

*Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: Prepare for war; wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears;*

*LET THE WEAK SAY, I AM STRONG.*

JOEL 3:9-10

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First Love Ministries

Prayer Study #220

### **CALLING ALL PROPHETIC WARRIORS**

*And I [John the Revelator and Apostle] fell at his feet to worship him [the messenger, who was apparently a redeemed man and prophet when he lived on earth], And he said to me, See thou do it not! I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

Revelation 19:10

*I want to see Israel marching,  
I want to hear the Kingdom call!  
I want to see Zion's mountain,  
I want to see great Babylon fall!  
I want to see Jesus reigning,  
Upon King David's royal throne.  
O, won't that be a glorious sight to see  
When Israel comes marching home!*

#### **I. We are entering a time of spiritual warfare like the Body of Christ has never seen.**

- a. 1st Corinthians 14:8** *NLV-And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?*
- b. Revelation 12:12** *-Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*
- c. Revelation 12:17** *-And the dragon was angry with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

#### **II. Why are we fighting or what is our goal?**

- a.** To bring the Kingdom of God *on earth as it is in heaven* in its fullness. We will walk in a greater measure of the Kingdom than we are walking in now. The fullness of the Kingdom, however, will not come until Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom on earth.

Then the heavenly host-the angels and all those loved ones who died in Christ-will proclaim Revelation 11:15 ...*The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.*

- b. *Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32*

### III. **Are you a soldier of the Cross in this battle for the Kingdom?**

#### a. Characteristics of a Good Soldier

##### i. **He knows and obeys the voice of the Commander.**

*Verily, verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbed up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entered in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers. (John 10:1-5)*

- ii. **He knows how to submit to authority.** *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17)*

- iii. **He is single-minded and not entangled with the things of this world.** *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:4)*

- iv. **He is spiritually fit, trained and equipped.** *But refuse profane and old wives' fables and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:7-8)*

- v. **He endures suffering and hardships for the sake of the Gospel.** *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:3 - When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did. The Message - Take [with me] your share of the*

*hardships and suffering [which you are called to endure] as a good (first class) soldier of Christ Jesus. AMP*

**IV. What are some things we must fight to have victory?**

**a. Deception:** Derek Prince, one of the greatest modern day Bible scholars of our day, wrote in *Protection from Deception*,

*“Deception-not sickness, poverty, or persecution-is the greatest single danger in the end of the age.” And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. (Matthew 24:4) And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many. (Matthew 24:11)*

**b. Lust of the flesh, the Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life:**

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust of it, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. (1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15-17)*

“As we await the day when our heavenly Bridegroom , Jesus Christ, will return to deliver us fully from this present evil age, we must be set apart from the world. When the Scriptures say *world*, they generally refer to the world system-the political and social order that rejects God, is ruled by Satan, and governs the minds and manners of people who have not been saved (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:3-4; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:19). Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, God secured ultimate victory over the devil. Satan may rule this world , but his reign is fast approaching its end. Our deliverance-and God’s glory-shall endure for all ages. With this in mind, we are to share God’s light and love with the world-not to be confused with falling in love with the world or seeking to receive its love.

Focusing on our heavenly home, we must clothe ourselves with humility. We must put off all self-seeking efforts and motives. These only fuel our pride, a dangerous attitude that blinds us to Satan’s deception and makes us vulnerable. And we must cling to the cross, the same instrument that deals Satan’s death sentence and secures our salvation through Christ’s victory.” Derek Prince

**c. The kingdom of darkness:** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. 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. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

(Ephesians 6:10-13)

- V. We must fight until we win. *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7) ...this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:4b) Fight the good fight of faith....(1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:12a) And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of the, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels and fled. And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away; and David rescued his two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons or daughters, neither spoil nor anything that they had taken in them; David recovered all. (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:17-19)*

### **GOD OF THIS CITY**

(Written by Bluetree & Sung by Chris Tomlin)

You're the God of this city  
You're the King of these people  
You're the Lord of this nation  
You are

You're the light in this darkness  
You're the hope to the hopeless  
You're the peace to the restless  
You are

There is no one like our God  
There is no one like our God

For greater things are yet to come  
And greater things are still to be done in this city  
For greater things have yet to come  
And greater things are still to be done here

We believe, we believe in You, God