And just to give you a few scriptures:

Neh. 1:6, where they talked about “which we have sinned,“

“Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: [He identified themselves with the sins of the nation] both I and my father’s house have sinned.”

Again in Daniel 9 we’re familiar with that, “We have sinned, and have committed iniquity...” We know that Daniel was about 17 when that captivity came, and they were taken captive into Babylon. So he wasn’t really involved in the sins of the nation, but he identifies later with the sins of the nation, “We have sinned.” And because of that in verse 11 it says, “therefore curse is poured upon us, we have sinned” and “my sin and the sin of my people,“ in verse 20.

Part of God’s strategy to take a nation is in dealing with national sin and the sins of the forefather

And so, if you notice the context of all these passages of scriptures, the context of them is in to deal with RESTORATION and REVIVAL. If God is going to restore the church, if God is going to restore the nation, He is going to bring revival. The context of all of these is in restoration, bringing revival back to the nation of Israel. And you will find over and over again in all the restoration books, it deals with this, the SINS OF THE FOREFATHERS, the problems that the forefathers have set up for succeeding generations which cannot be overlooked but which have to be dealt with. Corporate sins and the sins of the forefathers have to be dealt with in order to clear the way for God to move.

And so we’re saying that part of God’s strategy to take a nation is in dealing with national sin and the sins of the forefather, and if that’s not dealt with properly. In the state of Western Australia there are national sins which have to be dealt that go back many generations now. But nevertheless God does not overlook those things. Righteousness is righteousness, justice is justice and God does not overlook justice or righteousness.

And so part of our the spiritual mapping is to look at the background of what happened, what our forefathers did in the early days which might block what God wants to do in our present days because it has never been dealt with or resolved or repented of or brought to the light. These are important areas in spiritual mapping. We need to understand that the sins of the forefathers have a direct bearing on what is happening today. Now that is so in a nation, but it is also so in your individual lives and your family. It’s important to recognize that. But as I have said, we will not deal with that in detail today because Cindy is going to deal with that.
Lesson 11 - Dealing with Curses

What I want to look at today is dealing with curses, the importance of understanding it. The fact that curses are a reality is well-established in so called Third-World countries. However, western nations quite often have a problem with that. The thought of curses as being real is looked upon with suspicion, skepticism and sometimes down-right unbelief even among Pentecostal churches today. There is the kind of thought which we’re always battling against – that is, when you are born again everything is dealt with. Well, everything is not dealt with. Would it be wonderful if it was? It’s a fantastic theory, for it is not true.

Those who worked on the front line of evangelism and counseling begin to realize that curses are the cause of many problems that people face today and particularly in ministering to the sick as well.

In ministering to the sick

We find often that in ministering to the sick and oppressed that a curse is behind the reason for their affliction, and sometimes this is over the entire family lines. If you don’t deal with the root cause, you really don’t deal with the problem, healing and deliverance is not effected. And so we’re going to look at this from scriptures, curses and blessings.

CURSES AND BLESSINGS

Curses and blessings are the results of words which had been spoken or action which had been taken. It can be the result of injustice by words spoken or certain actions taken by us or our forefathers. Now what we need to understand that GOD PRONOUNCES BLESSINGS and GOD PRONOUNCES CURSES. So we need to be aware of that.

(1) BLESSINGS BY GOD

Gen. 22:16, 17 & 18,

16And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
17That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
18And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

We know the story; the background of this was God told Abraham to offer Isaac. He was willing to do that and God responded to that, and said; “Now Isaac with blessings I will bless you.”

God always rewards sacrifice

What we have to understand that God always rewards sacrifice. There is always a reward for
sacrifice. We need to understand that. If you give up something for God, He will reward you. Sacrifice always has a tag on the end which is rewarding, in blessing. You give up, you sacrifice something, in giving and sacrifice, God always rewards you. If you fast to seek God, God will always reward you.

You know the Bible tells us that “He is a rewarder of those who DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.” He is a rewarder. He is in the rewarding business. I have never ever fasted anytime without God did not reward me for it. It might have taken 6 months later or sometimes 12 months later, but any form of sacrifice you make, God will reward you with blessing.

This blessing was to go on for many generations

This is what He did with Abraham. He said “Because you’ve done this, because you were willing to do this, he’s already done it in his heart, because you were willing for this,” now He said, “Abraham I’m gonna bless you.” And He goes to the list of blessings and to go on, it says, from many generations that it was not just for him, but for his seeds that will follow him. Is it not incredible when you think you can do things that would bless your children and your children’s children? It’s an incredible thing. Acts of righteousness and sacrifice, God can account not just to you but to your children and children’s children, talk about a Godly inheritance. It’s a really wonderful thing, it went on for many generations on their seed. And so GOD BLESSES PEOPLE AND HE IS A REWARDER.

(2) BLESSINGS BY MAN

Man, we can bless people and it stays with that family, with that person. It’s important to understand this too.

In Gen. 27, this is the story about Isaac blessing Jacob. But remember the story? It should have gone to Esau, but Jacob tricked Isaac, because Isaac couldn’t see too well and he tricked him and in Gen. 27:27 it says,

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27\text{And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: 28Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: 29Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother’s sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.}
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Even though Isaac had blessed the wrong person, he couldn’t reverse it. It couldn’t be changed, it stood

This is an interesting passage of scripture. Note, even though Isaac had blessed the wrong person, we need to understand, he couldn’t reverse it. It couldn’t be changed. It stood. When he blessed him, it stood. And in verse 37,

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37\text{And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?}
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IT COULDN’T BE CHANGED. When you do something under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it remains. He blessed the wrong son. And that blessing couldn’t be reversed back. It’s very
interesting because in verse 37 to 40, he is dealing with Esau now, he is trying to bless Esau. And in verse 38 it says,

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above. 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. 41 And Esau hated Jacob.

Now, it is very interesting, this kind of a situation, because out of Esau primarily came the Arab Nations, and Islam which is a prime religion of the Arab Nations is known as the religion of the sword. Islam is known as a religion of the sword. It is said “and by the sword you will live.” And right from that day to the present day, Islamic nations they live by the sword. They live the same way. And it says, “And it shall come to pass thou shall have the dominion, thou shall break his yoke from off your neck.” The only time the Arab Nations has changed is when they found oil. The Arab oil changed the destiny of Arab nations and that yoke was broken off.

It’s a very kind of interesting situation that they live in the desert. And it says “that he would live in a desert that joining shall be in the fatness of the earth and of dew of heaven and it says in the desert and by the sword thou shall live. You will serve your brother for a number, certain period of years.” Now this came true for those Arab Nations which he was the head or father of.

So we have to be careful of what we say.

So WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF WHAT WE SAY, who you bless and what you bless with and don’t get it wrong, particularly when you are dealing with your children, you have to get it right because as the head of the household, when you begin to pray for your children, it can stand. So you need to be in God. Isaac was praying for his children and he got it wrong. Now in God, it might have been God’s intention in the long run, but nevertheless the principle remains, that AS HE SPOKE SO IT WILL REMAIN.

I had to deal with a pastor’s wife a number of years ago. She is a spirit-filled pastor’s wife and they had a number of children and she got pregnant again and she was so angry. And when she knew that she was pregnant, she just said in anguish, “I hope it’s deformed,” just in anger, a fit of anger. People say things when they’re angry, you know, you get angry enough, you all can say anything. When that child was born, it was born deformed and died a few weeks later. And I had to deal with that kind of situation BECAUSE SHE WAS A SPIRIT-FILLED PERSON, HER WORDS WERE POWERFUL.

That’s why the Bible says, “Let your yes be yes and your no be no.” You have to be very careful with the words that you speak. And I have dealt with many situations like that because of words that have been spoken. It should have been renounced and repented of immediately and it would have broken that, but it wasn’t, it was left. In counseling later, I had to sit her down and go through what had happened in her life. And as I began to pray, God spoke to me and said ‘This is a curse.’ I said, ‘But Lord, who would curse? How come, they’re pasturing a church? How come can this be?’ And God said, ‘OUT OF HER OWN MOUTH THE CURSE HAS COME.’ And so I had to sit down and carefully went
through with her what she said over the last nine months. And it came to that point where she remembered, the Holy Spirit brought her back.

**Rhema words are spirit-based words, very powerful**

Now we have to be really careful. You know, THE RHEMA WORDS THAT CAN BE IN THE NEGATIVE OR IN THE SPIRIT, POSITIVE. Rhema words are spirit-based words and when you get angry, you’re in the realm of spirit-based words. It comes from another source. The anger opens a channel for another source. And so it can be a rhema negative word. And that’s why the Bible says, we will give account for every word spoken, and the word ‘word’ is rhema. For every negative rhema word, a spirit-based word in other words, spirit-quicken word, we will give an account for.

**Witchcraft praying**

AND SO BLESSINGS, CURSES COME FROM MAN. People say “cross my heart, hope to die.” You really be careful with that. It’s alright until you become spirit-filled. Once you become spirit-filled, you enter into another dimension. And once you start saying things like that, it begins to have an effect. So you have to be very careful with your words. That’s why there is a major problem in the body of Christ today with witchcraft prayer among spirit-filled believers. Controlling prayer, praying over peoples’ lives over your will instead of asking God to do His will, that is basic witchcraft, and because a person is spirit-filled, it is very powerful. It’s really important to understand that kind of praying is a definite No No. You do not pray what you want over another person’s life.

A number of years ago, back in the 70’s, I had a real problem that each Sunday I will get a real migraine headache. I think God, ‘What’s going on?’ And I had to preach through the day on that. One Sunday morning I asked the Lord before I got to church, I was praying and said, ‘What is this migraine thing is? Where is this coming from?’ And as I prayed, my eyes were opened and I saw this woman I recognized in my church kneeling and praying, just was open up to me. And then it was like I was standing right next to her listening to her prayer, and she was praying for me. On those days in the 70’s I had a longer hair down to my shoulder, and this lady was praying, “Lord cause him to get his hair cut,” and every Sunday she prayed this. And after that Sunday morning service, it never happened again, no more problems with headache from that day. What she was praying is witchcraft over me, it’s a controlling prayer. That’s a curse, releasing witchcraft power. SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVERS, THEIR WORDS ARE VERY POWERFUL, so you have to be very careful.

**Get into the habit of blessing people**

Isaac blessed Jacob instead of Esau, and he could not reverse it. It was set into the realm of the spirit. Curses and blessings pass on down thru the generations, it comes through our mouth. We are told to bless. We need to get into the habit of blessing people. You need to get into the habit of blessing your children every day, just bless them. It’s powerful. Get into the habit of blessing people, be positive with people. Be encouraging and bless people.

(3) **CURSES BY GOD**

Again, in Gen. 12 dealing with Abraham in verse 2,
And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, [Woohhh, that’s a powerful thing!] and curse him that curseth thee [God said he would curse him that curseth thee]: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

And its again repeated in Gen. 27:29, “...Cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.” So GOD PRONOUNCES CURSES.

Seven-Fold Promise

There is a seven-fold promise in the scripture which we just read for Abraham, but also for the spiritual sons of Abraham.

1. I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NATION
2. I WILL BLESS YOU
3. I WILL MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT
4. YOU WILL BE A BLESSING
5. I WILL BLESS THOSE THAT BLESS YOU
6. I WILL CURSE HIM THAT CURSES YOU AND
7. IN YOU ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.

Note, I will bless those, plural, who will bless you and I will curse him, singular, that curses you. Now, the Hebrew reads, ‘The one that reviles you, I will curse.’ That’s what literal Hebrew, ‘the one that reviles you, I will curse him,’ and that’s from God’s mouth. So, it’s frightening when you realize that those who revile the descendants of Abraham, God is going to curse. That’s a two-fold thing, the descendants of Abraham as literally the nation of Israel and secondly spiritually, the sons, spiritual sons.

ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF CURSES TODAY IS ANTI-SEMITISM

I have learned, believe me, in 25 years of breaking curses over people, one of the major causes of curses today is the anti-Semitism, speaking against the Jewish Nation. There’s a lot of it in the church today. This is a controversial subject because there are two schools of thought here, that God has finished with the nation of Israel and all the promises has been transferred to the church. That is not so, that is not so. There is a lot of anti-Semitism in the church today. There are historical reasons for that, one is the theology handed down from about the 4th century on by some of the theologians, were very very frightening against the Jewish people and they were horrific in fact and not the least of them was Martin Luther. And the Nazi’s, in their campaign against the Jews really did not need much more ammunition than Luther provided for them. He was very anti-Semitic. Some of his statements against the Jewish nation were quite horrific. So there was a particular theology that came down.

(QUESTION AND ANSWER)
You have to be very careful because one of the same promises was to Esau, for Arab Nations. God has a purpose for those nations and they came from the same genetic line, not just to Abraham but to the seed, all the way down.

It’s worthy of note that during the Yon Kippur war, the world council of churches greatly funded the Arabs. During the Yon Kippur war the world council of churches sent large amount of money to the Arabs for the war effort and none to Israel. You see, there’s the anti-Semitic thing coming through. Also the Red Cross refused to treat Israeli soldiers but treated the Arabs; it’s the Yon Kippur war. It’s well-documented historic fact.

Now, I just want to run through these with you:

**BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS ...**

At least four British Prime Ministers since 1939 turned against Israel and disappeared from office within weeks, some within days, some within hours. You see God said I will curse those who will speak against you.

**Churchill,** in 1945 he said, “I want nothing more to do with Israel.” Two weeks later he was out of office.

**Chamberlain,** brought out a white paper against Israel. Within weeks he was mortally ill.

**Alex Douglas Hume:** Turned against Israel, and became seriously ill which eventually caused him to leave office.

**Edward Heath,** during the Yon Kippur war, the British Government turned against Israel. During the Yon Kippur war, Edward Heath’s Government cut off Israeli ammunition and spare parts, even though they were paid for and loaded on Israeli ships on the London docks. He refused to let them sail for Israel. He also refused to let American planes which were carrying supplies for Israel land and refuel in Britain. It’s only the fact that the Isouris open up their Islands to allow the Americans to refuel that they finally started bringing spares and ammunition. That action nearly cost Israel the war. One day later after that decision, he was out of office. So be very very careful in dealing with Israel.

**Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark** made an election promise that he would move the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. That got him the Jewish vote and got him into office. Eight months later he broke his promise and one week after that he was out of office.

I’m just giving you a few. God said ‘I will curse them who do that to Israel.’ And so we have to be very very careful. We need to repent of any personal anti-Semitic attitudes. We also need to repent of the same attitudes that may have been prevalent in our family line. If your parents or grandparents are anti-Semitic, you got a curse over your family. It’s simple as that. And many many times in dealing with people and problems in their lives, it comes back to this. It comes back to an attitude. And God said very clearly, He said, ‘I will curse those who revile you.’ And if God said, He will do it. And when God says you do something, you better watch out, ‘curse him that curseth thee.’
The same applies to the descendants of Esau. You have to be very careful what you say about the Arab nations because the same thing is extended to them as well. God has preserved those two nations for a purpose in the end times.

I have come across so many problems in families, so many many problems. If you have German ancestry that goes back to the Second World War, you need to check it out. Was any in your family line that persecuted Israel and the Israeli people? In the New Testament, Jesus said, and He was talking about the Jewish Nations and He said, “If you do it unto the least of these my brethren the Jewish people, you do it unto me.” He was talking about the Jewish Nations. He was talking also about whole nations that would be allowed into the Millennium reign of Christ. And the whole thing was predicated upon their treatment of Israel. That’s why the Bible tells us that Egypt will be allowed into the Millennium because their attitude in the end days towards Israel was right, very frightening thing. And so it comes right down from the national thing to the personal thing to a family thing, all the way through, your attitude, and you have to be very careful because we’re going to see sweep around the world anti-Semitism like never before. We’re going to see it sweep the world. And Israel is going to get blamed for some things that had happened and is going to rise all over the world.

And I want to tell you, the churches who do not stand on their defense will go down into obscurity because there’ll be a curse over those churches. That’s very important. ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS FOR CURSES IS WRONG ATTITUDE TO ISRAEL.

(Question and Answer)

...It doesn’t matter whether they are Jewish and German. What matters is their attitude to the Jews or the Arab nations. The promise is to both.

...When God says something, you take note.

...You’ve got to be careful, because if a nation forms a policy or whatever turns against Israel, it brings a curse on that nation. You need to pray for our leaders that their attitude to Israel is right. Ever since the Yon Kippur war and Britain’s attitude in that point, they went down the tubes from that point on economically, socially. Britain went down, the chaos was terrible, moral decline was enormous, just because of their attitude during the Yon Kippur war. The tables of Britain just tipped, and it’s just now beginning to surface because a lot of the British ministers have begun to deal with this problem, their government background to deal with Israel.

...When the Jews were in the said persecution from the Nazis, a piece of land was allocated in the North of the state and it was declared as the Promised Land. Theirs ships were ready to bring Jewish refugees out and relocate them there. But Canberra cut across it and stopped it. And it’s quite an interesting story, the West Australian Government agreed to it, but Canberra knocked it out, so it never happened. Instead of coming to Western Australia, they went to the gas chambers. And because of that, Western Australia has a special blessing upon it because of that. I believe Perth and Western Australia is a city of refuge simply because of that, they were willing to give refuge to the Jewish people. Even though it was knocked out by Canberra, God still holds it because it was in their heart. And I believe that because of that in these last days, in the end times, Perth and Western Australia will be a city or place of refuge. Very interesting, when God says ‘You do this and I will bless you,’ He means it.
...You need to check on that. If it is in your family, it has to be dealt with. Sometimes you don’t know, sometimes you can go back and ask your parents if they are still alive. Ask them what their attitude to Israel was and what your grandparents was. If not, you’ve got to get it in the spirit. You got to know it by God.

...If husband and wife are spirit-filled believers, God cannot let you get away with the way you speak. When it’s negative, it will produce. You are created beings and the way that God created things was thru His spoken words. Now you are spirit-filled people in the image of God, when you speak it has the same power.

GENERAL CURSES

Deut. 27:15-26 deals with the list of whole curses.

Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour’s landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his father’s wife; because he uncovereth his father’s skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

There’s a list of curses here:

1. V. 15 is OCCULT INVOLVEMENT. There is a curse in occult involvement. You can get the people free from the spirit but you have to break the curse.

2. V. 16 There is a curse for DISHONOURING PARENTS, Eph. 6:2 Honour thy father and your mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

You know I have dealt with a number of teenagers who have major suicide problems. And it’s always comes back to this issue. They will not live long on the earth because of dishonoring their parents. And a huge rise on the 70s and right through the present time on teenage suicides is linked to this curse, dishonoring the parents. See, the words of God is true, and I have dealt with a number of teenagers which is suicidal. We have to deal with this before I could break the spirit and cast it out of them. We have to deal with this issue in their attitude to their parents because this was the link to this curse in opening the spirit into their lives. It is very important to honor your father and your mother, first commandment with promise, ‘That might be well with you and that you might live long.’ If you don’t, you’re going to live short, your life on the earth.

3. V.17 CHEATING, SWINDLING
4. V. 18-19 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HELPLESS

5. V. 20 INCEST, BESTIALITY. There is a curse on the child that is born thru incest and that needs to be broken off them. They can be an innocent party, but the curse is still there because it comes down from the headship of the family and it needs to be broken. The victim needs the curse broken over him.

6. V. 24 MURDER

7. V. 25 HIT MAN, MERCENARY ACTIVITY

8. V. 26 REBELLION. There is a curse for rebellion. That is why you can deal with a lot of kids with rebellion, and you can get them through spirits, cast them out and there’s still a problem, because there’s a curse over their life.

9. Jer. 17:5-6 BACKSLIDERS, there’s a curse over their lives because of backsliding. You need to break it when a person comes back to the Lord.

10. Zech. 5:3 FRAUD.

11. Josh 6:26. See 1 Kings 16:34 REBUILDING SOMETHING THAT GOD HAS CURSED. God said to Joshua when he destroyed a particular city, He said, “When a person rebuilds this city, there a curse over him in his first-born child.” What happened was hundreds of years later in 1 Kings, a guy comes along and builds this city and his first-born child dies. I have known that sometimes when God has finished something and someone tries to rebuild it, there’s a curse on it. I’ve seen churches with curses on them because God has brought it to an end and someone else tries to rebuild it. The whole church has a curse on it, rebuilding something that God has cursed. It’s really important to understand that.

12. REWARDING GOOD WITH EVIL. Prov 17:3 There’s a curse.

13. For NOT TITHING, Mal. 3:8. That’s a controversial one, but you can’t change it. It’s in the word of God. If you don’t tithe as a Christian, there’s a curse over your life. That’s a touchy subject but that’s the truth. If you don’t tithe, you are cursed in certain areas of your life. People come up with all kinds of excuses for not tithing, “You know it’s not in the New Testament,” but it is. Jesus actually said you are to tithe. Actually, it came out of His own mouth. We’re not here to try and establish that today except that if you don’t tithe, there is a curse. Once you come to the light and understanding of that, and you don’t tithe, there’s a curse over your life.

I have prayed a number of times, I was praying in the church, sometimes about a person and they were very sick in the past. And the pastor would say, ‘Look, I can’t get this person healed,’ and they degenerated and degenerated. So I went to pray for them and God said, ‘Don’t pray for him.’ I asked the Lord ‘why?’ He said, ‘I’ve spoken to this person 3 times about tithing and they refused to do it. There’s a curse on their life.’ I told the person about this straightly and I said to them, ‘Look, this curse over your life will not be broken and will continue to degenerate until you obey God.’ The pastor rang me a few weeks later and said, ‘That person started to tithe, within 3 days they were perfectly normal. Nobody even prayed for them.’ When God says something, He means it.
We tithe to the storehouse where we are fed. It is very important to understand that not tithing there is a curse. He said, “You are cursed with a curse because you don’t tithe.”

CURSES THAT COME THROUGH RELATIONAL AUTHORITY

Curses which come through relational authority, that is to say HUSBANDS TO WIVES, PARENTS TO CHILDREN, relational authority, if you have authority in a relational authority. The classic example of this is...

JACOB AND RACHEL

Gen. 31:31-32, V. 31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldst take by force thy daughters from me. V. 32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, LET HIM NOT LIVE: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take [it] to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

It’s a frightening thing. See, it’s relational authority. Now Jacob, here he is, his favorite wife, and he said in a moment of anger and a time where the situation pressed him, he said, “I didn’t steal these things, I didn’t do it, you’re blaming me, so whomsoever you find them on or whomsoever take them, they will die.” And if you read Gen. 36: 16-18, Rachel died in child birth. Just a word from his mouth, he spoke a curse over her, and she died. Just because it’s under the old covenant, it hasn’t change the principle.

(Question and Answer)

…Jacob didn’t know that Rachel had stolen them, but obviously she had. If you say something like that, immediately renounce it, repent and deal with it. Because in times of anger, the enemy can push you say things but you must be very quick to deal with it, RELATIONAL AUTHORITY. You know it’s amazing how much authority we have, spirit-filled believers. Now the Bible tells us that if one of your children makes a vow, the parent is able to disannul it, just like that, relational authority. The Bible tells us that if a wife makes a vow, the husband is able to disannul it.

THE JEWISH LEADERS

Matt. 27:24 [another classic example] When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but [that] rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed [his] hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye [to it]. So he declared Him just, he put him back to the Jewish Leaders’ hands. Then answered all the people, and said, HIS BLOOD [BE] ON US, AND ON OUR CHILDREN.

Relational authority, they were Jewish leaders. I’ve heard pastors say things which make me sad over their congregations because what you have to be very very careful is that you do not pronounce a curse. I’ve heard pastors say, ‘If you don’t do this, this is gonna happen.’ It’s alright if he’s in God, the guy is a prophet. But we really have to be very careful on what we say because when God gives you authority over a situation, what you say applies to that person/ situation. Husbands to wives, wives over children, parents, and pastors do have relational authority.
If you read this incident in John that says, “We have no king but Caesar.” When Pilate said, “Behold your King,” they came straight back and said, “We have no king but Caesar.” It’s very interesting because Caesar was a type of the cruel gentile ruler and Barabbas whom they freed was a type of a criminal and violent men. And so they said, “Let the blood of Jesus be upon us, we have no king but Caesar, and let’s release Barabbas.”

This curse by the Jewish leaders put the Jewish race under the Caesars and Barabbases of this world. For 1900 years that has been their destiny, climaxing with Adolf Hitler. When you read about the background of Hitler, you will find certain things there. Hitler’s life expressed a philosophy that was initiated by a man called Oswald Spangler. His thing was ‘We need another Caesar.’ That philosophy brought Hitler to power. He literally opened the jails, freed the Barabbases in Germany, put them over the Jewish people and that curse went back 1900 years. He actually released criminals from jail and put them into the SS Guard (Hitler’s Bodyguard Regiment), put them over the Jewish people. And it went right back you see, Caesar a type of cruel and gentile ruler, they said, “His blood will be upon us, we have no king but Caesar and release Barabbas,” and that brought the Jewish people under the Caesars and Barabbases of this world.

The Camp David Accord Treaty which culminated in dividing of the land that God had given to Israel, this was jointly negotiated by Anwar Sadatt and Jimmy Carter. Shortly after that, Sadat was assassinated and Jimmy Carter went out of office. You cannot do that. What is frightening is what happening in Israel at the present time. This new peace treaty that has been signed, giving over of the West Bank is the same repeat of history.

There are many many other areas I can give you on this, but you have to be very very careful. Relational Authority is a very important area. Once you have an authority in an area, God HONORS it. It’s frightening. You have Sunday School class, God honors your authority on that, what you say you have an authority. You run a ladies group, what you say you have an authority. You’re put there by God, you have an authority and God honors it. Pastors have an incredible responsibility in that area.

SATANIC CURSES

Emotional revilings come through people who get mad at you and curse you. This is really very common in European and Middle East countries. Gypsies are quick to curse, Arabic people are very quick to do this. You don’t get a lot of this here but in Europe and in England, we used to see always have Gypsies coming to our doors to sell stuff and if you didn’t buy, they will instantly curse you, all the time. Or they want tell your fortune when they come to your door. So if you don’t put silver on your palm, they can tell your fortune, but when you say ‘No,’ they will curse you, just quick as that.

Now, you have to deal with that because that is not an innocent thing. You have to immediately deal with that and break that. There are satanic curses, particular nations and ethnic communities are very quick to do that.

Learn to protect yourself. You can neutralize these curses by blessing, Rom. 12:14. 1 Cor. 4:12. 1 Pet. 3:9. When a person curses you, bless them audibly, bless them and it neutralizes it right away.

Satanic curses are emotional revilings in a form of a curse. People will do that to you.
PROFESSIONAL CURSES

There’s the area of professional curses. These arise FROM OCCULT, WITCHCRAFT GROUPS. They tend to target anyone who is really effective in the Lord’s work. Most of the time, because you don’t know this is happening, you have to discern it. If sickness suddenly hits me, or family, or a real heaviness comes over the whole family, I’ll be very careful thinking, “Lord I shouldn’t be sick, there’s nothing really wrong with me, I’m reasonably healthy. Why is this happening?” and I really pray until I discern it. And often, often I will pick up, have a vision or dream of a witchcraft group putting curses on me. I’ve lost count the number of times I’ve had these experiences. Sometimes I’ve been praying and I will go out in the spirit and stand in their group while they are doing it. And in the spirit I will renounce it. Many times, I have found myself in a wooded area with the witchcraft group operating against me, and I listened to what they’re saying, many many times. This is what we call Professional curses - they know what they’re doing and it’s deliberate. But they have to be discerned because most of the time we don’t know it’s happening. It’s not like an affront thing. So you have to discern what is happening in the spirit to deal with that.

(Question and Answer)

...They build up, their iniquity reaches a certain point. We talked about that principle, till God deals with it. But the effect upon Christians, we can say, ‘Because we are Christians, we are immuned.’ No, you’re not immuned. We’re in a war, and there are always casualties in war. You are to deal with it.

...(Person cursed her.) You can break the curse, but the easiest way is to bless the person. Jesus said, ‘Bless them that curse you.’ Immunity comes in at that point. People can continue to do that, some people are really against you and are speaking against you, and that has a result in the spirit. And I have found this: sometimes even with a minister who will continue to speak against me, God will say, ‘Just bless them, just bless them, just bless them,’ and it neutralizes the thing because that produces something in the spirit. Quite often I would watch my mother when the Gypsies come to the door, she’ll take them by the hand quickly and bless them, real quick, just bless them, break that thing just like that.

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

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- opposite ends of the scale.

Experience Has Shown through the years, I’ve noticed that...

- **MENTAL & EMOTIONAL BREAKDOWNS** in a family line are usually, not always, but usually the result of a curse, particularly if the mother had a nervous breakdown, the daughter will have a nervous breakdown, or a granddaughter has a nervous breakdown. It runs in the family. You are dealing with a curse, for sure, absolutely, you’re dealing with a curse, it has to be broken.

- **REPEATED CHRONIC SICKNESSES**, especially without clear medical diagnosis, is often caused by a curse.

- **REPEATED MISCARRIAGES**, especially when this happens in a family line, again nearly always caused by a curse. Your mother having miscarriage, the daughters having miscarriages, repeated miscarriages, you’re dealing with a curse, and it’s usually Freemasonry. I had this girl who had five miscarriages by the time she was 28, desperately wanted children. And one day, I was praying for her and I said I could see this grand masonry sign over her. And I said, ‘Have you been in the freemasonry?’ ‘No.’ ‘Was your dad in freemasonry?’ ‘No.’ ‘No freemasonry in our family.’ I said, ‘Look but I am seeing this over you.’ And I said, ‘I want you to check back,’ and her great grandfather was a grand master of freemasonry. We broke that spirit of death over her, she conceived and had children ever since. Freemasonry always brings a curse of death along with other curses which often manifest itself in miscarriages.

The person you are praying for must agree with what you are doing. You can hold it to a level, but unless she really agrees with your prayer, it will really not be greatly effective. There’s not a lot you can do. It requires their willing cooperation.

- **POVERTY**.

- **ACCIDENT PRONE**.

**RELEASE FROM CURSES**

Release from curses. We know that through the atonement, provision was made through Jesus, through what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

Gal. 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree.

So, **as substitute Jesus took upon himself all of the curses that you will ever come across**. He was cursed so that we could be free from curses. Jesus has made it clear according to the Law of Moses,

Deut. 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.
TO BREAK THE CURSE:

1. Isolate the cause of the curse if you can. Prov. 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. All curses have a cause.

2. Repent if it is appropriate.

3. Break the curse by firm commands, in faith.

Isolate the cause of the curse if you can. There are two things I always check right from the beginning. The first thing I check is Freemasonry and second is anti-Semitism, and 50, 60, 70% I catch them on those two things. I get them to the bottom just on those two things. And so you get most of it just on those two approaches.

I was dealing with a man; he said, he kept saying to me, “I don't know what it is, I get so angry sometimes, I actually want to kill people,” and he was a Christian. He was about 6 ft and I was looking up at him. He said, ‘O ne time, I got so angry and took an axe and killed my dog.’ He said, “I don't know. I love the Lord but I don’t know what happens to me.” I checked with him, couldn't find anything. We fasted and prayed. And I saw this man in a very clear vision with an axe and I saw him killing a woman with his axe, and he actually killed her. And it seemed in the vision he enjoyed what he was doing. And so I said, “Look, there’s definitely something here that we need to kind of look at and deal with.” And so I said, I want you to go back to your family lines. He came back to me 3 months later, he found out 5 generations back in his family line, a husband murdered the wife and was hanged for it. The whole spirit of murder came down right the family line right into this Christian’s life.

We renounced, dealt with the sins of the forefathers and the consequences the curse had brought on succeeding generations, praying with him is an incredible manifestation, broke the power of that thing and he’s never had it since. There is a CURSE OF THE FOREFATHERS, ACTIONS OF THE FOREFATHERS that came down on succeeding generations. The only way that I could pick that up was in the spirit by God clearly showing me what had happened. And I’ve seen things like that through the years, many many many times. Many times when I pray for people, I begin to see back into their family line, just as quickly as that. Sometimes I just go back to that and deal with it and pray for the person without them even knowing it. These things are very very real, they have to be dealt with.

Freemasonry is a scourge of our day. It’s a whole subject on its own. It is a scourge of the whole of the nation of Britain. The whole of Britain is under the power of Freemasonry and it comes from the royal family all the way through the nation.

(Question and Answer)

...Usually, if a person is very very very accident prone like having accident after accident after accident, it is usually a curse. Accident prone and Freemasonry go together. I’ve had people who had car accident after car accident after car accident, they are not that bad in driving and usually it was not their fault, and nearly it has always been freemasonry.
...Murder is one of the things that we gave you in the list. Deut. 27:24, murder is one of the reasons for the curse.

...The scriptures should be translated that there is a reason why there is a curse. The King James is clearer than that...so the curse causeless shall not come, Prov. 26:2. So there's always a cause, a reason why that is there. You have to find the reason and break it. And you could have curses over entire nations, you can have a curse over a city and I’m sure that we have curses over the most major cities in Australia which has to deal with the background of our treatment of the originals. I believe very strongly one line for one people, I do not believe in dividing the land for different races. I don’t believe that is what God intends. But nevertheless, injustice is done, has to be dealt with. Otherwise it brings a curse over the nation or the city of that area.

...Usually, I found the spirit of poverty comes from the father or grandfather or someone on the line has been unjust in the realm of finances or business dealings. And that brings the curse of poverty eventually down the family line. But that’s not always the case, but usually that’s the case, that’s the cause. God is very strong on being just, in equity, in righteousness, in integrity, very strong. And if that’s not in place, it creates a ripple effect, it has a side effect, runs down the family line.

When God viewed Adam, He saw the entire human race in Adam. He saw one tree with many branches. All coming generations were in Adam. So he viewed Adam as the entire human race. So you say, ‘My father did that,’ but you’re in your father when he did it. Remember the story of Abraham and Isaac. ‘Abraham tithed and because you were in him, (Abraham was talking to Isaac), you tithed in Him.’ God sees the tree as one tree with many branches. When Adam came, the whole tree was corrupted. Every succeeding coming generation was corrupted. So the same principle applies in blessing and cursing. You’re in that even though you were not yet born. God saw the tree, not the individuals in it. That’s the principle, you see, it works on.

...You’ll find that Nehemiah and Daniel, all those people confessed the sins of their forefathers before God because they were in them when that happened, they were part of it. He said, “I and my father have sinned.” Daniel was only 17 years old and he had not been a part of the rebellion in Israel that caused the captivity. He was innocent. But he said, “I and my father have sinned.” He identified with it.

...Blessing and Cursing by Derek Prince is an excellent book.

...Re-pastor saying ‘We are poor,’ spirit of poverty. God says, ‘Let the poor say I am rich...’ What the pastor says would definitely come over the congregation, and what pastors condone will come on to the congregation. If the pastor condones sin in any level, it releases that spirit over the congregation. Remember the story, recently a guy died in New York, he’d been a beggar all of his life. He died and they found a money belt on him with over a hundred thousand dollar on it, he could not spend it. He’s in absolute poverty.

If the sins in the church is not dealt with, it’s the same thing as condoning it, and that gives license to that spirit to go right to the church. Being a pastor is a frightening thing. You really are accountable to God. God taught me this in my early days, what I condone will be in the church, good or evil. If pastors don’t take a firm stand on abortion will release that spirit through the church because they condone it.
...You can tithe out of your housekeeping and God will give you more. You’re investing when you tithe because God said, ‘I will bless you if you do that.’ God will bless you and honor you. The testimonies that will come back are amazing. Tithing is an important one, if not dealt with, it causes a lot of problem in people’s lives.
Lesson 12 - The Gift of Discerning of Spirits

I want to talk to you about discerning of spirits, the gift of discerning of spirits. 1 Cor. 12 mentions that gift and the apostle Paul there gives us the gift of the spirit and one of those gifts is the gift of discerning of spirits.

1 Cor. 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits

THE WORLD IN WHICH WE NOW LIVE IN IS GOVERNED BY SPIRIT FORCE, we know that, good and evil. It’s a vast unseen world and it orchestrates the affairs of man.

IN ORDER TO PENETRATE THAT WORLD SPOKEN OF IN THE BIBLE AS HEAVENLY PLACES, WE NEED TO HAVE THE WORLD OPEN UP TO US. The gift of discerning of spirits helps us in this regard.

When you say this, IT’S THE MOST NEEDED GIFT IN THE CHURCH TODAY. I think if you move fluently in the gift of discerning of spirits, you will be very surprised what cooks on the churches. Without this gift, people in relationship need to cover this gift because without this gift, deception can so easily come in today and in the days that lie ahead. It is the most needed gift, yet it is the most lacking. IT GIVES US SUPERNATURAL INSIGHT INTO THE REALM OF SPIRIT.

The Scope of Discerning of Spirits

Now what you have to understand is that Sadhu was talking about the 7 spirits of the Lord as separate to the gifts of the Spirit. You understood that, didn’t you? It’s very important you understand the difference. Now we’re dealing with the gifts of discerning of spirits. There are times under some of the anointing, the 7 spirits of the Lord, but THIS ONE CAN BE OPENED TO YOU CONTINUALLY.

But the scopes of discerning of spirits:

1) One, IT REVEALS THE SOURCE OF ANY SUPERNATURAL MANIFESTATION, WHETHER IT BE DIVINE, SATANIC OR HUMAN. Quite a lot of prophesies are purely of human spirit. You’ve got to discern that. It takes discerning of spirits to discern what spirit is speaking. It reveals a source of any supernatural manifestation, whether it is from God, whether satanic or human.

2) IT REVEALS A SPIRIT BEHIND AN ACTION OR A WORD.
3) **IT EXPOSES OBVIOUSLY THE WORKING OF SATAN.** 2 Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Do you remember when Sadhu told you that the Lord appeared to him? But it wasn’t the Lord, it just looks like him. He almost bowed down to that spirit? Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness whose end shall be according to their works.

4) **IT IDENTIFIES THE SOURCE OF MIRACLES**, and maybe you know that all miracles are not of God? You go to India, see them perform miracles, it’s something else.

5) **IT IDENTIFIES FALSE DOCTRINES.** 1 Tim 4 speaks of doctrines of demons, and talking about the church, we only have doctrines in the church. Doctrines of demons...you always have demons in the church, it’s a matter of discerning them. Like any other gift of the spirit, it can be a ministry as with all of the gifts of the spirit. You are all able to move in any of the gift of the spirit periodically. However, any gift in the spirit can become a ministry. For instance, the gift of healing. You can pray for the sick and they get healed occasionally. But some people have a ministry of healing and they move in gifts of healing as a ministry. You at times will minister in the gifts of healing occasionally, but it can become a ministry which is predominant in that person’s life, which manifests all the time. When a gift is manifesting all of the time, it’s possible that that has become a ministry to that person, word of knowledge and so on. It’s the same with discerning of spirits. It can become a ministry. In that case, the gift is greatly heightened and is in use continually. You’ll find that prophets, prophetic intercessors will move in this gift very strongly. They need it. Not all intercessors are prophetic intercessors. Cindy Jacobs is a prophetic intercessor. There’s a difference. But you will find that prophetic intercessors will move in this gift usually greater than their pastors. Herein lies the problem. We’ll come to that later.

**AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS WERE SPENT IN CASTING OUT DEMONS**, let alone discernment in other realms.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GIFT**

**ALL SPIRIT BEINGS EMANATE ENERGY WHICH CAN BE FELT.** For instance, your human spirit is transmitting continually everything that you are. It just transmits everything you are. You can’t turn it off. That’s how it is easy to discern. You get a prophet come along, you ‘Pyookk.’ It knows everything about you. It transmits everything you are continually. It’s a form of energy. It’s a transmitter. You are transmitting and you can’t stop it. It’s a spirit being to do that and you are a spirit being. So all spirit beings emanate energy which can be felt. Some people call it or use the term “vibes” or vibrations. Spirit beings constantly transmit what they are: their nature, it can be fear, lust, joy, peace. You can’t turn it off.

In the natural, energy is transmitted in various wavelengths. For instance, take a radio, now radio transmitters transmits energy in the form of radio signals. It can be shortwave AM, FM, whatever. Television, other transmission we have sound. They transmit certain frequencies wherein they pick up sound and pictures. So there is a form of energy transmitted which can be translated into sound and pictures, microwave, music, we can go and on. When the natural energy, we’re talking about energy, we’re talking about power, we’re talking about transmission, each is on a different
wavelength. For instance Sunshine was at 98.5, it’s on that wavelength. Unless you tune it on that wavelength, you won’t hear, unless you tune it on the wavelength in which it’s operating on.

SO IT IS IN THE SPIRITUAL. Angel, demons, human spirits have different frequencies. All admit some of the higher angels transmit such a high frequency level that you cannot stand in their presence. It’s just too much for the human frame. Some of the lower ones, there’s no problem. But some of the higher angels, I tell you, I was in a meeting with a group of ministers a number of years ago and one of those higher angels came with me. I’ve been praying and fasting for a week. One of these higher angels came in and nobody could stand on their feet the second he came in. So each angel has a different level of frequency, power ratio that he operates on. And angels and demons are the same. Human spirits have a different wavelength, that’s a much different wavelength to demons, different frequencies.

SO AS IN THE NATURAL, YOU MUST BE TUNED IN TO SEE AND HEAR, SO IN THE SPIRITUAL. So the gifts of discerning of spiritss tunes you into what frequency the Holy Spirit wants you to see and hear on.

| THE GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS, TUNES YOU INTO WHAT FREQUENCY THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS YOU TO SEE OR HEAR. |

So there’s an anointing that would tune your spirit to that same frequency. That’s how it happens.

You might say, ‘HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?’ For three months or just over three months in my life in the 70’s, God opened me up constantly to the realm of the spirit. I couldn’t shut it off, it was day and night. It just drove my family up the wall. It was a teaching period that the Lord was taking me through and I couldn’t shut it off. I mean I was tuned in virtually to every frequency in the same time. It was kind of frightening thing, but I learned a lot out of it and I came to understand to some measure at least how this gift operates. It is a matter of tuning your spirit. That’s why some people see certain things and others don’t. Some are not tuned it to it. It’s like a radio, your spirit has to be tuned in to receive. The anointing that operates the gift of discerning of spirits does that to you. It tunes you in to that frequency.

IT’S A POWER. The Greek word for power is “dunamis” which literally is “force.” And we know that all power flows as an energy with a specific frequency in varying forces.

THERE IS AN ANOINTING THAT TUNES YOU INTO THIS REALM, opens you up to the various frequencies that the spirit world flows in. It’s very very interesting because I noticed that during that period when the anointing was not so heavy upon me, everything was in black and white. When the anointing was heavier, it was all in color. And it’s different forces of energy flow which tunes you in more accurately to what is happening. But I couldn’t shut it off and I had to ask the Lord in the end, “Lord, I cannot live with this, I cannot handle this,” and He shut it down. But by that time at least I’d learned a few things of what goes on out there, and that there is an anointing that tunes you in the realm and opens you up to that spirit realm.
THE GIFT OPERATES IN DIFFERENT WAYS

The gift operates in different ways. We need to talk about this.

I Cor. 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Lower and Higher Forms of Operation

There are lower forms of the operation and higher forms. All are valid. How we mean that’s true with all of the gifts of the Spirit. There are higher levels of the operation of it and there are lower levels of operation.

You usually start at the lower level and as you’re faithful to that and in God depending on your calling and so on, you proceed into the higher calling of operation of those gifts. Very rarely do you start at that level. You start down here and as you are faithful, those gifts begin to sharpen and they begin to develop in your life.

THESE ARE SHARPENED THROUGH WAITING ON GOD. The thing really that sharpens the gift of spirit in your life is waiting on God. Something rubs off when you’re waiting on God that sharpens all your spiritual faculties. And that is a really important area, WAITING ON GOD, spending time in the presence of the Lord.

The lowest level of the operation of this gift is impressions.

• IMPRESSIONS

This operates like a word of knowledge. In fact that it might even be coupled with the word of knowledge, I’m not too sure. But it can give you the name and operation of a certain spirit. You’re praying for someone or if a situation is happening and suddenly there is an impression that something is happening. It can be a name, an impression of what kind of spirit is operating and what is going on. That’s the lowest form, the lowest level of discerning of spirit, comes as an impression.

In Acts 8:23, Peter said, “For I PERCEIVE that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.” How did he perceive? Well, we really don’t know, but probably the perceptions came in the form of a strong impression. Many things come through that way - you hear voice, you hear God’s voice that way in the form of a strong impression. And so it’s an operation which comes through an impression. It’s spontaneous, it’s not that you’re concentrating. THE MORE SPONTANEOUS IT IS, THE MORE ACCURATE IT IS. The more you concentrate on it, the more your whole mind gets into play on it. It is a spontaneous, unrehearsed flow of information. It’s an operation of that gift. Sometimes in deliverance I can get it so in such a flow that gift that it is hard to keep up with. It just flows in so accurately.

• PHYSICAL PRESSURE

Secondly, it can occur with physical pressure. This occurs when your physical body becomes sensitive to a particular vibration, not to be confused with oppression. It can be on the nose, cheekbones (which means you are under attack by the enemy), pain in the ear (means a lying spirit).
For instance, quite often, I will get a pressure during situations on the bridge of my nose. You would think you’ve got a sinus problem. No, I’ve never had a sinus problem. Normally, initially, that awakens me because your nose is what in scripture? The DISCERNING FACULTY, right? You smell things, discerning faculty. In the Old Testament, the priest was not allowed to have a broken nose. He had to have discernment. These were symbolic things to priests, to the believers - discernment.

Sometimes I get a pressure just there. If it’s lower, down here, I know it’s a certain kind of spirit. I have learned through experience, physical pressures you can learn. Your physical body becomes sensitive to a particular level of energy, vibration coming from that spirit. Sometimes I walk into a meeting and something just hits me. I just walked into something. And yet it’s physical and I have learned to understand what those physical feelings mean. There’s a whole list of them, we don’t have time to deal with them today. It’s not always the same with every person.

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There’s another area here, cheek bones, pressure over those cheek bones. Do you know what the Bible says about attack? Over and over it uses cheekbones as a symbol of attack, smiting the cheekbones. You get a pressure on the cheekbones, you’re under attack. It’s a lower level or form of discerning of spirits but it’s valid, and you need to learn how those things operate and how they work.

The Bible talks about signs, physical signs upon a person’s body. Quite often that will happen or work in the form of discerning of spirits. You get a sharp jabbing pain in your ear, and you don’t have any infection? You’re dealing with a lying spirit, either lying to you or the person you’re dealing with. And I found that to be extremely accurate. But that’s physical, it’s on the lower plane of discerning of spirits. But you need to learn to learn to operate in this.

There is a whole different awareness. Now, you mustn’t confuse physical sensations with the anointing. I used to get a pressure on the top of my head, virtually at the end of every service. ‘I rebuke that pressure. Get that thing off me.’ It wasn’t heavy, it’s just a little pressure. And after a while I kind of realize it was an anointing. It wasn’t the enemy, but just that pressure there on the hairline. It’s just like the anointing is opening you up to revelation. It’s the opening of your awareness. It’s an anointing for revelation. It took me many many years to begin to understand these things. I used to rebuke them, not realizing that it was the Lord. He was very very patient with me.

So physical pressure is another form of discerning of spirits. It’s interesting, you have to learn what they mean and remember them.

- SMELL

How many of you know that spirits give off a smell? If sulfury, it is evil. The spirit realm is very real. It has all the attributes of the physical realm, and more. Sometimes I’m aware the Lord has entered a room simply by smell. Sometimes I’m praying, suddenly, I know the Lord is coming because of the smell, discerning of Spirit will operate.

Have you ever gone into a home where it’s in abject poverty. This is a very enhanced one, so that’s why I’m using it. It’s a very pronounced one. And there’s a particular smell? Even if you clean the house and clean that house, but that smell is still there - the smell of poverty, spirit of poverty. You
can very easily discern that one. You can clean that house and it’s not so much that, but you can walk in into a house and there’s a smell. Sometimes it looks poverty-stricken as well, but there’s a smell about it. It’s the easiest way to discern poverty. Spirit of poverty has a particular smell.

You have to be alert and be questioning, ask the Lord about these things. When that happens, ask. You don’t get any answers back unless you ask. ‘What does that mean? What am I smelling? Why does that certain come up occasionally in my life?’ Remember what they mean because it’s one way that this gift of the Lord operates. In fact, discerning of spirits can operate in all of the five senses.

- **HEARING**

Hearing, the anointing tunes you into hearing particular spirits as they talk. Quite often I’m talking to people and they’re talking to me, but behind that there’s another voice having a conversation with me. There’s a spirit in them. Quite often that happens to me, I’m just talking to a person, normal conversation and spirit to spirit, there’s another conversation going on. Just the other day, I was talking to this one, the spirit was saying, “Don’t you get too close. Don’t you get too close.” And I never said anything to the lady because it wasn’t the time. And I answered back and said, without her hearing from my spirit, “There’ll come a day. There’ll come a day.” That’s all I can say.

Hearing, we’re not talking about natural hearing. We’re talking about the realm of spirit, and there’s an anointing which tunes your spirit to hear what’s happening in the spirit realm about that particular thing. Quite often I will be preaching and I will hear people talk back to me, but they haven’t said anything. People talk back to you and it’s quite clear on the inside. Discerning of spirits, it’s a gift of discerning of spirits. Occasionally I’ll say, ‘Somebody just said this in your heart,’ but not very often. I don’t do it very often.

You need to develop that area of HEARING IN THE SPIRIT REALM because once you develop that it works all the way through.

Angels operate on a very different frequency than demons. It’s a very high frequency. You can be tuned to hearing demons, but you can’t hear the angels unless you’re tuned in to that. Unlike radio or TV, he can tune you into many channels at the same time, but normally he’s dealing with one issue at a time.

**Question and Answer**

...Unclean spirits have a particular smell – spirits of homosexuality, lesbianism have a real particular smell too.

...You’ve got to really pray that God would really give you the gifts that you really need. You’ve got to ask God, you got to seek. You’ve got to ASK, KNOCK, SEEK, ask, knock, seek, ask, knock, seek until it starts to happen. You’ve got to persistently reach into God until these gifts which you need begin to happen. And when they happen in your life, you’ve got to be faithful to them, use them and you also got to enhance them because there are greater levels of operation of all of the gifts. It can operate at different levels and you need to be that.

But this area of smell is important, physical pressure, impressions, hearing – you’ve got to
develop that one because quite often I can be dealing with the person, and rather than embarrass the person, I will ask the spirit from my spirit, and hear what they'd say back to me. YOU NEED TO DEVELOP THAT ABILITY TO HEAR, BUT ONLY GOD COULD TUNE YOU IN. You can't turn it on, but if you seek God He can tune you in.

- **TASTE**

‘Taste and see that the Lord is good.’ Job said, "Do not my mouth taste good words." You know, sometimes there is a particular taste in your mouth which is a form of discerning of spirits. Have you ever had that coppery feeling in your mouth? That is a particular feel. That is spiritual and normally at least you’ve walked really into an area of uncleanness or into an area of occult activity connected to uncleanness. You would really feel, taste.

- **THROUGH A DREAM**

He can speak to you through a dream, discerning of spirits and through visions.

Now, let’s just stop at this because we’re dealing with the subject and we’re dealing with it quickly which is of enormous importance that you learn to move in it. So if there's any questions I want you to ask me them. If I’m confusing you, please ask me because it’s very easy to get confused on a subject like this.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER:**

... Both, it can be both, different sound but both, you can have both. It can be either their own spirit, they’re disagreeing with me, or have an attitude...you see, you can’t stop what’s transmitting from your spirit. You can’t turn it off, that’s the problem.

... Occult, yeah, usually against you. It’s a form of discernment. Usually if you get that smell like you’ve blown a fuse or sulphury feel, that smell, you’ve got a real activity in your home with that. Something has been opened in your home in the spirit realm, negative spirit realm, and you need to clean it out.

...We react differently at spiritual pressure in our physical make-up. Another fact is that some people are more ‘touch sensitive’ than others. Some people that are more physically sensitive than others because of their make-up and their nature, they feel everything. Others are not, so God will use whatever He can with you, but it’s important.

...If you can’t discern, just pray in the spirit until it leaves, because you don’t always discern it. It’s a form of intercession which you don’t always discern what it is. And sometimes the Lord doesn’t want you to know...There’s something definitely on in travail. You need to...No, you don’t always know because sometimes the Lord hides it from you for your sake and He doesn’t want you to know for that other person’s sake. So He hides it, but you pray it through, and when it lifts, you know you’ve prayed through on it. Most of, a lot of intercession is you don’t know what you are praying for, but you’re just obedient.
...There’s a lot of angels in the meeting. And last night, there were so many angels on that last night, you couldn’t walk without touching them. They were just everywhere...Not the same way, people feel things differently. Quite often when I’m about to do something, you have something on your mind of how you’re gonna pray for someone, you’re gonna do something or say something you like, and sometimes I just feel a hand on my shoulder. When I feel that, I just hold it, step back a bit. He’s saying, ‘Wait, don’t do that.’ It’s just that particular...almost on the same shoulder, I just wait. You have to learn to be sensitive to that.

...Well you see, I mean, obviously, you have to pray because how that affects you like that. But you’re dealing with a heart situation here. Just pray in the spirit because sometimes God hides things from us and it’s necessary for that to happen, be that way.

...Yeah, it can be a physical thing. It’s hard to know, I have to know what it felt like. If it came always on a certain time, then it’s suspicious. Ask the Lord to show you what that means.

...A pressure on your throat, yes, that’s an attack. It’s a spirit attacking you. You’ve got to deal with that.

...Why were you praying for that? Did she have any Indonesian background? Yes, the influence of that needs to be broken off her. Yeah, unless she’s renounced it, she’s still under the strong line. It comes out of that nation, it comes in to our nation. Until she’s renounced, that headship over her in the spirit realm, that authority, that power still follows through.

...Not necessarily, but it can operate through prophecy as well, but often prophesies are just prophesies. But prophecy can be a mix of a word of knowledge and discerning of spirits. Well, we all can discern because we’re spirit beings to a level. It needs to be more specific than that. The thing with discerning of spirits, it’s not a gift of suspicion. That’s what you would be very careful with because people get caught up in this and all they say are things of suspicion. Discerning of spirits is an accurate gift and it works well when it’s working properly in the realm of the spirit. But in general, discernment can operate in either word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits.

...It’s a form of discerning because the spirit emanates that and God tunes you into that, and He tunes you in for a reason.

...What do you mean by self-will? God wants all of us to be visual. He wants all of us to be able to relate to him in the realm of the spirit. If it’s true, ambition and pride, then you can tune in to wrong things. The MOTIVE is the thing. The whole thing is the motive. If your motive is right, you’re safe.

• THROUGH VISION

THE HIGHEST FORM IS THROUGH VISION, WITH SEEING AND HEARING TOGETHER. That’s the highest level of discerning of spirits. It can take a number of forms: through vision and seeing and hearing together. This level can be broken down into other levels. It can take a number of forms: seeing in the spirit, it’s very hard to explain. Word of knowledge can operate this way too, but there’s something reflected on the screen of your mind by the Holy Spirit and you see something, but it’s internal. You have two screens: one at the back of your head and one at the front. Back is more
accurate. But it’s on the screen of your mind, there’s a projection of the screen of your mind. The word of knowledge can operate this way, discerning of spirits can operate that way. So it’s a projection. God is showing you something.

There is another one which we call OPEN VISION which you’re actually seeing in real time the thing happening. It’s there, it’s not on the screen (of your mind), it’s outward, you see it outwardly. So there’s an outward form and inward form of the visionary level. And the outward form is the highest operation of discerning of spirits, and in that form you see and hear.

Now it’s really important that if you’ll gonna be involved in any ministry at any level that you become visual and you hear, because without that you’re going be in trouble. You cannot operate in the spirit properly without seeing and hearing. Otherwise, you don’t know what’s going on. And quite often angels come into a service and we need to know why they’re there? What do they want to do? We have to be visual and hear for that. In other words, in order to cooperate with them or the Holy Spirit requires us to be VISUAL AND HEARING.

Now He’ll start you on simple acts of obedience and if He trusts you without seeing and hearing much but just obeying Him, and if you become faithful in obeying Him, He’ll lift you into other levels. Everything starts and you qualify for the next level through OBEDIENCE and FAITHFULNESS. Those two things qualify you for the next levels and you move up in God as you are more faithful and you’re obedient to Him, then you can go higher. And sometimes it’s a long time in between them, those stages, you go into the next stage.

Quite often it involves REALLY SEEKING GOD and THIRSTING AFTER HIM and REACHING OUT TO GOD in different stages set in into a person’s life. Then you become more visionary, or you reach into a higher level.

The visionary area or the external visionary area is the most accurate of all, and it’s the highest level of discerning of spirits. It’s not on the screen of your mind, it’s actually out there. You see the thing happening. Quite often I am praying for a person and I can get so visual, I can actually see the expression on the demon’s face before I pray in the person, right into it.

As you go up in God, you become more visionary in God, the same happens on the other side. They become more visionary with you. So if you start to get to the level where you begin to see externally in discerning of spirits, they’re going to begin to attack you at that same level. So there’s a price to pay. It’s not just on the screen of your mind anymore, it’s external. Nearly always, when God is beginning to move, I’ll always have a spirit walk into my room and threaten me not to go on to another level. It always happens. Not just on the screen of my head, but actually walk into my room and threaten me. Well, that’s a good sign, he is scared. He doesn’t want you to go further. But there is a cost because the higher you go, two things happen: higher you go the greater possibility of deception, and also because you’re working on higher realms, the attack will also come at that greater level which you’re working in. You’ve got to realize that. But because you get attacked that way it doesn’t mean you’ve done anything wrong. You’re just open to that level now and they can operate in the same level in which you’re operating. You must understand that principle.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
...I think you’ve got to understand, I think in Luke 11, Jesus was dealing with people in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He said, “Look, if you ask for the Holy Spirit, I’m not going to give you a stone or a scorpion.” It’s your motive? You ask for the Holy Spirit, you get the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, “If your motive is right, you ask for bread, I give you bread. You ask for fish, I give you fish. I won’t give you a scorpion. How much more those who ask for the Holy Spirit?” There’s a safety valve in this, there’s a safety level. And fear, we’ve got to get beyond fear. There is a Godly fear, that which is important, but the other fear, all that kind of fear has got to come out of us because it’s a real hindrance. It sets up a barrier, so we’ve got to deal with it in that whole area.

...Well, it can be a word of knowledge. See, a word of knowledge can work into the past as what has happened in the past, and it can happen, it can operate into the future. It’s a visionary form, it’s a word of knowledge and yet there is another dimension. Remember what I told you in that story where in that New Zealand city, I went back in time. That was not visionary. Because God lives in eternity, I was back in their day. That’s a different operation. You’re talking about the seven spirits of the Lord.

We’ve got to be careful what we shut down, because when you shut something down, it’s very hard to rekindle. Now, through that time when I was operating in that open vision, I shut it down. I said to God, ‘You’ve got to turn it off.’ And I couldn’t get back to that level again. And it was the same because in the ’70s I was operating in the word of knowledge with such accuracy, I was young but I was operating in such accuracy, I could tell the person’s name, the name of their doctor, where they live, their street address, what was wrong with them and pray for them. And so many ministers criticize me for being in the realm of the occult. I shut it down. And from that day to this, I’ve not been able to get back to it, not at that level. And it’s very interesting because on the last night, Sadhu prayed for me and I didn’t hear what he said because I was standing here and as he walked to me, everything just went white in glory and I thought I was still standing up. I thought I was actually standing up, and when I opened my eyes, I looked up on people and I thought, “How did I get down here?” Then I got up, but I didn’t actually know I’ve gone down. My spirit might still have been standing, I don’t know. But I didn’t hear what he said to me. Afterwards I said, “What were you saying?” And he said, “Look, that which has been shut down, from this day on, you’re going to walk in constantly.”

It’s not an easy realm, believe me, it requires some discipline. There are ways of shutting those things off which I didn’t understand in those days, but I do now. There’s a way of ignoring them which will shut it down. But it just needs a little focus and it’s there again. But if you close something down, it’s really hard to reactivite it again. It’s like the Holy Spirit is grieved and it’s very hard to get it back. I could not get that level back which I had and it was so frightening accurate, but I couldn’t get it back after that. It means to say, “Look, you’re in the occult, you’re working in this and this... this divination and all that, now, where is it in the scripture that you can do this? Blah blah blah.” And I shut it out, I shut it and grieved the Holy Spirit. I couldn’t get back to it, I couldn’t operate it again. People shut you down so quickly because they don’t understand the realm of the spirit, and it’s important.

...Fear levels can shut it down too. Prophetic intercessors are often more sensitive and more visual than their pastors and this creates a real problem because pastors have got to learn, really got to learn, because they may not be as sensitive as some of their top intercessors. Most pastors, what they do is they will criticize that person and shut them down. There’s fear, insecurity and jealousy and they will shut them down, or other church members will shut them down. And it’s really important
that generally the church mature in these things, because prophetic intercessors are real gifts to the church, believe me. They are some of the best gifts, I’m talking about the prophetic intercessors, it’s a gift, a valuable gift and often they are more valuable than the pastor. They’re more discerning, more sensitive, more visual than the pastor. The pastors haven’t got to be threatened by that, because if he’s threatened, he loses the gift that God placed there with him. I wish pastors would learn this. Pastors have got to understand that and not be threatened by it, but to work with as part of the overall pattern.

...When you get to the Book of Revelation and you’re dealing with bondservants, He puts a mark on them. It’s a mark not seen in the natural, but in the spiritual. He put a mark on their foreheads so they couldn’t be destroyed. There are levels in the spirit where God will say, “Nothing on this level will be able to touch you.” And there’s a mark on there not seen by the average human being, but the spirits see that mark. That’s what happens. You would find that anybody, as a child, dedicated to Satan or other spirits would have that mark on them too. You have to remove that mark because it’s an ownership mark to the occult realm.

...The anointing of oil is a symbol, obviously of the anointing, with the 3 different levels of the anointing too.

...Mark of the beast, the thing is, once it’s there, it cannot be removed, and there is no salvation. ...A new name, yes. But there is a mark of protection, but because its head is particularly grouped in the Book of Revelation, He said, “Don’t let this destruction begin until I mark these people.” And it weren’t just the Jewish people, you read it. This principle is really there. And God put a mark on Cain, remember? He put a mark on Cain. Quite often I’ve been praying for people and I’ve seen things on their forehead. Usually it’s because they belong to something or someone, they have their mark on them. Quite often, I’d be marrying someone, and I’ve married hundreds of people, that quite often, when I’m marrying someone, I’d see the husband’s name on the wife’s forehead just when they finished the vows, I see it appear.

...The deception becomes more finally tuned at a greater level. Once you become visual, you also have to be sensitive in your spirit to the possibility of deception. But there’s a certain feel that comes with that, but you mustn’t ignore it even when it looks perfect. I’ve had angels visit me and I’ve got one that visited me that I got into trouble with. This angel looked beautiful. I was sitting behind my desk, he walked up and talked to me and he looked beautiful. He was a bit bigger than me and he looked beautiful, but on the inside there was an unusual feeling. It doesn’t look right, something is wrong. Out there it was right, but inside here was wrong. I challenged this angel head on and I tell you that angel changed so quickly into a dark angel that you wouldn’t believe it and got a hold on me by the throat. Have you ever tried fighting an angel in the natural? Your hands will go right through him. It was only then that I realized that you can’t do that. In your spirit, you can, but not in the natural. So I just began to call upon the name of the Lord and that thing was dealt with.

But I learned a valuable lesson – everything that looks like gold is not gold. You get an inner check, there’s an inner feel. But the higher you go, the greater level of deception will also be available to you. Those things move together. You cannot move and leave one realm behind. Once you’re open to that realm, the enemy’s open to that realm to your life as well. So there’s a cost to that. You need to understand that. When you begin to hear clearly in discerning of spirits, also he could be able to speak to you clearly, it’s the same channel. So you’ve got to be understanding of that.
• THROUGH TOUCHING

This is triggered as you touch a person. Suddenly you are in spirit and the gift operates. Quite often I touch a person, it triggers something. When I touch a person, it triggers the gift. William Browning was extremely good at this. He would just take over the person by the hand. John G. Lake was like that. He would take a person by the hand and he would know everything about them, just by touching. It triggers the gift.

• THROUGH PROPHECY

Prophetic Intercessors, like Cindy Jacobs, are a valuable gift.

Authority and the Spoken Word

II Cor. 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

AUTHORITY IS THE EXERCISE OF OUR POSITION IN GOD

Authority has to do with functioning in what God has called you to.

Authority comes from God, you do not have authority in areas that God has not called you to.

As a husband and wife, you have spiritual authority in your home and family. You must exercise it and control the enemy’s inroads.

The problem is a lot of people have been appointed positions in churches that God has not sanctioned. When they exercise authority in that role, it quickly becomes controlling, manipulative and demonic. It then begins to oppose the true God given authority.

WE OPERATE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY NOT IN THE FLESH, BUT IN THE SPIRIT, BY GOD-GIVEN WORDS IN A PROPHETIC FLOW.

Eph. 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: The word (rhema) of God

Spirits give themselves away

Finally, SPIRITS GIVE THEMSELVES AWAY. Obsessiveness is a spirit. A person who’s obsessive always talks about sex, it’s a spirit. A person who’s obsessive and always talk about holiness, it’s a
religious spirit. Obsession is a religious spirit, they are demonic spirits. You would notice them. We have this guy who always talks about holiness...holiness, holiness, everything was holiness. I believe in holiness, but everything is holiness. ‘What’s the matter with this guy?’ When I said that in my spirit, I saw right into him. That just wasn’t God at all, it was a religious spirit, those kind of obsessive things. Demons give themselves away. They come through the person. It’s distracting from the real, obsessiveness. Demons are obsessive.

You really need a good covering in any of these gifts, don’t operate alone

You really need a good covering in any of these gifts, you need a good covering. Don’t operate alone. You need to see someone who’s in agreement, will cover you in that. And it’s a person you need to have a relationship with because it’s important. When these things become a ministry, you need a covering. Nobody operates alone. I have three people around the world that I relate to constantly in this. We can pick up the phone day and night and talk to each other. One of them is Sadhu. They’re intercessors. There is safety in that. We are talking about, what the thing that God is after is working together in a team to accomplish His will. You can’t go alone.

Don’t criticize your pastor if he’s not as sensitive as you, because sometimes if the gift is a pastor, he often doesn’t move in discerning of spirits. It’s not his calling or gift. Be careful that you don’t criticize because of that. You’ll find that people are moving constantly in discerning of spirits. There are other prophetic intercessors, prophets and apostles. If it’s a ministry, if they move constantly on this, usually they’re in this bracket. Don’t criticize other ministries that don’t work in it, because sometimes they can’t. But they are Godly people and they have a calling and a ministry.

But ministers also have the problem that they can also feel threatened by that. Prophetic intercessors have been squeezed virtually out of their call in God, and it’s just beginning to change, because people or other ministries have felt threatened by them. When they are a real gift to them, they don’t see it as that. They felt threatened. They feel insecure with that. God wants to give gifts. He is the one who anoints. Praise the Lord.

Let’s pray. Thank you Lord Jesus. Father, we just thank you for your gifts and You told us to covet earnestly the best gifts, things that we need for this hour. And we do covet those things Lord, we covet those anointings. We ask you to increase them upon the lives of your people and upon the church. We ask Lord that You’ll cause us to be so discerning that we’ll truly work with the tools that are needed to get the job done in this hour. Thank you Lord because You’re raising up the prophetic anointing in this hour. You want Your people to be prophetic. You want your church to be a prophetic community, and Lord we thank you for that and we’re learning how to make room for that and accommodate that. Lord I just pray today that something out of these words might settle upon the hearts of some of your people here today, that a seed might be planted that would grow to fruit, maturity and fruit in their lives. That their understanding be enlightened that we may know the ways of Your Spirit, and in knowing them we can flow in them better.’ So Lord, I just pray teach us of Your ways, that we might know You. We ask it in Jesus’ Name.

For pastors and pastors’ wives particularly, it’s very very important that pastors’ wives are not threatened by prophetic intercessors, because it’s often the pastor’s wife that wipes them out. It’s really really important that pastors’ wives understand that. These people are gifts to the church and are so needed. I just felt led to say that.
Thank you Lord Jesus. Lord let Your grace and Your spirit go with us. We're going from strength to strength, from glory to glory. We're going to see an end time harvest that would boggle our minds and you're raising up an army of people that would be able to handle it. We thank You for what You're doing. Let your anointing increase upon your people. We ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.
Lesson 14 - Music in Warfare

Tonight our session is Music in Warfare.

PRAISE AS A SPIRITUAL WEAPON

2 Chron. 20,

vs 1 “After all this, the children of Moab and the children of Amon and with other besides Amonites came against Jehoshaphat to battle and they came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, we came with a great multitude against you from beyond the sea on the side of Syria.’ So we’ve got this problem now.

vs 3, ‘Jehoshaphat feared the Lord, feared Him and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaim to fast to all over Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord, even out of all the cities of Judah, they came to seek the Lord.’

vs 11 he prays, “Behold, now they reward us by coming to cast us out of our possession or Thy possession which You have given us to inherit. That was the objective to take the possession away from them and he said, our eyes are upon You.’ And in

vs 15 he said, “Listen all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and our King Jehoshaphat. The Lord has said unto you, ‘Be not afraid nor dismayed by this risen of great multitude, but the battle is not yours but it’s God’s.’

vs 17, “You shall not need to fight in this battle, set yourselves; stand still and see the see the salvation of the Lord, the salvation of the Lord with you, Oh Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go against them for the Lord is with you.’

vs 21, ‘When he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord and that they should praise in the beauty of holiness and as they went out before the army and to say, ‘praise the Lord for His mercy endureth forever. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO SING AND PRAISE THE LORD, THE LORD SET AMBUSHMENTS AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF AMON AND MOAB in Mount Seir, which will come against Judah and they were smitten.’

Okay, this is a very interesting story because it lays down some fundamental principles in warfare. These things were written for our admonition. They were written for you and I and so give us understanding in spiritual warfare. Here, we have them surrounded by the enemy. Okay, so what did they do? They got the people who were involved in singing and music in warfare and put them up front before the army goes out. I mean, they are at the head of the army, the army is behind them. I don’t know what that king thought. He had probably not seen anything like this before where in front of the army, there’s these people, there’s musician, there’s people singing, praising, worshiping the Lord, shouting and dancing, going before the army. And suddenly the whole atmosphere changes, something changes in the spiritual realm and the enemy, the army is destroyed. It’s an
incredible picture of the power in spiritual warfare as related to music and praise and worship.

**Spiritual Warfare is not a quiet pastime - praise the Lord with a loud voice, with loud music, has great penetration into the enemy camp**

Okay, now God instructed them to praise Him with music, and to do it loudly. **SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS NOT A QUIET PASTIME.** It is aggressive, it tends to be violent and it can be very very noisy. Quite often we have to make a loud noise and there are reasons for this.

II Chron. 15:14, ‘And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.’ Okay, with a loud voice, shouting, trumpets, musical instruments.

II Chron. 20:19 ‘And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

II Chron. 30:21 ‘And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord.’

Psalms 33:3 ‘Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.’

Psalms 98:4 ‘Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.’ And again we have in

Psalms 150 which most of you will be aware of, “Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in the sanctuary, Praise Him in the heavens of His power, Praise Him for his mighty acts, Praise Him according to His excellent greatness, Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, Praise Him with the psaltery and harp, Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, Praise Him with stringed instruments and organ, Praise Him upon the loud cymbals, Praise Him upon the highest resounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Okay, so we look at this scripture and we see that we are exhorted in certain situations to praise the Lord with a loud voice, with loud music and a loud voice. When we get anointed by God, really get into the spirit and get anointed by God and begin to praise Him with a loud voice, that anointed praise has great penetration into the enemy camp. Num. 23:21 says, “He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, nor hath seen perverseness in Israel. The Lord is God is with him, and the SHOUT OF A KING is in their midst, is among them, the shout of a king.’ You see, sometimes it’s necessary for the shout of the king to come through his people in a time of, in our church services or in a time of warfare or whatever.

**MUSIC IN CORPORATE WARFARE IS VERY VERY IMPORTANT**

First of all, music, MUSIC IN CORPORATE WARFARE IS VERY VERY IMPORTANT.

Okay, we know that SATAN USES MUSIC IN HIS KINGDOM VERY VERY EXTENSIVELY. Why? Because he understands spiritual principles. Maybe the second language of this generation is music, worldwide. It’s the second language, it’s music and Satan has propagated his ideologies through music over the last two decades to the youth of this world. And he has kind of gotten hold of the hearts and minds of the young people, primarily with music. The whole rock music scene was
geared to that to get across that message. So Satan understands that, he knows how to use it.

ALL HEATHEN CULTURES USE MUSIC TO HARNESS SPIRITUAL POWER, all of them, in one form or another, the North American Indians, the war dances, the Maori Haka and so on. In all heathen cultures, all of them, CHANTING, DRUMS, STRONG RHYTHM play a major role in their spiritual activities. Rhythm, very important, strong rhythm, drums, chanting, music, dance, they invoke the help of demonic spirits, they call up ancestral spirits using music, rhythm and chanting and dance and singing.

Well, you think that’s the heathen cultures, we don’t kind of copy them. What we need to understand is that Lucifer, there’s fairly good evidence in scripture that LUCIFER WAS IN CHARGE IN HEAVEN, he was in charge of the whole of music scene and the worship scene. It was the covering cherub, we read that in scriptures in Ezekiel and Isaiah, how that music was formed in him when he was created. And he understands music better than the church does and he has used it extensively because he understands the principle of music as it relates to the spirit world.

How much more should we, the people of God, understand the Power of Music

And now, the church, we need to kind of understand that as well. MUSIC HAS AN INCREDIBLE POWER. Music can change and create a mood in any kind of situation. You know, in supermarkets now, it’s a science in supermarkets. You find in the background that there’s music playing, in all the major of supermarkets. It’s not just they get any old tape and play it. It’s a science, the kind of music they play is designed to put the shoppers in a good feel and good mood so they’ll buy. And it’s a real science, this isn’t haphazard. The music is carefully selected by psychologists and they put it together in such a way so that the mood, you see.

The kind of music sets the mood

You know that, you kind of play love songs and romantic songs, it sets the mood. You play another type of music, it sets the mood, depending on the rhythm, how they play. The MINOR KEY sets a particular kind of mood. The major key sets a particular kind of mood. The minor key is extremely good in warfare; it’s not so good in worship, depending on the mood. You cannot worship for long in the minor key, you kind of lose it after awhile. You can use it to start with, but you can’t stay in it. There are reasons for that. The minor key has a melancholy kind of sound. How many of you know that the whole of creation, fallen creation play in the minor key? Birds sing in the minor key, the sound of surf is in the minor key, the wind is always in the minor key. The whole of creation play the minor key, because creation is waiting for redemption.

And yet we can and we should use the minor key for certain things, but you have to be careful with it because music sets an atmosphere. And through the Dark Ages when the church went into decline, all church music was in the minor key and it didn’t change until the Reformation. It switched primarily out of the minor into the major. And it’s kind of interesting to kind of just look at that kind of thing. All heathen music is in the minor key. I’m not saying that we shouldn’t use the minor key, we use it a lot. But you’ve got to use it right in the right way. It can hamper worship, but it’s extremely good in praise, it’s extremely good in warfare. You see, music is a very powerful medium and it can instantly create an atmosphere.
God respond to music, singing and worship by filling the place with His presence

II Chron. 5:13 ‘It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For He is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD.’

So, GOD RESPONDED TO MUSIC, SINGING AND WORSHIP BY FILLING THE PLACE WITH HIS PRESENCE. That’s why in our service we kind of, we tend to put some, the importance of worship, praise and worship because God comes in on that, Psalms 22:3 say ‘But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits, dwells in the praises of His people comes to inhabit, when people begin to praise Him.’

And so, we need to understand the tremendous importance and power of music; worshiping brings the presence of God. Warfare music has a different kind of thing but we really, really do need to understand music. One because, it is the second language of this generation and we have to reach this generation, we need to understand that.

Joshua in Jericho - Unison is very important, faith also. It releases spiritual power in a tremendous way

Okay, we’re talking about physical actions; we’re talking about music.

And Joshua in Jericho in Joshua 6, THEY HAD TO MARCH ROUND THE CITY IN UNISON.

Then THEY HAD TO SHOUT.

THEN TRUMPETS HAD TO SOUND,

AND THAT RELEASED THE POWER OF GOD.

And we can read that, and just look at it and ‘well it’s interesting,’ it’s written for our admonition. I’ve actually stood on the side in Jericho and looked at the excavation of those walls. Those walls were so thick they couldn’t fall outward. They were thick enough to drive chariots around the top of the walls. They weren’t just a little wall. It’s very clear from the excavations that those walls sank straight into the earth. Okay, they just came down like an elevator, possibly an earthquake, but they just sank into the earth. And they were eyeball to eyeball just as quick as that. Those guys felt so secure on that wall and suddenly ‘We’re coming down,’ you know, eyeball to eyeball.

But what released that kind of power? You see, it was THEIR MARCH AROUND THE CITY IN UNISON. We won’t take time but if you read chapter 6 sixth, they were not allowed to speak at all and there’s good reasons for that because after you’ve marched the first day and the second and you get to the third day, what would you be saying would not be conducive to faith. Okay, they were really instructed that THEY HAD TO BE IN UNISON AND FAITH. They had to be instructed in this and they were not allowed to speak because God knew what they would be like. Okay, that kind of unison is very, very important.

Then they marched down and they had to SHOUT. Now when they shouted and the trumpets
blew and they shouted, something triggered in the spirit realm. That shout did something to them. It released the power of God in a tremendous way.

**Satan is very much aware on how this works, that’s why he uses it so often - like huge number of people CHANTING together for days**

Now, Satan is very much aware of how this works, that’s why he used it so often. Have you ever seen those old news release of Hitler where he stood on a balcony, and there were thousands of people down on the streets below, and they were chanting and it would go on for hours? And people were shouting and chanting for hours. What people do not realize is the power that is released across Europe out of just that kind of thing happening. It released hordes of demonic power across Europe, and they did that an awful lot. And the chanting the shouting and the saluting, all of those things released a spiritual power across Europe. The enemy knows how to do that and he knows how to come in on that and he knows spirit power can be released and ride upon that. And you know, we don’t understand, sometimes, the power of that thing.

The same thing took place in the book of Acts. Remember the book of Acts when Paul was in conflict with the territorial spirit over Ephesus? In Acts 19:34 says, ‘But when they knew that he was a Jew, they all with one voice for about the space of two hours cried out and chanted, Diana of Ephesus.’ Why did they do that? They realized that, I mean Paul was known, the Bible says he was known in the spirit realm. They knew that he had come to their place and they knew that the territorial spirit is in danger because this guy had come to their city and there was going to be a confrontation. What did they do when that confrontation arose? They chanted for two hours and released tremendous spiritual power. So they released the spiritual power.

Remember the Islamic problem? Remember when the Shah of Iran was deposed a number of years back? There was a very strong anti-American feeling in the Islamic world, in Iran and remember they took American hostages, remember that time? Remember the news pictures of what was happening in Iran at that time? There were uproars of hundreds of people on the streets chanting, dancing and singing and chanting and chanting. And this went on for days after days after days, over a hundred thousand people on the streets chanting Islamic slogans. And we looked on the TV and ‘Oh, that’s bad news.’ But what we didn’t realize was what was being released across the world. When you get that number of people together doing that thing, and the rise of the radical Islamic fundamentalism can be traced to that point of time. Something was released worldwide.

And you know, it’s incredible because the Americans didn’t realize what they were really up against, what had been released during that time. The Americans got together in a rescue mission and eventually everything went wrong on that rescue mission. The rescue mission ended up being rescued because their helicopters came down in the desert in Iran. They had all kinds of failures, they were stranded in the desert and that operation which should have taken six hours, their operations was planned to get in there and get the hostages out. They never even got to the city. They knew that virtually, they had to be rescued by another rescue operation to pull them out of there. They didn’t understand what had been released in the spirit against them out of those days of chanting and singing in the streets of Iran. It is an incredible thing, we need to understand this.

And when you get people on the streets, marching and protesting, chanting, what you need to understand is a spiritual power is released. It releases spiritual power and we need to be aware of
that. Conversely, when you get the church marching on the streets singing, that releases spiritual power too. And the church is kind of has been slow to understand them and pick that up.

**PHYSICAL ACTIONS IN WARFARE ARE VERY VERY IMPORTANT** - physical action has an impact on the supernatural

Physical actions in warfare are very, very important.

Gen. 13:17 ‘God gave some great promises to Abraham about possessing the land. Then God said this, “A rise and walk through the land in the length of it, in the breadth of it for I will give it unto you.”

Okay, so God comes to Abraham and says, “I’m gonna give you this land, this is for you, these are the promises, this is your inheritance.”

**Walking through the land - every street on earth has to be walked over by Christians**

But now He said, “But Abraham, I want you to do something, I want you to WALK THROUGH THE LAND, walk through the length of it and walk through the breadth of it.” Why did He do that? You see, and remember God said to Joshua, in Joshua 1:3, He said, “Everywhere you place the sole of your feet, I’d give you that land.” And so, he had to do that. And Abraham had to do that to kind of claim his inheritance. And it is really important to understand that because I believe that every street in Perth has got to be walked over by Christians and intercessors who know what they are doing. And I mean every street and it has to be carefully organized, it has to be carefully mapped out, and it has got to be done so that every street, we’re gonna have intercessors, people in spiritual warfare, every street in Perth, every suburb, everything is being covered. It’s only part of the overall strategy, but it’s an important part and that has to be organized.

He said to Abraham, ‘This is your inheritance.’ How many of you know, who lived in the city of Perth, it’s our inheritance? It’s ours. God said He would give us the city. He’ll give us Perth, but He said the same thing to Abraham, ‘You gotta walk the length and the breadth of it.’ And so, there was this kind of physical actions which were really important.

**Clapping**

We have another Scripture in Psalm 47:1, it’s an interesting scripture, it’s about clapping, “Oh, clap your hands, oh you people and shout unto God with a voice of triumph.” CLAPPING AND SHOUTING. Clap your hands all you people, shout unto God with a voice of triumph, for the Lord Most High is terrible. He is a great King over all earth and he shall subdue people under us and the nations under our feet.

How was that to be accomplished? Clapping of hands, shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Then He said, He’s gonna subdue your enemies under your feet. That’s an important scripture, and you need to write it into your notes.

So we have the thought of PHYSICAL ACTION HAS AN IMPACT ON THE SUPERNATURAL definitely, and on the spiritual. What does clapping do? It’s just clapping, what does it do? It is not just clapping. It says, ‘Clap your hands all you people, shout unto God’ with a certain attitude, with a voice of triumph. There’s a faith level there, you see. And so in Psalm 47, “Clap your hands, shout unto God with a
voice of triumph and He will subdue your enemies under your feet.’

Physical actions, if they are spirit-based, they release power into the atmosphere

Now, we kind of need to understand in the realm of the spirit that IN PHYSICAL ACTIONS, IF THEY ARE SPIRIT-BASED, THEY RELEASE POWER. And this is so in the whole of the Lord’s work. You can take a musician and what that musician is in their spirit at the time of their playing comes through their music and transmitted through the air. That’s why I always say to our musicians all the time, ‘Look, if you’re having a rough day, and your down and you just had an argument with your wife and you’re still angry, don’t go and play. We’ll put someone else on.’ Because when you play, what is in your spirit is transmitted through the music into the atmosphere and it becomes a spirit power. Now, this is so in every form, in every level of ministry, this is the same. There’s a transmission taking place.

But He said here that if you clap your hands with a certain attitude, a voice of triumph and you clap your hands, He said, something is released through that sound, into the sound waves around you. The Holy Spirit inhabits that, the Holy Spirit is transmitted through those sound waves against the enemy. We need to understand that because this generation is kind of very familiar with the term ‘vibes,’ ‘vibrations,’ ‘good vibes,’ and ‘bad vibes,’ okay? Now in spiritual warfare, in faith, as we begin to clap and shout, particularly clapping transmits something that just the very noise, which is translated in the sound and passes through the air is impregnated with the power and Spirit of God, and it hits in.

And I told you about that time in the 70’s when my eyes were open in the spirit realm, one of the things I noticed in churches through that time that when people, if the spirit of warfare came and they began to clap, it actually came against, just the sound came against those spirits in such a way that it actually caused pain to those spirits. It just caused pain. And as they kept that up, they would just collapse under that whole thing and clear the area. But it was just on the clapping of it and something was transmitted from their spirit through the sound, add it to the atmosphere with was spirit force. See, that was what was happening in Iran, but it was the negative. It was what happening with Hitler, but it was the negative and it released spirit force right across Europe.

PHYSICAL ACTIONS HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE SUPERNATURAL, or the spiritual when they come from a person who is operating in the spiritual realm. So, when you’re in worship, in warfare, clapping is very, very important. It’s not so much of the rejoicing clap, it’s your clapping at the enemy and it’s a clapping against the powers of darkness. It definitely, definitely releases something in God. It’s not just something we do because we’re happy and it’s fun. It is fun, but it does something. It releases something in the whole of the atmosphere.

Now, I tell you that IF YOU GET A LARGE OF PEOPLE TOGETHER DOING THAT, THE IMPACT IS ENORMOUS. It spreads right at through the city. You will find out that if there’s a rock concert going on anywhere in Perth, it affects the whole area spiritually. Why is it in rock music they always wanna play it so loud that it’s ear-splitting? Because the enemy understands that. He understands the penetration on sound waves carries that spirit power. It carries the energy of that spirit power. You’ll find when there’s a very large rock concert in the entertainment center on a Saturday, the next day on Sunday, you’ve got to clear the air. It has penetrated everything through the city. And it’s very, very interesting if we begin to understand that.
Another scripture is...

2 Kings 13:15 “And Elisha said to him, take a bow and arrows and he took unto him a bow and arrows and he said to the king of Israel, ‘Put your hands upon the bow’ and he put his hand upon the it. And Elisha put his hands upon the king’s hands.”

Now, this is very interesting. One, he says, ‘Take a bow and an arrow.’ He said, ‘We’re gonna shoot an arrow.’ And also, Elisha came and he put his hands upon him because what was going to happen through that arrow was going to be transmitted spirit power and through his hands upon the hands of the king. Okay, you understand that principle, the hands of the king. So he comes and he lays his hands upon him and he pulls that and he fires an arrow at. And he said ‘Open the windows eastward,’ and he opened it. Then Elisha said ‘Shoot,’ and he shot and he said ‘the arrow of the Lord’s deliverance, the arrow of deliverance from Syria that thou shall smite the Assyrians till you have consumed them.’

Now, that’s interesting. Shooting the arrow is a prophetic action, it was that. It’s a warfare action, it was that. It was a physical action. Here we have the situation, HE FIRES AN ARROW AND IT’S PROPHETIC. When that arrow was fired, something broke in the realm of the spirit. And these are physical actions, physical prophetic actions which have to do with the realm of the spirit. A prophet came and he laid his hands upon the king, something was transmitted in that, when he fired that arrow, it cut through the atmosphere and something broke in the realm of the spirit.

But it goes on, and in verse 8, he said

“Take this arrow and he took them and he said to the king of Israel, "Smite upon the ground" and he smote three times and stopped. And the man of God who was angry or wrath in him said, “thou should have smitten five of six times, then have thou smitten Syria till thou has consumed it. Whereof now, you only might smite Syria but only three times.”

Very interesting kind of situation. This again was a prophetic action. He had to take the arrow and smite the ground once. That signified, that released something twice, but three times then he stopped. And what the prophet was saying, “Look, you didn’t go long enough to break the total power of the enemy. You didn’t go long enough to break it.’ But the issue here is that it was his physical action that had direct counteraction in the realm of the spirit.

Now we need to understand the importance of physical actions. The Lord told the Israel to MARCH AROUND JERICHO, told Moses to HOLD UP HIS HANDS. Once he held his hands up, the battle went well. It was a physical action. When he got tired, the battle went against them. So two guys came along and prop them up and kept them until they won the battle in the valley below. He told Moses TO STRETCH FORWARD HIS ROD OVER THE SEA AND SO ON.

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So we talk about CLAPPING, MARCHING, DECLARING, SHOUTING AND PRAISING as warfare tools. AGGRESSIVE MUSIC coupled with loud praises, strong rhythm, prophetic declarations, clapping, shouting, marching, these have tremendous power against the enemy. It’s not just something we’re doing because it’s good to do. There’s a purpose behind it, it releases something
in the realm of the spirit and you couple them together.

**RHYTHM IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Now the kingdom of darkness understands this. They really, really do understand it. It is a background, it is the base of rock music. If the rhythm is not right, they’ve got a problem, and it’s got to be a certain kind of rock rhythm. But, you see, the force of the rhythm holds it together. It’s like a light. You can have an ordinary torch and it has a beam which are scattered or you can have a laser which is highly focused. Rhythm highly focuses what we are doing in spiritual warfare. Rhythm is the thing that holds music together and it holds the direction of the release of the power of God. And so rhythm is really important.

And that’s why you will find all heathen cultures from our own aboriginals, right across the world, in any heathen culture, you will find that strong consistent rhythm is a part of what they are doing in the spirit realm. It is the same in the kingdom of God. It is no different in the kingdom in where we are operating in. If we understand this principle, it is that strong consistent rhythm that kind of keeps the people who are in worship, warfare focused in what they are doing and the rhythm holds it in, focuses it, channels it out into the enemy.

And it’s not kind of a firm, strong rhythm, it tends to fall apart. I’ve experimented with lots and lots over the years with this. Rhythm is very, very important. The DRUMS and the BASE GUITAR are very, very important in holding this together. And it’s almost like a chant can arise in spiritual warfare and it’s a chant which comes in prophetic declarations, rhythm, all of these things, clapping, marching, declaring, shouting and praising the Lord. All of these things and usually it is very, very loud because it is warfare. It’s not just, you know, this is not worship. It is warfare with different kind of music where it has tremendous power in pushing back the enemy, tremendous power. We mustn’t underestimate the power that this has.

We mustn’t underestimate the power of corporate warfare - sets back the plans of the enemy

We had a lady who was converted a number of years ago. She was the third highest witch in Australia and she was converted. And she told us that the thing they hated more than anything else was our warfare meetings. What they hated more than anything else was our warfare meetings, that disturbed them. Two things disturb them: INTERCESSION and the WARFARE MEETINGS. And she said to us, “You would not believe how much those warfare meetings set us back and our plans.” But she said, ‘You didn’t have them regular enough that we are able to regroup and gain our position back again.” It’s an interesting kind of situation, but she said they actually feared the warfare meetings. There’s such an impact out into the realm. She said, ‘It sets back their plans for weeks on end.’ But she said, ‘You didn’t have it consistent enough.’

But you see, we mustn’t underestimate the power of corporate warfare. It is very, very important and the physical actions that come with it. Any questions on this?

...I think in your home, it is good to at least sometimes during the week to play some good upbeat warfare type music. And also in yourself, and you can sing along with that, you stand against that and establish your position. You know, if you remember, we talked about intercession. One of the aspects of ‘Paga’ was reaching to, SETTING BOUNDARIES. But if you don’t do that through intercession, you’ll gonna have a lot of constant trouble. You must constantly set boundaries for the
enemy. ‘Paga,’ SETTING BOUNDARIES, reaching to a certain point and you cut the enemy off and you say ‘You cannot come any closer.’

The enemy hates us talking about this, just hates it more than anything else because he’s afraid that if the church gets together on this, his days are numbered. He knows that, he’s gonna fight it.

**Dancing praise, Warfare dancing releases tremendous power**

Okay, what part does dancing play? There’s two aspects, two kinds of channel in dancing. Most of the dancing in scripture, not all but most of the dancing in scripture was a celebration of victory or was a celebration sometimes of worship. It was worship or a celebration of victory. Sometimes it was after the victory and sometimes it was in anticipation of victory. That’s one aspect.

There’s another aspect and that is a WARFARE DANCING. That’s different again. In the heathen realm, you have the war dancers, you have the aboriginal dancers, you have the Mari Haka dancers, and other dancers in Maridom, you have the North American Indian war dancers. Now in those dancing, they are summoning spiritual power to be with them. Okay, that can happen, I’ve seen that in spiritual warfare, I’ve actually seen that happen. It’s a very vigorous, it’s a war dance. It can happen, and it releases tremendous power. It actually calls up angelic assistance where they invoke spirits and call up spirits to be with them. That kind of thing in the kingdom of God calls up the angels of the Lord to be with. This is something you can’t put on, need real anointing for it. Nevertheless, in warfare you have to get your whole being, spirit, body and soul involved.

**The Shout of the King**

And people say, ‘WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE SO LOUD? You know, God is not deaf.’ It’s not for God, it’s for the enemy. And we need to understand that, God is not nervous either. He loves a loud noise. It’s ‘the king that has gone up with the shout,’ it says in the Psalm. And if you look at some of the praise and worship, it’s been described as thunderous in the book of Revelation.

So, YOUR SPIRIT, YOUR SOUL AND YOUR PHYSICAL BODY IS INVOLVED IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Your soul, your emotions are involved, your mind, your will, your physical body is involved. And the actions of the physical body definitely release spiritual power. But we need to understand is the condition of your spirit, if you’re a spirit person, the condition of your spirit will be transmitted through physical actions. Okay, so you need to understand that, interesting subject.

There’s a time for loud noise, there’s time for worship. There’s a time for aggressiveness, depending on the mood. And the music has to be tailored in whatever you are doing. And it is important to understand that.

It’s very interesting to look into the history of music and certain rhythms, where they came from and so on. And a lot of them are a counterfeit of the real thing of what God intended it to be. When you look at jazz, where it came from, it’s connected with the blues music and you can look at that. There’s room for all of that in spiritual life. Some of that stuff will kill worship, just kill it dead you know. But for other things, it’s incredibly good when you know what you are doing. You have to be sensitive, it has to be tailored to the mood of what you are doing, the music and the rhythm has to be tailored to it. If it isn’t, it will spoil. You can’t get in. It opens up a channel.