

## Weapons of Victory 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- There are 3 main weapons of our spiritual warfare that are given to the believer for the purpose of defeating the world, the flesh, and the devil.
  1. The Blood of Jesus
  2. The Name of Jesus
  3. The Word of God (Jesus)

### *(Weapon #1) The Blood of Jesus*

#### **John 1:4**

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

- The divine purpose of Christ was to become flesh and dwell among us.
- But, we have to understand that because of this there are 4 levels of spirit rebels that operate in the kingdom of Satan
  1. Principalities
  2. Powers
  3. Rulers of the darkness
  4. Wicked Spirits in high places

#### **Ephesians 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- These warriors cause the spiritual conflict that constantly strives against the believer.
  - A. They inflict sickness
  - B. They oppress
  - C. They Posses
  - D. They influence men to perform wickedness
  - E. They influence hatred
  - F. They influence violence
- What we have to understand is that these spirits work in the realm of the flesh.
- Because of this, it was necessary for Christ to become flesh and as a result He would defeat the enemy in a flesh-n-blood body.
- And, because of that flesh-n-blood it proved that man could conquer death, hell, and the grave, simply through obedience to the Heavenly Father!
- As believers we have to accept and realize the fact that before Adam was ever created, Satan led a heavenly rebellion.

- This rebellion took place before God which was actually the Temple of God in heaven. There before God is the place of worship, the menorah, Ark of the Covenant and the golden altar (**Revelation 1:12; 8:3; 11:19**).
- Because of Satan's rebellion that caused the Temple in heaven to be defiled (sin of pride), it was necessary for the heavenly Temple to be cleansed. The ONLY thing that could do this was Blood!

**Hebrews 9:23**

Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

\*\* So, let's take a look at the Spirit World:

A. In heaven there are:

1. Ministering Spirits (**Hebrews 1:14**)
2. Cherubim (**Ezekiel 10:2-9**)
3. Seraphim (**Isaiah 6:1-3**)
  - a. All of these have spirit bodies
  - b. These angelic creatures have the ability to travel faster than lightning (**Ezekiel 1:14**)
  - c. They have no limitations on their ability to move throughout the universe
  - d. They are invisible to the human eye
  - e. They can move through solid objects (Remember Christ did this after the resurrection according to **John 20:19**.)
  - f. Many Hebrew teachers believe that they consist of 3 elements: fire, wind, & light.

B. There is ONE substance that NO heavenly being has...that is BLOOD!

- a. Jesus said in **Luke 24:39** - Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."
- b. Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:50** - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

C. **Leviticus 17:11** - For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

- a. Blood is the life-giving force to human flesh

D. Without blood no sacrificial animal or human can live, because blood is a life substance.

E. God gave blood on the altar for atonement for your souls.

F. Paul revealed in **Hebrews 9:22** - And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore, blood was necessary for 2 reasons:

1. The shedding of innocent blood to redeem the life of the guilty.
  - a. The word *atone* means: "to cover, appease, purge and reconcile"

- b. We have to understand that it was God Himself that began this pattern. Remember when Adam and Eve sinned, He slew 2 animals and used the skins to cover them both. Because of this, it was a picture of how the death of an animal would cover the sins of the sinner through a blood offering to God.
- c. But, we can't stop there...the animal was a picture to...the ultimate offering occurred when God sent Christ to die for us.

Question: Why His Son?  
Wouldn't any righteous person be good enough to lay down his life?

### **Genesis 4:10**

And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

- According to the Bible, Abel, the second son of Adam offered a sacrifice that was pleasing to God, but Cain would kill Abel and shed his blood into the soil of the earth.
  - The problem is that the blood of Abel was not a sufficient atonement for Adam and Eve, but why not?
- A. Sin was passed down to all mankind through Adam.
  - B. Adam's blood was tainted with the sin nature from generation to generation in all men (**1 Corinthians 15:22**).
  - C. NO child born through the seed of a man is sufficient for the atonement of mankind.

### VERY IMPORTANT:

1. The seed that formed Jesus in the womb of Mary was the seed of the Word of God (**John 1:1-14**).  
Joseph was not the father of Jesus, therefore allowing the blood in the body of Christ to be without sin. This is why **Revelations 12:11** says: **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**  
And because of His blood we see in **Hebrews 9:11-12** - **But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**
- The blood of Christ is applied by faith and by confession.

### **Romans 10:10**

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Confessing unto salvation means to agree with the covenant and to acknowledge the covenant.
- The blood of Jesus is the most powerful substance in the universe.
- The blood of Jesus is the weapon used to defeat sin.

*(Weapon #2) The Name of Jesus*

- The Hebrew name of Jesus is – *Yeshua*
  - a. When the Angel appeared to Mary and revealed the name that she would call her child, he actually spoke this Hebrew name.
- Many believe that the English name, Jesus, is a pagan form of Zeus, and it shouldn't be used.
  1. We have to understand that during the time of Christ, there were 3 different languages spoke.
    - a. Jews spoke Hebrew
    - b. Romans spoke Latin
    - c. Greeks spoke Greek
  - A. In Hebrew, His name would be called *Yeshua*
  - B. In Greek, it is *Isous*
  - C. In Latin it is *Iesus*
- So, is it wrong to pray in the Name of Jesus (English)
  - There is nothing wrong with praying in the name of Yeshua.
  - There is nothing wrong with praying in the name of Isous.
  - There is nothing wrong with praying in the name of Iesus.
  - And there is absolutely nothing wrong with praying in the name of Jesus.
- We have to realize that our sins are dealt through the blood of Jesus, giving us eternal life, but the name of Jesus has authority over all demons and disease. No matter the language, it had power then, and it has power now!
  - A. After Christ is gone from the earth and seated at the right hand of the Father we see the first healing in the New Testament.
 

**Acts 3:6-7** - Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
  - B. The fact that this man was instantly healed tells us that Jesus is alive. If He were dead there would be no power to answer a prayer that was prayed in His name!

- C. The key to the miracle was faith in the name of Jesus: **Acts 3:16 - And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**
- D. Notice how faith in the name brought the miracle and we must realize that if a believer has faith in the name of Jesus, God, honors the name of His Son!
- Whether we say Yeshua or Jesus, it still takes faith in the name!
  - The point is that God knows whose name we are praying in when we say the name of Jesus.
  - The Most High Father is looking down on us to see our faith in His Word and in the name of Jesus.
  - It is God who confirms His Word with signs, wonders and miracles (**Hebrews 2:3-4**)

---However, with this name comes Hate!

- In North America we can talk about Mohammad being a prophet or maybe Buddha as a teacher. When we do this there will be few offended.
- But, when people begin to speak the name of Jesus, witness of Him or pray in public, there is often outrage and scorn for doing such a terrible thing.
- With this fact alone...this should reveal that there is something special and powerful about the name of Christ!
- The Blood of Jesus deals with sin and His name is the weapon that attacks and can defeat sickness and demonic activity.
- But, we all need to realize that EVERYONE will come to know this and it won't be a matter of if...it will be when...

**Philippians 2:8-11 - And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### *(Weapon #3) The Word of God*

- Under the Old Covenant, the weapons for spiritual warfare were few and limited.
- The Word of God was called the Torah and consisted of the first 5 books of Moses.
- Over time the writings and words of the prophets were added.
- We have to remember that the common people did not have the Scriptures and had to attend the local synagogues and annual feasts at the Temple in order to hear teachings from the Scriptures.
- During the Old Testament times, when men encountered spiritual conflict or warfare there were basically 2 methods used to defeat the Adversary.

1. Blood offerings – Remember it was the blood of lambs that was placed on the post of the doors of the Hebrew homes in Egypt to keep the death angels from entering.
  - a. David also was able to stop a plague of death when he placed a sacrifice on the altar atop Mount Moriah (2 Samuel 24:25)
2. Intervention of God's Angels:

**Isaiah 37:36**

Then the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead.

**Zechariah 3:1-3** - Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

VERY IMPORTANT:

- Nowhere in the Old Testament did a man or woman quote the Scriptures as a weapon against the enemy.
  - Jesus was the first to do this while He was being tempted by Satan in the wilderness.
- A. We have to understand that the blood deals with sin, the name of Jesus deals with sickness and demonic powers, so we have to agree that the Word of God deals with the testing and temptations of the Enemy.
  - B. During the temptation that Christ faced from Satan we can say that Satan threw his darts possibly saying throughout the 40 days....*Why are you doing this, it's not necessary? Don't you realize that you will harm your body by fasting this long?*
  - C. But, the ultimate dart came on the 40<sup>th</sup> day. Jesus hungered and Satan demanded that if He were the Son of God, then for him to turn the stones to bread.
  - D. Next...Prove it by jumping off the high southeastern wall of the Temple in Jerusalem.
  - E. Finally, Jesus bow and worship Satan and as a result all the authority of the nations will be handed to Christ.
  - F. What we can't miss is the fact the Jesus rejected each temptation, but He did it in the most important manner...He quoted the scripture, a.k.a. THE WORD!

**Satan's Temptation**

Command stones to be made bread  
 Throw yourself from the Wall of the Temple  
 Bow and Worship me

**Scripture Quoted**

Deuteronomy 8:8  
 Deuteronomy 6:16  
 Deuteronomy 6:13

- Notice, then and only then after Jesus quoted the WORD, the Bible says according to **Luke 4:13 - Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.**
- This was the first time that a man used the written Word of God as a weapon by speaking out of his mouth what was written.

Basic FACT – Christ is our example!

- The power of the Word is released when the Word is spoken from our mouths.

### **Romans 10:8**

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach)

### **Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- The Greek word for "Two-edged" literally means "Two Mouthed".
- Paul really understood how this worked because in Roman times there were swords with one-sided blades and swords with double edges.
- The Word of God is a two-edged weapon of war.

Question: Why 2 and not one edge?

1. One blade was formed as God spoke His Word!
  2. The other blade is formed when YOU speak the Word!  
----Two blades, but only ONE sword...united!
- The Bible is, and always will be, the inspired Word of God.
  - But a Bible sitting on the coffee table has no power by itself.
  - The Word must get into your heart and be spoken out of your mouth!