

# Spiritual Warfare & The End Times

## Walking in Freedom

### I. Getting Started

#### A. A Truth Encounter (Not a Power Encounter)

#### B. Aware Not Afraid

Mark 4:40-41 (NIV®)

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "**Why are you so afraid?** Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

#### C. Filled With the Spirit

Ephesians 5:15-21 (NIV®)

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.** <sup>19</sup> **Speak to one another** with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. **Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,** <sup>20</sup> **always giving thanks** to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> **Submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ.

### II. The Will to Resist

1 Peter 5:6-11 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> **Resist him, standing firm in the faith,** because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

James 4:7-10 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. **Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

### III. Eliminate Provisions of Your Enemy

Romans 13:12-14 (NASB®)

<sup>12</sup> The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh** in regard to *its* lusts.

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV®)

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, **to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.**

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> So I say, **live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.** <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

## IV. Choose Freedom

### A. Confess Your Faith in Christ and in His Sacrifice on Your Behalf

Romans 10:9 (NIV®)

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

*Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God; and that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead.*

### B. Repent of All Your Rebellion and Sins

Mark 1:15 (NIV®)

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

*I give up all my rebellion and all my sin, and I submit myself to You as my Lord.*

### C. Claim Forgiveness of All Sins

1 John 1:8-9 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*I confess all my sins before You and ask for Your forgiveness—especially for any sins that exposed me to a curse. Release me also from the consequences of my ancestors' sins.*

### D. Forgive All Other People Who Have Ever Harmed You or Wronged You

Mark 11:25 (NIV®)

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

*By a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me—just as I want God to forgive me. In particular, I forgive...(name the person or persons).*

### E. Renounce All Contact With Anything Occult or Satanic

Acts 19:18–19 (NIV84®)

<sup>18</sup> Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup> A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.

*I renounce all contact with the occult or anything satanic. I cancel all Satan's claims against me.*

### F. Pray a Prayer of Release From Any Curse

Galatians 3:13 (NIV®)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

*Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on yourself every curse that could ever come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life—in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ! By faith I now receive my release and I thank You for it.*

### G. Now Believe That You Have Received and Go Forward in God's Blessing

Galatians 3:14 (NIV®)

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

*Lord, I now open myself to receive Your blessing in every way You want to impart it to me.*