Satan is not afraid of us unless we are standing by the Shepherd.
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OTHER WEAPONS OF WARFARE

The Word of God gives us so many different ways to fight the enemy and the kingdom of darkness, and we simply don't have time in an introductory course on Spiritual Warfare to cover them all. I do want to devote this lesson, however, on some of the lesser known or perhaps lesser used weapons at our disposal. Since we have covered the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I will not include this Baptism here except to say you will never walk in the *dynamite* power the Lord wants and trusts you to have, unless you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, and I believe it is an experience for any believer who desires it. It's like, do you want to fight the enemy with a b-b gun or do you want to fight him with an atomic bomb? Those who want to do the latter must have the power of the Holy Spirit working in their lives.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

There is absolutely nothing in scripture nor in Church history (the history even after the canonization of scripture or the deaths of all the original disciples that says the gifts of the Holy Spirit have ceased. Cessationalists who claim tongues were only for the original disciples, cannot support this with scripture, and this is a doctrine of demons. I know of no gift that has been attacked as much as this one. In

fact, many in the Church community unfortunately believe speaking in tongues, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is demonic. Yet any objective reading of scripture contradicts this. There is definitely no gift that the kingdom of darkness fights more than this one. That tells me that it is a powerful gift that somehow disrupts the activities of the wicked one to such an extent that he feels the need to malign this gift, even more than he maligns the other gifts. I must quickly add this caveat, however, and that is, we certainly must use this gift wisely and in balance. I believe strongly that NOTHING, even speaking in tongues, should interrupt the preaching of the Word, and it is not wise to frighten people, who have strong prejudices against tongues, by publically exercising the gift, unless you are sure that you are sure that you are sure the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do this, and even then, you must remember that you are under the authority of the shepherd in the house. The gift of tongues is not something that is out of control in us. Just like the spirit of prophecy is subject to the prophet (1st Corinthians 14:32), tongues can be "turned on" and "turned off" at will. Also, I strongly believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and many of you will disagree with me here, are NOT a sign of spiritual maturity. I have seen immature people disrupt a service by trying to exercise their gifts at the wrong time and in the wrong way. I find that most of these people are seeking attention and approbation, instead of being bond slaves to Christ, wanting to give glory ONLY to Him. Having said all of that, however, does not negate that tongues are a powerful gift, a gift that I feel sure is certainly not practice as much in our private devotional life

as they should be. The scripture tells us that tongues are one of the signs that shall follow those who believe:

And these signs shall follow those who believe: In my name shall they cast out demons; THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES; They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
Mark 16:17

Two Kinds of Tongues

1. TONGUES OF MEN: This is when a person speaks in a known language on earth, but the speaker does not know and has not learned the language.
2. TONGUES OF ANGELS: This is when a person speaks in a language that is not known on earth. The speaker cannot interpret that language without an interpreter.

   Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. 1st Corinthians 13:1

Tongues : A Sign for Unbelievers

Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but to understanding be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear ME," says the LORD.[Paul is quoting Isaiah 28:11-12] Therefore, tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers, but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.
1st Corinthians 14:20-22

When You Need an Interpreter

If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But, if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. 1st Corinthians 14:27-28

I think that many who have not experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit misunderstand the above passage. Paul is talking about a message given by someone with the Gift of Tongues in the church service, which is interpreted by someone with the Gift of Interpretation. I do not think he is referring to those who pray in a prayer language to themselves and to God outloud (without an interpretation) in the corporate body during corporate prayer times, as is frequently the case in Pentecostal churches where everyone prays at prayer time outloud in their prayer language. I also do not feel that this applies to a speaker who lays hands on someone and prays in the Spirit, without an interpretation, over a person in a church service. If the contrary was the case, then the Spirit Himself would be violating scriptural principles when He caused all present to pray outloud in other tongues on the Day of Pentecost. Of course, the Holy Spirit would never violate the Word of God.

On the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out, **all began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance at the same time**. *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared in them*

divided tongues as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together and were confused because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another. "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying one to another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." Acts 2:1-13

Again in other instances when people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in a corporate body, they all spoke outloud with tongues, and this became a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit: *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.* Acts 10:44-46

Is Speaking in Tongues the Initial Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? In most instances of believers in the New Testament being baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:1-3, 6) they spoke in tongues as the initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The scriptures do not say that the Samaritans spoke in tongues (Acts 8:14-17) but there was some manifestation (whether tongues or something else) because Simon the sorcerer **saw** that the Holy Spirit was given by the laying on of hands and offered money to buy this power(Acts 8:18). Also, the Apostle Paul own filling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:10-12, 17) does not mention tongues, but Paul later said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." 1st Corinthians 14:5 indicates that all believers **may** speak in tongues for their private life and edification (faith building), but not all have this gift in public worship for use with interpretation (1st Corinthians 12:30). It seems that all believers can and do have this ability to speak in tongues, if they so desire and ask for it. Some believers do not gain this ability because of fear or prejudice against speaking in tongues or wrong teachings concerning this. I personally believe that some of those who never speak in tongues have been baptized in the Spirit because they have special empowerments such as the Gift of Words of Knowledge or the Gift of Healing which come from being Baptized in the Spirit, but I encourage speaking in tongues for all because 1st Corinthians 14:4 tells us that *He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself,* and in today's wicked world we are constantly torn down and need edifying!

Kenneth Hagin's Reasons for Speaking in Tongues

1. Tongues are an initial sign of the Baptism in the Spirit(Acts 2:4).
2. Tongues bring spiritual edification(1st Corinthians 14:4).
3. Tongues remind us of the Spirit's Indwelling Presence(John 14:16-17).
4. Praying in Tongues is praying in line with God's perfect will(Romans 8:26-27).
5. Praying in Tongues stimulates faith(Jude 20).
6. Speaking in Tongues keeps us free from worldly contamination(1st Corinthians 14:28).
7. Praying in Tongues enables us to pray for the unknown(1st Corinthians 14:2).
8. Praying in Tongues gives spiritual refreshing(Isaiah 28:11-12).
9. Tongues can be used to give thanks(1st Corinthians 14:15-17).
10. Speaking in Tongues brings the tongue under subjection(James 3:8).

Brother Hagin also says that tongues with interpretation is equivalent to prophecy-i.e., if the utterance in tongues is interpreted so that the church can understand what is being said, then the one prophesying is not greater. (1st Corinthians 14:15-17) And he says, "Of course we don't want prolonged praying in tongues in the service because unless there is an interpretation, folks don't know what is said and are not edified. It is all right to pray[in tongues] in the altar service as long as you want, for you go there to be edified. If people in the service are lifting their hands and praying, it is all right to pray in tongues[outloud]. I stand

on the platform and pray that way every night. But when the congregation ceases praying, I cease praying. The congregation wouldn't be edified if I went on and on."

DECLARATIONS

Maybe I just was not aware of it before, but it seems to me that proclamations and declarations have become trendy in the Body of Christ in recent years. Derek Prince led the way in 1990 with a small, but very valuable book *Prayers and Proclamations*. He recounts the story of Moses and his rod. God calls Moses on the back side of the desert. He calls Moses to set His people free. Moses comes up with many excuses including saying, "They will not believe me" and "I am slow of speech" and asks the Lord to send someone else. In the process of this conversation with God in Exodus 3 and 4, God gives Moses a sign. He tells Moses to cast his rod to the ground. It becomes a snake and Moses flees. The Lord tells Moses to pick it up and it became a rod again. The rod is a symbol of authority. Prince writes, "With that rod Moses defeated the magicians of Egypt, stripped Pharaoh of his power, humiliated Egypt's gods, and brought Israel out from slavery to freedom." Prince goes on to say that we have a rod in our hands, and that is the Word of God. By speaking His Word, just like Moses used his rod, you can extend God's authority into any situation where Satan is fighting the people of God. Prince says we are to proclaim (or declare the Word), thank the Lord by faith for the results, and praise Him audibly, jubilantly, and loud.

We have often looked at the scripture verse in Proverbs 18:21: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.* James addresses this in James 3:9-10. Speaking of the tongue, or ultimately the words that come out of our mouths, he writes: "*With it* [the tongue] *we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so."* There is great power in the words we speak.

In Job 22:28 we read: *"You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you, so light will shine on your ways."* Jonas Clark from Hallandale, Florida, is a wonderful Bible teacher. He gives some declarations that he encourages people to speak over their lives with expectation:

I DECREE the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given to me, and whatsoever I bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatsoever I loose on earth is loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

I DECREE no weapon formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against me in judgment shall be condemned. (Isaiah 54:17)

I DECREE I am blessed coming in and blessed going out. I am the head and not the tail, above only, and not beneath. (Deuteronomy 28:13)

I DECREE I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might as I put on the whole armor of God and stand against all the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

I DECREE my steps are ordered every day by the Lord. (Psalms 37:23)

I DECREE all things work together for my good because I love God and am called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

I DECREE God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. (Psalms 46:1)

I DECREE God has not given me the spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind. (2nd Timothy 1:7)

I DECREE the LORD renews my strength; I mount up with wings as eagles; I run and shall not be weary, walk and faint not. (Isaiah 40:31)

I DECREE the favor of God. If God be for me, who can be against me? (Romans 8:31)

I DECREE I give and it shall be given back to me: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into my bosom. (Luke 6:38)

I DECREE I delight myself in the LORD, and He gives me the desires of my heart. (Psalms 37:4)

I DECREE I have the peace of God that passes all understanding. (Philippians 4:7)

I DECREE I am a believer with signs following me. In the Name of Jesus I cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, and if I drink any deadly thing it will not harm me; I lay hands on the sick, and they recover. (Mark 16:17-19)

I DECREE greater is He that lives in me that he that lives in the world. (1st John 4:4)

I DECREE my God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

I DECREE by His stripes I am healed. (1st Peter 3:24)

I DECREE I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me. (1st John 5:18)

I DECREE I call on the Lord, and He answers me and shows me great and mighty things I know not of. (Jeremiah 33:3)

I DECREE I have been given the power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt me. (Luke 10:19)

I DECREE God gives me the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places that I may know that the LORD is God. (Isaiah 45:3)

I DECREE God is not a man that he should lie to me, neither the son of man that he should change His mind. The things he has said, he will do, and the things he has spoken he will make good. (Numbers 23:19)

I DECREE wealth and riches shall be in my house because I fear the Lord. (Psalm 112:3)

I DECREE the kingdom of God come, in my life, family, marriage, ministry, relationships, and work. (Matthew 6:10)

I DECREE I am satisfied with the words of my mouth because life and death are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)

JOY

The large majority of people, even spirit-baptized Christians, rarely see joy as a weapon of warfare, although an elementary knowledge of scripture says just that:

Nehemiah 8:9-10

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra, the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go

your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

SOURCES OF JOY

1. Giving Willingly to the Lord's Work: 1st Chronicles 29:6-9 *Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly. They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the hands of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because of a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.*

2. Overcoming Enemies: 2nd Chronicles 20:27 *Then they returned every man of Judah and Jerusalem and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies.*

3. Trusting Him and Loving His Name: Psalm 5:11 *But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them*

ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.

4. Being in His Presence: Psalm 16:11 *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

5. Receiving Deliverance and Healing: Acts 8:6-8 *And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did; for unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies and that were lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.*

6. Walking in Righteousness: Psalm 32:11 *Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

7. Receiving Salvation: 1st Peter 1:8 *...Whom, having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith-the salvation of your souls.*

8. Being in Zion: Isaiah 51:3 *For the LORD will comfort Zion. He will comfort all her waste places. He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.*

9. Remembering What the Lord Has Done for You: Psalm 126:1-3 *When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our laughter was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.*

10. Bringing Peace to Others: Proverbs 12:20 *Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy.*

11. Having Wise Children: Proverbs 23:24 *The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.*

12. Seeing the Glory of the Lord: Isaiah 35:2 *It* [the coming Kingdom] *shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it. The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.*

13. Being Ministers of God: Isaiah 61:6-7 *But you shall be named the priests of the LORD. They shall call you the servants of God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double. Everlasting joy shall be theirs.*

14. Receiving the Word of God: Jeremiah 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them. And Your word was to*

me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

15. Bringing the Sacrifice of Praise into the House of the Lord: Jeremiah 33:11 "*...the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: 'Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His mercy endures forever,' and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first, says the LORD.*"

16. Fasting: Zechariah 8:18-19 *Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth month, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.'"*

17. Being Faithful to the Lord and Using Your Talents for Him: Matthew 25:21 ***"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"***

18. Recognizing that Jesus was Resurrected from the Dead: Matthew 28:8 *So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to bring His disciples word.*

19.Being Persecuted for Jesus: Luke 6:22-23 ***"Blessed are you when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets."***

20. Smashing the Works of Satan in Jesus' Name: Luke 10 17 *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

21. Seeing a Sinner Repent and Accept Christ: Acts 15:3 *So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy in all the brethren.*

22. Worshiping Him: Luke 24:52 *And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.*

23. Hearing the Bridegroom's voice: John 3:29 *He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.* [Words of John the Baptist, talking about Jesus]

24. Keeping the Lord's commandments: John 15:10-11 ***"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and***

abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

25. Asking and Receiving in His Name: John 16:24 ***"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full."***

26. Seeing Miracles: Acts 8:6-8 *And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philiip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.*

27.Being filled with the Holy Spirit: Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

28.Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law.*

29. Walking in Faith: Philippians 1:25 *And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for the furtherance and joy of faith.*

30. Walking in Unity: Philippians 2:2 *Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

31. Having Relationship As Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Philippians 4:1 *Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.*

32. Seeing Those You Have Discipled in the Presence of Jesus: 1st Thessalonians 2:19-20 *For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?*

33. Reuniting with Those You Love in the Faith: 2nd Timothy 1:3-4 *I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy.*

34. Receiving Love from Others: Philemon 7 *For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you brother.*

35. Knowing Your Destination: Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

36. Having Your Faith Tested: James 1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials…*

37.Being Partakers of Christ's Suffering: 1st Peter 4:13 *But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's suffering, that when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

38. Having Fellowship with the Father and His Son: 1st John 1:3-4 *...that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

39. Hearing that Your Spiritual Children Walk in Truth: 3rd John 4 *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.* [The Apostle John speaking of his spiritual children}

40. Being Presented Faultless, because of the Blood of Jesus, before the Presence of His Glory: Jude 24 *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.*

41. Knowing the Grace of God in Trials of Affliction: 2nd Corinthians 8:1-2 *Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.*