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*Recapture your health with these
Five Offensive Weapons*

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Introduction

Demon, Sickness and Spiritual Warfare

A person's spirit is that person's life. When the spirit is gone, the body is dead. James said, "the body without the spirit is dead...." Jesus also equated the spirit with life.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)

In the verse above, "quickeneth," means to "give life." Then, He equated "life" and "spirit" concerning the words which He spoke. In other words, "spirit" and "life" are interchangeable because spirit is life.

In Revelation 13:15, the False Prophet will have power to give life unto the image of the beast so that the statue can talk. The word translated "life" is the Greek word "spirit." The translators of the King James Version recognized the vital link between spirit and life.

Rev 13:14-15

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

(KJV)

The "life" of that image that will be made to talk in Revelation 13: 15, is "spirit." What kind of spirit is it? Did it come from God? No, it will be a Satanic spirit. It will be a demon that makes that image (statue) live.

In Luke 13: 11, Jesus healed a woman afflicted (for eighteen years) with a bent back. He said that she had been bound by Satan. He said that she had a "spirit" of infirmity.

Luke 13:11

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

(KJV)

Luke 13:16

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? (KJV)

What Does "Spirit of Infirmity" Mean?

When we read that expression, "spirit of infirmity," many of us just pass over it. But what does this "spirit of infirmity" mean? The answer to this question was the driving force that caused me to seek to understand the relationship between demon activity and sickness in the bodies of the children of God.

Luke, who wrote the above passage, was a physician. He probably knew as much about medicine and physical maladies as anyone in his day. He recognized that an evil spirit (Jesus called it "a spirit of infirmity") had produced her sickness. Numerous Scriptures verify Jesus' assertion that sickness is demonic.

Matt 8:16

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: (KJV)

Matt 9:32-33

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.
33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.
(KJV)

Matt 12:22

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. (KJV)

Mark 1:23-25

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.
25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
(KJV)

Mark 9:25

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. (KJV)

Luke 4:35

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. (KJV)

Luke 9:1

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (KJV)

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (KJV)

Luke 13:11

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. (KJV)

Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)

Eph 6:12

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. (KJV)

If that woman had lived today and had gone to the best clinic in the land to get a diagnosis, they would have diagnosed her with arthritis in her backbone, curvature of the spinal column, slipped disc, etc.. But nobody would have diagnosed that woman with having an evil spirit. Luke, who recorded this event, recognized that Satan is the author of sickness. The Book of Job says the same thing.

Job 2:3

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. (KJV)

Job 2:7

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. (KJV)

How does Satan inflict sickness on Christians?

How, then. does he inflict sickness on people? Revelation 13: 15 above, gives us a clue. The False Prophet did not give that statue "life," he gave him "spirit." The "spirit," in turn, provided its life since spirit is life. Just as Satan was the animator of the statue, He also provides the life force of many sicknesses in the form of demons. This leads us to this; *many sicknesses have a life force (spirit) which came from Satan.* This life force is a demon.

If you put a sickness under a microscope, you will not see the spirit (life) that animates it. But you will see the effect of that spirit. You will see the damage that it does to the body. But the moment that wicked spirit (demon) is cast out of that body, the sickness dies. Consequently, it will pass out through the body. It dies because it has no more spirit, it has no more life. When the life is gone out of it, it will wither up and go away.

Demon induced sickness is how Satan afflicts the bodies of believers. This may not be the only way he afflicts them, but this is certainly one way he does it. This staggers the mind of many modern believers. They can not grasp this. They can not take it in because it is contrary to everything they believe. They are so conditioned to the modern mindset. They can recognize a virus, germ or bacteria under a microscope, but little do they know that a spirit that can animate it, causing it to live. Force the spirit of that virus to leave and the virus dies, dries up and is just passed out through the body. Then, the person afflicted with it recovers fully.

Can a Christian be demon possessed?

Many ask, "Can a Christian be demon possessed?" No! "Possessed" implies "ownership." Neither demons nor Satan can own (possess) a Christian. But they can harass and afflict them. The case of Paul proves this. He had a thorn which was a "messenger" of Satan. (The Greek word translated, "messenger" is the Greek word for "angel." In other words, Paul was hounded by a demon assigned to kill him. He describes how it attempted to murder him.

2 Cor 11:23-33

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:
33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.
(KJV)

Demon harassment and affliction can include sickness. See again the Scriptures cited above. The woman, in the passage from Luke's Gospel quoted above, was sick with a spirit of infirmity (demon). Demons are responsible for many, many sicknesses. How many, no one can say for sure. Nevertheless, we must know how to engage them in Spiritual Warfare to dispel them and get rid of the sicknesses they cause. The balance of this book addresses this issue.

Actually, we will address five major issues in this volume. (1) How to deal with your personally assigned demon. (2) How to defeat demon induced sickness. (3) What are the Five Offensive Weapons God has given us to defeat demon induced sicknesses? (4) Why these Five Offensive Weapons work. (5) Where and how *you* can get the confidence and the courage to defeat demons and sickness.

Chapter One

Your Personally Assigned Demon

Psalms Fifty Five through Fifty Eight nestles a background in which David was up to his neck in alligators. He was in big trouble. Friends had turned on him and his enemies were closing in on him. All he could do in this situation was cry unto God. In Psalm 57:1, David cried out and said,

Ps 57:1-11

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

(KJV)

In the above passage, David is encompassed on all sides by the enemies marshaled against him. Even in David's limited theological knowledge, he still had much power with

God. But we have knowledge about the things of God that David did not have. In addition, we have Five Offensive Weapons that enable us to combat the forces of darkness that are thrown against us that David did not have. We know that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against wicked spirits that inhabit the high places.

Eph 6:12

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. (KJV)

David could only view his enemies from the stand point of the flesh. He did not understand the spiritual forces behind the scenes that operated in the flesh. Like David, we see flesh and blood. Flesh and blood may come against us, but there is a principality, a spiritual force, (a hoard of demons) that lurk around and operate behind the human flesh that we see. They motivate the flesh (in the form of evil men) to come against us. David did not know this, but we know it.

My personally assigned demon

By revelation, God showed me something that I can not prove with a specific Scripture, but I can cite the case of one man concerning it. From this man's experience, combined with my own, I believe that every child of God has a personal demon assigned to him, that tracks him constantly, whose job is to derail him, one way or the other (including sickness). In other words, I believe that the devil has given a personal assignment to one specific demon to harass and afflict each individual Christian. Paul had a personal demon. No, Paul was not demon possessed. Neither are we. That demon never possessed Paul. His mission was not to possess Paul; his mission was to kill him, to wipe him out, to buffet him with his fist until Paul lay dead with his lips silenced and his job for God cut short by this death dealing power.

The Holy Ghost revealed to me that everyone of us has a specific demonic assignment whose life long job is to derail you as a Christian. Can I produce scripture to support it?

No, but you can not produce one to contradict it. My personal experience, however, reveals that this is the case, confirming what the Holy Ghost revealed to me about this.

The demon that tracks you like a blood hound knows your every weakness. His assignment is to derail you from being and doing what God wants you to be and do. His greatest attacks upon me occur when I am the closest to the greatest spiritual breakthroughs of my life.

The closer I come to accomplishing bigger things for God and penetrating deeper into the things of the Spirit, that demon's attacks on me become unbearable and unmerciful. He does everything he can to derail my moving into a deeper understanding of the things of God. Have you ever been there?

As God began moving me deeper and more powerfully into physical healing through the use of Jesus' name, the more intense the derailing attempts of this personal demon became. He occupied my mind with other things so that I had no time to stop and think about what I saw God doing through me.

I have seen God's power operate through me when I combine His Word with Jesus' name and speak them through my lips. Moreover, the more I try to stop and meditate upon what I have seen God do, the harder the demon hits me to derail even my meditation.

My demon and my computer

My personally assigned demon got into my computer. All

that is done on that computer is the LORD's work. Nothing else is ever done on it. I have no use for it apart from the LORD's work. I have a program called Stacker in that computer. This is a program in which all other programs sit. This program "doubles" the size of the space on your hard disc.

The other day a friend and I were doing some work on my computer, and all of a sudden, that Stacker program disappeared out of that computer. It was not deleted. If you delete a program, only the first letter of the program disappears; everything else remains in it. Restore that first letter and the program comes back. That Stacker program was not in there. It left. That is supposed to be impossible. The disappearance of this program produced a battle royal. It occupied my time because I had to put this and put that back into the computer. I had to relearn this and redo that. There is a personal devil that agitates me, to keep me sidetracked so that I neither do nor become what God wants me to be.

There are many women who have a desire for the things of God. The deeper that desire becomes and the more you attempt for God, the more you come under a demonic attack to derail and to sidetrack you. This derailing demon usually messes up the mind of your husband. Consequently, you wonder what is happening to you. Unless you are deep enough in the things of God, you will fail to see that this is an attack by your assigned demon, who stays with you twenty four hours a day. He was sent after you from the pits of hell, by the devil himself. He has but one motive: he aims to derail you any way he can, including sickness. Furthermore, your demon has many other demons that he can call in to help him do it. But you fight flesh and blood. You get mad at your husband. Husbands get mad at their wives. That is silly. Your problem is not flesh and blood. The problem is a spirit problem, for there is an assignment against your husband

too. Sometimes these demons will team up, but their whole mission is to derail you one way or the other and they will hit your weak spot.

Paul's personally assigned demon

I know what Paul's weak spot was. The thorn that Paul had was not a sickness, it was a personally assigned demon. Paul spells it out. He had a "messenger" of Satan.

2 Cor 12:7

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. (KJV)

The word translated "messenger" is the Greek word ANGELOS, from which comes our English word "angel." Paul's thorn was the angel of Satan. That is a demon. Paul says what it was. Furthermore, the demon was assigned to kill him. Read 2 Corinthians 11 again, in the Introduction, to see what this demon did to Paul. Keep in mind, your demon knows your weak point and he will aim at that. The weak point with some people is alcohol. With others, it is dope. That demon knows your weakness, and he will move on it. Paul's was his intellect and the volume of great revelations he received from God. He had the most brilliant mind of his day. That demons job, then, was to kill Paul.

I firmly believe that all of us have these personal demons that have been assigned to us. I can not give you book, chapter and verse where it says in Hezekiah 31:47, "Brother Jay, you have a personal demon." I can not give that verse. I can not give you one where Jill or Bill or anybody else has a personal demon. But you can't give me one that shows we don't. Paul had one and my personal experience demonstrates to me that I do also. Because there is something out there that knows too much about me. He knows what hurts. He knows what it takes to shut

me down. He knows what it takes to move me off to the side. He knows what it takes to stop me. When I allow him to move me off to the side, I am empty, I am unfulfilled, I am not everything that I ought to be. I end up powerless, which is what he wanted all along.

I have become aware of the power in Jesus' name linked up with the Word and spoken through my lips. I have seen things happen that the average Christian just would not believe. The devil hates this. Therefore, he assigned a demon to me to stop it any way he can.

I saw a lady with a hand deformed with arthritis. I stood right there and watched the Holy Ghost straighten it out. God even changed the color of her skin. God changed her hand from a clinched, deformed fist into a straight, normal hand which had a glow to it.

That is the power of Jesus' name. Now the devil does not want these things to happen. You see, he wants to move me away from being able to meditate on it to get more gutsy and do it some more.

So, he steals a program completely out of my computer. It is working one minute and the next minute that program is gone. Do not think that we hit a wrong key, because the mouse and everything else went out. Everything stopped. That program was gone. It was no longer in there. You can not restore something or undelete something that is not in there. That program left. My personally assigned demon caused this.

You also have a personally assigned demon. Some people have a problem with this, that or the other. Your problem may be the desire for money, the desire for power, the desire for fame or the desire for all them. Whatever your weakness, your demon will come after you, but he can not beat you.

What's the answer?

I have described a problem. Now, let me put forth some answers. Notice Psalm 57:2. In the midst of all the trouble that this demon threw at him, (he did not understand Spiritual Warfare like we do), David battled against *people*. He asked God to break the teeth out of their mouths. He is dealing with people. He wants God to put a hurt on them.

We know that we must look beyond "people" to the spiritual force (demon) that caused them to attack us. Even so, we have a common denominator with David, who in verse 2 said, "*I will cry unto God Most High, unto God, who performeth all things for me.*" Look at the expression, "*who performeth all things for me.*", Let that sink in. "*Unto God who performeth all things for me.*" God can take that demonic attack and turn it around for your good. Romans 8:28 says,

Rom 8:28
28 **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**
(KJV)

Many people worry whether something is the will of God or not. I want to tell you something; *you are the will of God*. The Word of God says that you have been begotten by the Word of God through His own will. *If you have been born again, you are the will of God*. You are the express will of God sitting right where you are while reading this page. Furthermore, the Bible says that you have been called according to His purpose. Consequently, God's Spirit turns every thing around and makes it work for your good. Even these demonic attacks can be made to work for good because, through the attack, you learn more about the enemy. From his attacks, I learned how to derail him on his next pass through. I learned, also, that there will, indeed, be another pass at me. But when he comes at me again, since I learned something from his last pass at me, I will

not allow him to put the same old story on me that he did the last time.

Every time he comes at me, God over rules him and teaches me something. God works it out for my good. *God performs all things for me.* It is as though I was the only person on this planet. God makes the stars shine for me. Are the stars things? God performs all things for me. It is as if I were the only person on the planet and a big rain came. Why did it rain? Is rain a thing? God performs all things for me. Let the attack come. I will learn from it. God will make good come of it.

Many people say, "You ought to be strong in the face of temptation." If you could be strong in the face of temptation, it would not even be a temptation. Temptation is something, from which, you do not want to walk away. Otherwise, it is not temptation. So, the devil will throw his biggest guns at your weakest point. He will *find* your weakness. It doesn't matter what it is. Different people have different weaknesses.

If the devil is trying to derail you, this is an indication that you have a particular weakness, even while someone else has another. His ultimate objective, concerning you both, is to derail you so that you will neither be nor do what God wants you to be and do. He will aim at your weakness to sidetrack you. Then, you are shut down as far as power and usefulness is concerned.

Some men get bent out of shape when their wives get mad at them. It just derails them. It totally punctures them and folds them up. Some women are the same way. They totally collapse when their husband gets a little bit miffed at what they have done or said. The devil knows all this.

Moreover, your personally assigned demon has studied you better than you have studied yourself. He knows more about you than anyone. He has known you from birth, since he was assigned to you, I firmly believe, from that

moment.

Furthermore, I do not believe that the devil changes demons on you. I think that he is the same demon at all times and that he stays with you until you learn how to beat him. He is an assignment and he can call for other demons to help him. Through these other demons, they can marshal forces of people to bring against you.

While I was pastor of Believer's Covenant Church in Pearland, Texas, I spoke to pastors. As they heard all that had happened to that church, they said, "Brother, I have not had as much trouble in all my combined ministry as you have had in two years in that one church". You see, the devil hated that church and everything that it stood for. However, he never won a thing. We experienced total victory in that church.

David said, "*God performs all thing for me.*" We must recognize that an assignment is against us, for we are encompassed with enemies composed of both people and demons. People become our enemies because of the demons. We must recognize that we have this demon assigned to us and his one mission is to sidetrack us. If he can sidetrack you no other way, he will kill you. To sidetrack you is his objective. It is his marching orders. This is exactly what he is after. The one job assigned to him by the master devil, Satan himself, is to derail you, get you off track and stop you as a Christian.

However, in the midst of this attack, God can make it work in our behalf. He made it work for Paul, who said in so many words, "In my weakness, I discovered that the power of God rests on me greater when I acknowledge that I am up against something that I can not handle. When my back is against the wall and I am totally out of strength, I recognize the power of God more in my life than at any other time." God overruled that demon and made the situation work to Paul's advantage. He does the same for

you.

We must know that a personally assigned demon is after us. But God, who performs all things for our benefit, can overrule it. What is included in "all things that God performs" for my benefit? Everything you can name that has any good to it, God performs that. There is nothing good that happens to you by chance. God performed it for you.

When you get a handle on the great fact that God performs all things for you, you are on shouting ground! God is performing all things for me. No wonder David said in verse 7, "*My heart is fixed.*" In other words, I am not going to be moved. I know who I am. I know who my God is. I know where my help is coming from. I know the puny condition of the demon coming against me. When God is on my side, nothing can hurt me. Therefore, "*My heart is fixed,*" David said.

The source of your help against demons and sickness

Look at verse 3 again. Not only does God perform all things for me, but He also, "*shall send from Heaven and save me.*" God has no need to utilize any earthly thing in our behalf. He is not restricted to using earthly things to help us. The Bible says, "*He will send from Heaven.*" God has things up there with which to help us that the mind of man has not even imagined yet. He has an arsenal in the skies that we have not tapped yet. David said, "*God shall send from Heaven, and deliver His children.*" He has some things in Heaven He has not even sent down here yet. When we have God going for us, what demon can be against us and prevail?

Rom 8:31

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (KJV)

When the demons attack, the average person blames their husband or wife or somebody else. Blame a person, however, signifies a carnal Christian (one who is not walking in the Spirit). If they were walking in the Spirit, they would look beyond that which our physical eyes see and look right in the face of a demon.

I know everything about my personal demon except his name. I will not let him speak or I would know his name. It is always the same demon. I must give him credit, though. He knows what it takes to rattle my cage. He knows just when and how to jerk my chain to make me mad. I am not as fiery as I used to be. It did not take much of a jerk on my chain some few years ago to fire my temper. But you see, now, I am beating him in the Spirit.

The only way to defeat a demon induced sickness

I have learned that the only way I can battle him and win is link the Name of Jesus to the written Word of God and speak it in his face. My confession of the written Word of God linked with the Name of Jesus assures me of victory over him.

Every time I link the Name of Jesus to the written Word and say it out loud, God sends instructions from Heaven to the Holy Ghost: "Get over there and kick that demon out." Guess what the Holy Ghost does? He works that demon over in ways that I never could.

My problem is neither my wife, nor my kids, nor people who may have called me everything but a decent person. These are not my problems. My problem is that personally assigned demon who called in other demons and stirred them up. He said to these other demons, "Go get Jay. He is vulnerable to criticism."

We are all vulnerable to criticism, aren't we? I do not mind a person thinking that maybe I could have done something

a little better. Maybe I could have made a different choice and the outcome could have been a little bit better. Maybe I could have done something this way, rather than that way, and maybe it would have been done better. I do not mind that. I profit from it.

It bothers me, however, for somebody to impugn my integrity and attack my character. That does several things to me. It hurts me and it makes me angry. This is one way the devil comes after me through this personal assignment. I have had to battle this all my life. It may be some other way with you, but this is how he gets to me.

When my wife refuses to walk in the Spirit, she deals with me in flesh and blood, rather than in the spirit. She becomes upset with me and deals with me as flesh and blood, rather than see the personal assignment that may be causing me to do this or causing me to do that. This bothers and derails me, as it does most married people.

You see, that personal devil knows more about you and yours than you do yourself. Consequently, he will use the things against you that bother you the most. He will catch you in a moment when you are not aware of him. Then, he will walk through the door of your weak spot. All of this is designed to derail you and make you less than what you could be and what you are.

Many times he will derail us and we don't even know it. Here is a quick test. Do you have the zeal for God that you had at any previous point in your life, or is it less? If it is less, you have been "had" by your personally assigned demon. You have bought his lie, whether or not you like it or realize it. Then you will wonder, "What is missing in my life?"

It is really simple. You are not doing for God what you should do. You have been derailed and you lack the depth in the Spirit to distinguish what has happened to you. You

will think it is this or you will think it is that. You will try this or you will try that to correct it. Furthermore, this is why many people seek with *counselors* who take them right down the road to destruction. All the while, they have just been derailed by their personally assigned demon who knows how they function and how they react.

He knows that he can do things to them (including sickness) and they won't even know who did it. These people know something is out of pocket, but they neither know what nor why. Since they know neither what it is nor what caused it, they do not know what it takes to put it back together again. Paul experienced this.

He had a personally assigned demon. It is called, in the Bible, his "thorn in the flesh." The Scripture also spells out what it was; it was a personal demon, an angel of Satan, who stayed with him. Like a blood hound, he stayed on Paul's trail to destroy him.

I wish I had known in the early years of my ministry what I know now, not just head knowledge, but revelation from the Holy Ghost. There are many battles I lost that I would have won. But I just didn't know how. In one town where I pastored, we shut down one of the most famous streets in that state. It was famous for sin and iniquity. On that street were dope dens, beer joints and whore houses. My church was right in the middle of it. We lived next to the church. At that time, my two little girls were very small. I was fearful to let them go out in the yard and play by themselves.

My first week on the job, I walked across my yard, across the street, up the steps of the church that I pastored. At this point, I was propositioned by two prostitutes who were sitting on the front steps of my church. They did not know that I was the new preacher in town.

I declared war on this. With God's help, our church shut down every whore house, dope den and beer joint on that

street. We took that mess into the state capital and fought it until they padlocked the dens of iniquity on the whole street.

I discovered that many of the people who owned much of the property, up and down that street, were big people in one of the political parties. They were the ones who were leasing space to this underworld element. We took them on. They did everything they could to destroy us. I know what it is to have that personally assigned devil come after me. He knows that criticism against my character, integrity and work bothers me. He knows this hurts me and slows me down, so that I can not function at my best.

Everyone reading this page has a personally assigned demon. But I want to tell you something. My deliverance from that thing is through the power of God because God performs all things for me. When God is performing something for me, you better line up with His will, or God may send a brick bat to fall on your head.

You must "Fix your heart."

No wonder David said, *"My heart is fixed."* He was not about to be shaken by his circumstances. *"My heart is fixed,"* he said. I am anchored to the truth. I know that God will send from Heaven. He will help me with a spiritual weapon that nobody has even seen yet. *"My heart is fixed."* Hallelujah! I do not have to put up with this. I do not have to put up with people. I do not have to put up with spirits because I have the victory. God will send from Heaven and help me! Glory to God! This is who we are, what we have and where we are. It is not a matter of flesh and blood, it is a matter of the spoken Word linked to the name of Jesus.

Don't get bent out of shape when your husband or wife isn't doing right. Look behind that husband or wife and look at the demon who attacked them. I am not in the mood to let any demon have one member of my family. When that

demon makes them not act right, I will get right in his face because my heart is fixed. God will send from Heaven and deliver my wayward, family member. *My heart is fixed.* No wonder David said, "*I will sing and give praise.*" When your heart is fixed, you can sing right in the face of adversity. You can praise God when the whole wide world is blowing up in your face. God is performing all things for me. As long as I have that, I need nothing else. *God is performing all things for me.* This is shouting ground.

Chapter Two

How to Defeat Your Personally Assigned Demon

There is a difference between *power* and *authority*. We have both, but there is a difference. You need to understand this difference and how this difference relates to you as a Christian. From this Chapter, you will understand *your* power and *your* authority over your personally assigned demon and the sicknesses he causes.

There are two different Greek words translated power and authority, yet in some places the translators render them both, by the same word, *power*. Unless you know the Greek text, there is no way you can tell which word is used in the various Scriptures. I will show you, however, the differences in these two Greek words from Scripture. Then you will your *power* and your *authority* as a Christian. Look first at Luke 9: 1.

Luke 9:1-2

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
(KJV)

What is power?

In the above expression, "gave them *power*," power is the Greek word DUNAMIS, from which comes our English word DYNAMITE. This word means *ability*. Jesus gave them *ability* or *power* or *dynamite* over *all* the demons. Look at that expression, over *all* the demons. How many demons? *All* of them. Now, here are the disciples and suddenly Jesus is giving them *power* or *ability* over *all* the demons and over *all* sicknesses. In other words, He gave

them *power* or *ability* that is more in strength than the ability of *any* demon or *any* sickness.

I have seen demon possessed people do strange things. The first encounter I ever had with a demonic person occurred when I was in a revival meeting in Tennessee. I was a Southern Baptist at that time, and I did not know beans about demons. However, I was in a church with a Spirit filled pastor, who knew how to deal with them. After the service one night, He took me back into his office. I walked in and saw a man crawling around on the floor, frothing at the mouth and making hissing sounds. He spoke with the weirdest sounding voice I had ever heard in my life. It was not the voice of a normal man; it was the voice of something inside that man that was speaking through his vocal cords.

Furthermore, he had super human strength. Back then, we did not have these plastic base boards along the bottom of the walls. Buildings in those days used wood base boards. In the pastor's office, those wood, 1" x 4" base boards were nailed into the 2" x 4"s in that building. While writhing around on the floor, that man pulled that base board off with his fingernails and broke it to bits.

I sat behind the pastor's oak desk which weighed about 300 pounds. I weighed 200 pounds. That man, while lying on his stomach on the floor, took one arm, grabbed the leg of that desk, lifted it and shoved me and the desk backward into the wall. That is dynamite power.

But the Bible says that Jesus gave us *power* over that power. It also says that no demon is excluded from the *power* which we Christians have been given by Jesus. Look back at the passage. Jesus said, "I give you *power* over all the demons." Is any demon excluded? Not one demon is excluded from this blanket statement that Jesus gave, for He said, "I give you *power* over *all* the demons and the diseases."

I have seen some debilitating diseases. If you want to be humbled, go to Texas Children's Hospital and take a tour through it. You will see the devastation caused by demons (in the form of diseases) on those little children. If that doesn't break your heart, you are one hard-hearted person. I can handle it to see a sick adult. It bothers me, but I can handle it. But I can not go into those little children's wards and see some of those little bodies that are absolutely ate up with disease and sickness and not break down and cry. I just can not do it.

I am a *softy* for a child: anyone's child, mine, yours or little urchin children on the street. I just have a place in my heart for children and I can not deal with watching them lie there with a debilitating disease. Yet Jesus said, "I give you *power* over *all* the demons and over *all* the diseases."

In the Greek text, demons and diseases are linked together. In Luke 9:1, the Greek text gives Christians *power* and *authority* over *all the demons and all the diseases*. Consequently, there is no disease over which you do not have *power*. No matter how great it's ability to destroy the human body, you have an *ability* greater than the ability of that sickness.

Although a demon has the power to pull a base board off the wall with a man's fingernails and break it to bits while a room full of men stand there and watch, listening to it hiss and talk in weird sounds, you have *power* and *authority* greater than this power.

Nothing but demon activity causes this. The Holy Ghost does not cause it. But even while sitting there watching this display of super human strength, remember, Jesus said that you have *ability* greater than any demon and his sickness.

What is authority?

Next, Jesus used the *authority* word. He said, "I also give you *authority*." What good is power if I do not have the authority to use it? Here, He used a totally different word. But this word, EXOUSIA (translated here by the word, *authority*) is translated, in other passages of Scripture, by the English word *power*. The translation, *power*, is an accurate way to translate it, but it doesn't convey its complete meaning.

Here is what it means. The word EXOUSIA carries all the *ability* of the Greek word DUNAMIS, but EXOUSIA carries within itself the *right to use that ability*. What good is power, what good is ability, if you do not have the *authority or the right* to use that *power and ability*?

Since Jesus used the word, *authority*, He meant, "Not only have I given you *ability* greater than the ability of all demons, not only have I given you *power* greater than the power of any disease to maim and make sick and destroy, but I have also given you the *authority* to use that *power*. My *authority*, combined with my *power*, makes you more *powerful* than all demons and all diseases." Consequently, I not only have *power*, I also have *authority*.

Look at what they did with this *power* and *authority*. In verse two, He told them what to do with them. He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal those being sick. Then, verse 6 says, "and having gone out, they passed through the villages preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." He told them what to do with them and they went out and did it.

Luke 9:6

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where. (KJV)

In Luke 10:17, as they returned from where He sent them (verse 6), they were absolutely amazed. They returned

with joy saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us through your name."

Luke 10:17

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (KJV)

Then, Jesus said in verse 19,

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (KJV)

Notice what He did. He used the same two words, *authority* and *power*. He said, "I have given you the *authority* to tread on the ability of the enemy. I have given you the *authority* to walk all over all the power of the enemy." Do you know that the enemy has power? Do you know that Satan can perform miracles? Satan's power is limited only by the power of God.

Satan is powerful. He can make you sick. He can set up nations and he can bring down nations. Make no mistake about it. Satan is a power to be reckoned with. He is our enemy and his power is malignant. Moreover, his powerful malignancy is directed against us at all times.

There is never a moment that the power of the enemy is not directed against you. It may be subtle, or it may be right out in broad open daylight. It may be through trying to seduce your mind and con you, but his malignant power is always directed against a child of God.

But what did Jesus say about this malignant power that is always aimed at us? He said, "I have given you *authority* over all the ability of the enemy." Does anyone doubt that Satan has ability? Does anyone doubt that Satan has

power? Does anyone doubt that the devil is the worst enemy you have?

Make no mistake. Satan has power. He turns men into alcoholics. He causes women to be abused. He causes little children to be sexually abused and hungry. He causes homes to crack up. He causes division. He causes sickness. He is a powerful enemy. Never-the-less, Jesus said, "I have given you authority over the power of the enemy."

***You have power and authority over
demon induced sickness now***

Look at verse 19 again. Jesus said, "I have given you *authority* to tread on all the power of the enemy." All of it. How much power does the enemy have? Its awesome, but we have the *authority* to tread on it. You have the authority over everything concerning the enemy. You have it now. You don't have to get it. If you have been born again, you have the *power* and the *authority* granted to you by Jesus to tread on all the power of the devil.

There is no amount of his power and there is no area of his power not covered by this verse. You can put your feet right in his face and walk all over him, because you have, now, this *authority* over all his power. Therefore, why do we let the devil bang around our church, bang around our finances, bang around our health, bang around our homes and our children? We don't have to tolerate him. We have been given both *power* and *authority* over him.

Furthermore, Jesus says that if you will exercise the authority He has given to you, nothing on earth shall by any means hurt you. When you learn who you are in Christ and what you have in Christ, it will make you bold. Proverbs 28:1 says it for us.

Prov 28:1

**1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth:
but the righteous are bold as a lion. (KJV)**

When you become aware of who you are and what you have, you are scared of nothing for Jesus said that nothing, *no thing*, shall by any means hurt you because *you* have been given *authority* to tread all over the power of the enemy. Therefore, we don't have to be afraid of him or his power.

Now the main question is this; how do you exercise this authority over your personally assigned demon and the sicknesses he causes? There is a Scripture (Luke 7: 1-10) that clearly answers this question. We shall see plainly how authority operates. We shall see there is absolutely no reason for anyone to take a pounding from the devil. If you do, it is either because you do not understand what you have, or if you do understand and still get kicked around by him, then you are just too lazy to use what you have.

If you are lazy, I can not help you. But if you do not know what you have, I can help you. I will teach you what belongs to you. What I am saying, here, applies to any born-again believer. If you have been saved, you are included in Luke 7: 1-10, for when Jesus said these things to the twelve and then to the seventy, He said them to us also.

Someone may say, "Well, Jay, that was said to the twelve and to the seventy and that doesn't apply to us." What He said to them, not only applies to us, it has even been intensified to us, for this reason; we have the indwelling Holy Ghost. They did not have the indwelling Holy Ghost yet. Consequently, multiply what He said to them, by several thousand times more *power*. That is what applies to us. What Jesus said to the twelve and what He said to the seventy applies even more to us today. Why? Because since Pentecost, we have it *all*. As a matter of fact, they operated without the Spirit indwelling them and they

operated without the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. When Pentecost came, however, the Holy Ghost came in *power* and we now have every bit of *power* there is in the Holy Ghost.

Now the Spirit of God lives inside every Christian and His *power* also lives inside you. Now you can understand the Scripture, "Greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world." When the Spirit of God comes to live inside you and you receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, you have all the *power* you will ever need.

Many of you do not experience this power because you have not received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. You need to receive the Spirit of God like you received Jesus as your personal Savior. (To see the three ways to receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, see my book, ***How To Exercise God's Megaton Power Now.***) Then, *power* will take over your life. There is *power* inside you which gives you the *right* and *ability* to walk all over everything that the devil throws at you. Next, look at Luke 7 which explains the difference between *power* and *authority*.

Luke 7:1-10

1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou

shouldest enter under my roof:

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

(KJV)

The Centurion in this passage was not a Jew. He was a Roman, but he was good to the Jews. Therefore, some of the Jews asked Jesus to heal his slave. They told Jesus that he was worthy because he was friendly toward them. So Jesus went with them. But while He was still far away from his house, the Centurion sent friends to Him with this message; "Lord, do not trouble, for I am not worthy that you come under my roof."

The disciples said he was worthy of Jesus attention, but the centurion said that he, himself, was not worthy. He said, "Therefore, I did not count myself worthy to come to you." In other words, if I am not worthy for you to come in my house, I am not even worthy to come to you myself. Then the message declared, "Say a word, let my servant be cured, for I also am a man having been set under authority." (Here is our word, *authority*.) The message continues, "I also have soldiers under me, and I say to this one go and he goes, and to another, come and he comes, and to my slave, do this and he does it." And hearing these things, Jesus marveled at him. And turning to the crowd following Him, He said, "I say to you, I did not find such faith in Israel." And returning, they found the sick slave

well.

How to exercise your power and authority over demon induced sickness

Notice some basic truths here. First, the Centurion said to these people and to Jesus, "I understand authority because I am a man who is under authority. I am a soldier and when my superiors give me an order, since they are my authority, I do what that order says for me to do. I understand authority, which works like this; when the one in authority tells a subservient one what to do, the person, who is subservient to the one in authority, must do what his superior tells him to do. *He responds to words.*"

Second, he said, "Not only am I a man under authority, but I am also a man of authority, for I have other soldiers under me. All I have to do is say the *word*, and because they are under my authority, my *word* is my power, for they act on what I *say*. Therefore, I simply *say* go and they go. I *say* come and they come. I *say* do this and they do this." Do you see what he is doing? He is linking power and authority with *spoken words!* This is how you defeat demons and sickness.

So then, Jesus said, "I have given you all *power* and *authority*. I have given you *ability* over the authority of the devil and I have given you *authority* over the ability of the devil. I have placed it within your power to walk all over the devil. There is no demon and no sickness over which you do not have both *ability* and *authority*. There is no demon over which you do not have the *right* and the *ability* to walk over because I gave you that *right*, I gave you that *authority*, I gave you that *ability* and I gave you that *power*.

How then do I exercise this power and authority? The same way that the Centurion exercised it. He would say, "Go," to a soldier and the soldier would go. He would say, "Come," to a soldier and the soldier would come. He would

say to a slave, "Do this," and the slave would do it. That is how *power* and *authority* is exercised. It is exercised through *spoken words*. Jesus told us this in Mark 11.

Mark 11:23

**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.
(KJV)**

Notice what He said. He said, "Say something to this mountain. Give it an order." Remember what the Centurion said. He said, "Say a word to the disease of my slave. Say a word to the disease of my slave and let it be cured."

He recognized authority, he recognized power. In Matthew 28, Jesus said that all power both in Heaven and in earth had been given unto Him.

Matt 28:18-20

**18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
Amen.
(KJV)**

In verse 18 above, the word translated all *power* is the Greek word for all *authority*. Remember, *authority* is *power* with the right to use it. Jesus said, "All *authority* both in Heaven and in earth has been given unto me." Then He said, "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world."

Where's Jesus when we need him now?

Where is He with me always? He is in my spirit man. So what Jesus is saying is this; all *authority*, both in Heaven and in earth, (throughout the entire universe) has been given unto Him. Then He said, "I am with you always." In addition, we know from other Scriptures that He is indwelling us. "With us always," in this context, means "*in us always*," even to the end of the world. Therefore, Jesus brought all His *authority and power into us*..

Now, you can really see what John meant when he said,

I Jn 4:4

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (KJV)

Satan has some authority. Satan has some power. His power is second only to God. He has some rip roaring power. Look in the hospitals and see what disease can do. That is power. Go see what a demon can do to a person, how it causes them to make an absolute fool of themselves. It can cast them into a fire and make them walk on broken glass and mutilate their own body. That is power. Any force that can make a person do that is power.

But Jesus said that *all authority*, even over the things above, has been given to Him and He has come inside you to live, and He will stay in there forever. Therefore, "Greater is He that is within me than he that is within the world."

How to release your power and authority

How, then, do I release this power of the indwelling Christ? I release it by *words*. This means that when a disease presents itself, I have two ways to handle it. I can handle it in the natural and I will say, "Woe is me." I can handle it in

the natural and say, "I better get to the hospital fast." I can handle it through the natural and head for the drug store. There is nothing inherently wrong with this. But as you go to the drug store, combine the spiritual with it. The spiritual way to deal with any disease is take authority over it and tread it under with *words*.

How do I do it? I do it with *words*. I will turn on that thing with *words*. I will do exactly what Jesus and the apostles did. I will say, "I rebuke you, sickness, in the name of Jesus. Come out of that man's body and leave him whole." That is how *authority* is exercised. When I encounter someone that is demon possessed, I will turn on that thing and I will rebuke it. I will say to that thing, "Foul spirit, come out of that women's body in the name of Jesus." That is *authority*. That is how you exercise it. You do it with *words*.

I want everyone reading this page to learn how to use the *words* of God to accomplish the works of God. Jesus said, "The works that I do shall you do also." Then He said, "And greater works than these shall you do because I go back to my Father."

John 14:12

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (KJV)

What kind of works did Jesus do? He *spoke words*. Sometimes He would spit in the dirt and make a mud pie and smear it in a man's eye and make him see. Most of the time, however, He *spoke words*. He would say, "I rebuke you foul spirit." This is what we are to do also. There is no power on earth that can stand against you when you have enough courage to use *words* against demons, circumstances and sicknesses.

When you really get a handle on who you are and what

you have, you will be very bold. You will be as bold as a lion because there is absolutely no force, man, devil, denomination or group that can stand against you and win. Why? Because Jesus said, "I have given you *authority* over all the abilities of the enemy. I have given you the *right* to trample him right under your feet."

You do it with *spoken words*. Therefore, you must issue a command in Jesus' name. Give that demon an order in Jesus' name. It will do exactly what you *tell* it. Does this sound too good to be true? Maybe! Nevertheless, it is true. When you walk it out, you will find that it is true.

When I first began to do this, it made me shake and tremble. I said Lord, "What if I rebuke something, cast the demon out and everybody laughs at me because it didn't work?" He said, "You must put it to the test. There is no other way."

So I put it to the test and discovered that I can pry the hinges off any door the devil can set up in front of me. I found there is no power, no man, no angel, no devil, no nothing that can stop me as long as I speak the Words of God, combined with the *authority* in Jesus' name.

Three things you must realize

When I began to speak *words* to demon induced sicknesses using the name of Jesus, I was aware of three things. First, I recognized my *authority* that Jesus had given to me. Second, I recognized the fact that all *power* and all *authority* there is in this entire universe is living right now in my chest trying to come out. Third, I recognized that all this *power* will come out if I just convert it to *words* and *speak* the things of God. The *power* will come right out of me. It will hit the works of the devil and dash them to pieces.

We must stop demons from coming against our homes, our churches, our children, our jobs, our businesses and our health. Say, "I rebuke you in Jesus' name! Stop it." It will come to a grinding halt. "All power." Jesus said, "both in Heaven and in earth have been given to me." He also said, "I am never going to leave you." He said, "I am going to be with you always, even unto the end of the world." He said that He will live within you and bring all His authority into you."

You have this authority now. It only works when you work it. It works with *words*. When something comes against you, rebuke that thing in the name of Jesus. Give it an order and things will happen. A demon does not live that can make me scared of him. Any little pip squeak demon, in the natural, makes me scared of him. In my natural flesh, I am scared of things like this. But as long as I am walking in the Spirit, standing in the power of God and knowing who I am and what I have, I am not scared of one thing any demon can produce.

Even as a Baptist, I was so aware of the necessity for the Holy Ghost, that I took my Greek Bible and underlined, in bright yellow (the brightest yellow pen you can buy), every verse in the Greek New Testament that had the term *Holy Ghost* in it. I studied everyone of them. I found the exact relationship of the Holy Ghost to the church, to Christians and most of all to me. I discovered that I had been operating in the Holy Ghost all my ministry and did not even know it.

I just believed what the Bible said, preached what it said and did what it said. Then, the Holy Ghost fell in my meetings. Hundreds upon hundreds, even thousands upon thousands of souls were saved in my ministry down through the years.

Then, I discovered that the Holy Ghost would heal and I began having healing services in the denominational church that I pastored. I laid hands on one girl one night in that church. She had a migraine headache. I laid hands on her and anointed her with oil. She said, "I felt something warm come out of your hands and go all the way down my body." Then she said, "My headache is gone."

I just did what God said and it worked. I began to deal with sickness speaking the Word of God combined with the name of Jesus. I would tell that demon and that sickness exactly what I thought about it and where I wanted it to go. They would do it.

I had a healing service one night in a denominational church and I gave an invitation for healing. Twenty two people came down the aisle, one of which was an elderly man. He had devastating, debilitating diabetes. He took insulin shots.

He said, "I want to be healed." I anointed him with oil, laid hands on him and commanded that diabetes to come out of him. That was years ago. I know from personal evidence, because I know somebody that knows him, that he has never had another insulin shot.

Nothing shall by any means hurt you

"I give you authority over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." I like that expression, "nothing shall by any means" hurt you. That means there is no devil, no demon, no committee, no denomination, no power, no man, no disease and no nothing that can hurt you. That is your *authority*. It operates with *words*.

I used to wonder how you could get this to work. It was so

simple I missed it. The Bible said *words* release it. But I said, "This can not be. This is just too easy." But it kept saying *words*. So I said, "All right I am going to try it." Before I did, though, I got scared. I said, "Lord, what if I do this and it does not work? I will be out on a limb. I will saw myself off and my ministry will be over. Everybody in this world will laugh at me from now on."

God said, "There is no other way. You have to get in the water. You will never learn how to swim until you get into the water. You will not learn to drive a car until you get behind the wheel. You must do what I say do or you will never work my works." I said, "Here I go." And I did. Even in the denominational church, it worked.

You can use *words* also. Go to it. When you do, no demon will be safe around you. No disease in anyone's body will be safe around you. No pain in anyone's body will be safe around you because you have Jesus' *power* and have learned to release it by your *words*.

How do you defeat your personally assigned demon and sickness? Use *words* against them. We present more on *words* in the next chapter. We shall see that words take five forms.

Chapter Three

God's "Into Vehicle" is Your First Offensive Weapon Against Demons and Sickness

There is a relationship between your *spoken word* and your receiving the blessings of God. What you *speak* determines what you obtain of the blessings God wants to give you, because He gives them in direct proportion to what you *say*. What you *say* also determines whether or not you defeat demons and sickness. In other words, you actually *say* yourself a blessing or you *say* yourself out of it. Romans 10 demonstrates this for us.

Rom 10:6-10

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

(KJV)

Read the passage with *speake*th, *say*, *sayeth*, *word* and *confess* uppermost in your mind. "The righteousness which is of faith *speake*th on this wise (**look at the word *speake*th**), say not in thine heart (**look at the word *say***) who shall ascend into Heaven, that is to bring Christ down from above, or who shall ascend into the deep, that is to bring Christ again from the dead, but what *sayeth* it (**look**

at the word sayeth), the word ***(look at word)*** is nigh thee even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word ***(look at word)*** of faith which we preach, that if thou shalt confess ***(look at the word confess)*** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, for with the heart men believeth unto righteousness but with the mouth confession is made unto salvation ***(look at the word confession)***."

Next, look at Mark 11, beginning at verse 22.

Mark 11:22-23

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them,
Have faith in God.

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.

(KJV)

Now, read this passage with the words *say* and *sayeth* uppermost in your mind. "Jesus answering, sayeth unto them have faith in God, for verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say ***(look at the word say)*** unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast unto the sea, and shall doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he sayeth ***(look at the word sayeth)*** shall come to pass, he shall have what ever he sayeth, ***(look at the word sayeth)***).

You can have what you say

The Scripture plainly teaches that we can have what we say. However, this is a very misunderstood Biblical concept. In Romans 10, the Bible talks about *confession*. Look at that word, *confession*, especially in Romans 10:10. It says that with the heart men believeth unto

righteousness but with the mouth *confession* is made unto salvation. We need to see some things about the word *confession* in this verse.

The word translated into English as *confession* is a combination of two Greek words, the Greek word HOMO which means the same, and the Greek word LEGO which means to say. The word *confession*, in the above passage, then, means to *say the same thing*. Say the same thing as what? We must say with our mouths the same thing that God says in His Book. In this passage, *we must confess our way into salvation*.

Next, we must understand some things about the word translated *salvation*. This is the Greek word SOTERIA. This word is translated different ways in the Greek New Testament. All of them pertains to salvation. In other words, salvation contains more than just our ticket to Heaven. This Greek word, SOTERIA, or salvation (the verb form of this word is SODZO) is translated by the words *preserved, saved, healed, salvation* and *whole*. All of this is wrapped up in Christian salvation. So, when Paul says in Romans 10:10, that we make *confession into* salvation, he is saying that we must *confess* our way *into* everything contained in salvation.

Sometimes, when we talk about confession (saying the same thing God says) we get red flags waved in our face from folk who have never heard that we must *confess* our way *into* salvation. However, the Word of God tells us to *confess* with our mouth the same thing that God says in His Word. Moreover, this ought not to get a rise out of anybody for one simple reason; if we don't *confess* with our mouth the same thing that God said in His Word, we are saying that we don't believe His Word. The Bible says that we are to *confess* with our mouth the Lord Jesus. We all can identify with that. We say, "Yes sir, Jesus is the Lord." But if I say that we must also *confess* our healing

with our mouth, many people will say, "Wait a minute." But you see, healing is part of salvation. And when they say, "No, wait a minute, that's not right," they are saying, "I just don't believe what the word of God said."

All the Bible means, when it tells you to confess with your mouth certain things, is just agree with what God said. For if I agree, this means I believe it and I'm lining myself up with the word of God. But if I don't confess with my mouth the same thing God says in the Word, it means I don't agree with what He said. Then, I'm calling God a liar. Is it any wonder that the blessings of God fall short in our lives when we have lined ourselves up directly against the Word of God?

Your "Into Vehicle"

The Bible says that with the mouth *confession* is made **unto** or **into**. Now let me say some things about the expression "with the mouth confession is made **into**." The Greek text actually says that with the mouth one *confesses into* salvation. In other words, salvation is external to a lost person, but with his mouth he *confesses* his way **into** the salvation that already exists.

This passage would be more understandable if the translators had used the word **into** rather than **unto**. In the Greek, **unto** or **into** is a motion word. The difference in this word and the Greek preposition **in**, is this. **In** implies that we are already **in** something (not going into a place, but already there resting). The Greek word translated **unto**, in the expression, "confession is made **unto** salvation," is not a rest word. It is a motion word which implies we are traveling somewhere. Moreover, the fuel that powers this moving vehicle is your *confession*. In other words, if you don't *confess*, you are not moving. Do you want to get **into** everything God has for you? *Confess* what He has for you. Say the same thing with your mouth that the Word of God says on the written page. *Confession* is a free ride **into** His

blessings. You confess your way **into** the full range of what that word, *salvation*, contains in the Greek text.

This word, **unto**, is the Greek preposition EIS, which means motion **into**, motion towards or motion culminating in a destination. EIS is only used with the accusative case, which (in Greek) simply tells how far the action or the motion of the main verb extends. In this passage, the action of confession extends all the way **into** all the things translated into English by the Greek word *salvation*: preservation, wholeness, salvation, healing, etc.. All of this is included. The thing that fuels the boat, that pulls the trigger, that motors the whole thing **into** is your confession.

Two avenues "Into" healing

There are two avenues for a Christian to obtain the blessings God has promised him just like there are two avenues to getting saved (believe and confess). In both cases, it takes both of them. The average Christian thinks all they have to do is believe and pray hard and things will happen. But that is not the way it is. That is only half of it. The Bible says that in order to be saved, one must believe with his heart and he also must *confess* with his mouth. You must believe with your heart **into** righteousness, but you must *confess* with your mouth **into** the full range of what is included in that Greek word *salvation*.

This word, *salvation*, includes material prosperity, healing for your body, well being for your family and the salvation of your souls. This word contains everything for the Christian and we *confess* our way **into** that state. In other words, we must learn to say the same thing about our salvation that the Word of God says about our salvation.

You can believe until you turn blue and nothing will happen, but when you believe and say out loud what you believe, and when what you believe is the same thing the Word of God says, you change His written words into

reality by the power of your *lips*. So then, the Greek says, with the mouth a man *confesses into* salvation.

Many of us want to pray, believe, and then sit back and wait for the cart to start. Well, when you pray and believe, you have enough power to open the door, but you will not move through or *into* the door until you start *saying* what God said in His Word. You must *say* some things. The Bible says that with the heart man believes into righteousness but with the mouth he *says* the same things as God and the cart moves. The motion word *into* takes over, commensurate with the level of your *saying*. Otherwise, the cart will not go. You may have a very plush interior in your cart, but there is no fuel in it, for the thing that fuels it is your *words*.

You must learn, not only to believe and trust God, but you must *say* what you believe and trust. You must *say* the same thing with your mouth that God *said* in His Word. When you *say* what God *says*, then you and God are in agreement. Your *verbalized* agreement is the fuel that makes your cart go *into* everything contained in salvation.

Look again at Mark 11. The word *say* or *saith* is used three times in verse 23, while believe is used only once. One brother said, "Therefore we ought to preach three times as much about what we *say* as we do about what we believe." Everybody knows you have to believe. You will get nowhere if you do not believe God. You must believe God. You must believe the Word of God. But when you believe it, you must *talk* it. This is just common sense. You see, we *talk* about what we believe. If we really believe the Scripture, we ought to agree *out loud* with the Scripture. We ought to *say* the same thing with our mouth that the Scripture *says*.

The difference in "say " and "sayeth"

Look again at verse 23. We said previously that *say* and

sayeth are used three times in this one verse. In your Bible, this seems to be just different forms of the same word. But the Greek text uses two different Greek words, both of which means *to speak* or *to say*.

The first time, Jesus uses the word LEGO for *say*, in the expression. "whosoever shall *say* to this mountain." This word signifies that which is verbalized. But it also emphasizes content. In this particular place, Jesus stresses content because He talks about the mountain. To put it another way, *mountain* is the content He is stressing. LEGO is a word which *requires* one to verbalize, but it also stresses content.

Second, when He says, "Whatsoever you *sayeth* you shall have," He changes words. He uses the Greek word LALEO, for *speak* or *say*, which is totally different from LEGO, the first WORD He used for *speak* and *say*. The difference between the two words is this. LEGO involves an emphasis upon content. LALEO does not.

LALEO emphasizes the fact that something is simply verbalized. It emphasizes the fact of verbal speaking. Although verbal speaking has to do with content, Jesus is emphasizing the fact that *you must speak it*. This is where we make our mistake. We will read a scripture and we will get a promise. Then we will believe it. Then we will *think it*. Because we thought it, we will substitute our thinking it for our speaking it. But there is a radical difference between *thinking* something and *speaking* something. Therefore, Jesus used a word in Mark 11:23 that removes all doubt as to what He meant. For if He had meant "think it," there is a Greek word that He would have used here for "thinking it". But Jesus used, and Mark faithfully recorded, a word which means ***say something***.

Until you learn and walk out the two things that you must do to get your prayers answered, your prayers will remain unanswered. You must believe, yes, but you must also ***say***

what you believe. You must put it in *words*. You must *say* the same identical thing with your mouth that God *said* in His Word. This does not mean simply roll it around in your imagination. With your mouth, you must *speak* it out loud. You must *confess* it with your lips. You must *say* it.

You should stand up and *scream* it out. You must *proclaim* it. You must *say* what you believe and what you believe must be based on the Word of God. When what you believe is based on the Word of God and you combine that belief with *saying* it, things will happen. Jesus said whatever you *say*, you will have.

But notice, He did not say, *whatever* you believe, you will have. He said those things which you ***both say and believe*** shall come to pass. When you do this, you will have them. We must learn to *confess*.

We normally think confession means confessing that I'm a sinner, confessing all my sins or confessing all the negatives. I get tired of hearing negatives. I get sick of hearing everything that is wrong. I want to look at what is good, what is right, what God is doing in spite of a messy world and in spite of churches that are not everything they ought to be. I do not want to hear the bad points. I do not want negative confessions in my space. I want positive confessions. This world is sick and tired of negatives. I am sick of negatives. We all live around negatives. We eat, sleep, drink and breathe negatives, and I am sick of it. So let's quit this negative confession. Let's get in the Word of God and find the promises that God says belong to us that will help us through the negatives. I do not want to be around negative people.

I want to know about the good that God has for me. I want to hear what the promises are. I want to hear what belongs to me. I want to hear God's promise to prosper me. I want to hear God's promise to keep me well. I want the positives. I do not want to hear negatives and I surely do

not want to confess them. I want to find what God said and I want to hear that. I want somebody to build my spirit with positive things, not tear it down with negative things. We must *speak* the blessings of God because we will get what we *say*, whether it is negative or positive.

Many people are sick all the time. They never draw a healthy breath. When I listen to their ungodly, negative conversation, I learn that their whole life is nothing but a big negative. No wonder they are sick. They will never get well until they stop their ungodly, negative confession and get the promises of God flowing through their lips. Jesus said you will get whatever you *say*. This works both ways. You will get the negatives if that is all that comes out of your mouth, or you will get the promises if that is what comes out of your mouth. We must learn that whatsoever a man *sayeth*, that is what he will get. Now, look at Mark 16: 17-18 and let me show you how to apply it.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 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.

(KJV)

The last eight verses of Mark are still valid

If you have a Bible that has some footnotes in it that says the best manuscripts leave out these verses, just disregard that statement. The best manuscripts do have these verses. There are nearly 5,000 Greek manuscripts, all of which are in basic agreement in their support of the King James Version of the Bible. There is just a hand full of manuscripts that do not support it. They are not the best. They are corrupt.

They were just discarded centuries ago. One of them was found in a waste basket and the other one was found on a shelf. So do not pay any attention to some note in one of your translations of the Bible that belittles, disparages or tries to get rid of the last eight verses of Mark. Pay no attention to it. These verses belong in the Word of God.

Can I prove it? You better believe it. We have writers in church history who wrote before these so called best manuscripts came into being. These writers quote every verse in these last eight verses in Mark. As a matter of fact, somebody says to me, "Jay, do we have the original manuscripts of our Greek New Testament?" My answer is no. Then they ask, "How do you know the translation we have is accurate?"

We know our translation is accurate because within the first few hundred years after the original manuscripts were written, we have quoted, by these other writers, every verse in our Greek New Testament but eleven. (There is no document on the face of the planet as well attested as our Greek New Testament.) Although we have been unable to find those eleven verses in other men's writings in the first few hundred years after the New Testament was written, those eleven verses have no doctrinal importance anyway. The Greek manuscripts which underlie the King James translation of the New Testament is the divinely inspired, infallible word of the Living God. Do not let any one convince you otherwise.

What is your part during the time lag?

In verse 17 above, Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." If you are sick and need to be healed, remember that any believer has the authority to lay hands on you, pray for you and expect you to recover. That is what the Bible says. But what is your part after they have laid hands on you? Suppose you are sick, have a pain, have a malady or something that you need God to

heal in your physical body. Then suppose you get a believer to lay hands on you. What is your part after they have laid hands on you? Your part is to begin your *confession*.

You see, recovery can be instantaneous, but it is usually a process. It may be instantly or it may take a few minutes, a few hours or a few days. What, then, do you do in the interim? You begin to make your *confession* based on the Word of God. You say, "The Bible says they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. I was sick and they laid hands on me. Since the Bible says that I will recover, therefore, I am recovering, I am recovering." You do not waver.

You keep on *saying*, "I am recovering." You keep on *saying*, "Pain, you may be there but you have no right to be there, because I am recovering." No matter how hard it hurts, you keep on *saying*, "You do not have a right to hurt me. I am recovering. I am recovering. I am recovering." For a faith building explanation of this subject, see my book, ***Healing For The Rest of Us***, subtitled, "How to be Healed When the Anointing Passed You By."

Do not bend until you rid your body of it with your *spoken word* because you *say* with your mouth the same identical thing that God *says* in His Word. He *says* that I am recovering. Do you know what is going to happen next? You are going to recover, because you have believed with your heart and you have *said* with your mouth what God *said* in His Word. When you link these two things up, you can bomb every demon that's bothering you, right out of there.

Why is this? Because you confessed with your mouth what God said in His Word. Never forget this great fact. Mark 11:23 says that you must *verbalize* it. We must not just imagine it with our brain. We must not just think it with our mind. We must *say* it with our mouth. LEGO emphasizes

content spoken. LALEO emphasizes the fact that it **must** be spoken. You must learn to *speak it out loud*. You must learn to say with your mouth (out loud) what God says in His Word.

This is a hidden thing to the average Christian. Thank God that Charismatics and Full Gospel people learned this truth. You must believe with your heart, but you also must say it with your mouth. If you do not say it with your mouth, what you believe in your heart won't get very far.

Salvation includes healing

Whatever you need is covered in the Greek word translated *salvation*. God has done everything for us that can possibly be done. You can not find one thing that is left out of what He promised us Christians. In Ephesians 1:3, when Paul said that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings, He left none out. There is no blessing that the Spirit of God has not included for His children. We do not have to pray for what we already have. We simply have to *speak* them into existence. Since the Bible says that I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing, then I need to say that I am blessed with all spiritual blessings; none is excluded.

We must say the promises about ourselves, our circumstances, our homes, our families and our health. Not because our circumstances say that everything is good, but because the Word of the Living Christ says He will make everything good if we combine believing with *confessing*.

Maybe you need something other than healing. Find a promise in the Word of God that covers your need. You need finances; that is a Christian's heritage. You have a problem with some member of your family; that too is a Christian's heritage. If you doubt this, read the sixty promises God made to Abraham. Every Christian is

covered by these promises of healing, prosperity, well being for our family members in addition to salvation. (See Abraham's Sixty Promises, along with their Scripture references, in my book, ***What Are Abraham's Blessings Anyway?***)

Whatever your need, whatever your problem, find the promise of God that covers it and apply it to your own life, situation, finances, healing, and family. Based upon your *confession*, you can move your family, your finances and your health **into** it. *Confess* that promise *out loud* with your mouth. That fires up the **into vehicle**. Until you learn to make your *confession* based on the Word of God there is no power, no movement **into**.

You can believe it but it will not happen until you say with your mouth the same thing that you believe, which is what God's Word says in Scripture. There must be a matching, corresponding *confession* with what you believe, for it is the *confession* that fuels it to make it all go. Without the *confession*, you stay in your circumstance. In our denominational churches, we are taught to believe, to pray hard, to just grunt, groan, clench our fist, grit our teeth and make the muscles in our stomach get as tight as the lace in a basket ball when we pray. We are taught to believe and this is it. But it is your *confession* that makes it all reality.

Christ's finished work includes healing

You can not even be saved apart from *confession*. The Bible says that we must *confess* with our mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord. Until you *confess* that, you can sit there and think it in brain until you freeze hell, but you will not be saved. This is mental assent. But when you believe it enough to *speak* it out loud, *saying* with your mouth the same thing that God *said* in His Word, you ignite the **into fuel**, and the whole vehicle begins to move you **into**.

You can not conjure up a blessing from God that's not already promised in Scripture. The work of Christ is finished. He completed everything we will ever need. There is not one thing more that He must do. Many times, I have been praying and the Holy Ghost said, "Stop praying for what you already have."

Here am I, praying, pleading and begging God to give me this and give me that. He says, "Stop praying for what you already have." You see, He is saying to me, "I have already done all that for you. You are begging me to do it again and I will not do it again. I have done it. It is there for you. You now receive it by faith and *confess* it **into** being."

There is nothing left that God needs to do for you concerning salvation, material blessing or healing. He has already given it all. Therefore we appropriate it by faith. This appropriation has three parts to it. First, we must know the promise in our mind. Second, we must believe it in our heart. Third, we must *speak* the promise out loud. When we *speak* it out and *say* what God's Word *says*, the vehicle is fueled and powered by your *words*. Your *words* move you **into** what He has already done.

Let me ask you this question. Must Jesus die again each time somebody gets saved? No. Jesus Christ died two thousand years ago and He will not die again for anyone. You must now appropriate by faith what He did once, two thousand years ago.

In other words, we must *say*, "Yes, Jesus Christ died for me two thousand years ago and His death is still valid. Therefore, I will receive Him as my Savior and I will *confess* Him as Lord. With the *words* of my lips, I will move right **into** everything He has already done." This is how you do it for healing, financial blessings, family well being and salvation.

Many denominations have real problems with healing. I

have no problems with it. I think it is great. I have seen too many people get healed to have a problem with it. I know it is for real. I know it is valid. What does the Bible say about it? It says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." If you need healing, get a believer to lay hands on you. You will start recovering the moment you start speaking out loud, "I am recovering."

But when you say, "Well that won't work," you are right. It won't work. You are still sick and you will stay that way. Why? Because you *said* with your mouth the opposite of what God said in His Word.

Remember, the word *confess* in the Greek New Testament is the combination of HOMO which means the same, plus the Greek word LEGO which involves content. Therefore, the same content that God *said* in His Word must be *said* by you. You must *say* the same thing.

If the Word of God says that you shall recover, you better not *say*, "Well it didn't work," for you just made God a liar. You took your stand against the Scripture. You are *saying* something other than what God *said* in His blessed Word. You must line up with the Word and *say* the same thing as the Word. When you say, "I will recover," you will recover. As long as you say the wrong thing, you will have the wrong thing because Jesus *said* you are going to have what you *say*.

When God placed Adam on this planet, He gave him dominion over it. Adam was to exercise this dominion over the earth through the *spoken word*. The Bible says that Adam named all the animals. Adam controlled this whole business with the *spoken word*. He sinned, he rebelled, he committed high treason and gave that dominion to the devil. Jesus came to get that dominion back. Jesus ruled the waves of the sea and the winds of the sky with the *spoken word*. Jesus brought people back from the dead with the *spoken word*. Jesus made blind men see with the

spoken word. Jesus made a lame man walk with the *spoken word*. Jesus made a withered hand become normal with the *spoken word*. Finally, He said that you are to do the same thing.

You must *say* what Jesus said, even though your circumstances tell a totally different story. Your circumstances will dominate if you let them. But if you *speak* the word of God *into* that circumstance, you will bend those circumstances to fit the Word of God.

Your words force the Word of God *into* your circumstances. This is all contingent upon you *speaking* with your lips the same thing God *said* in His Word. You will have what you *say*. Good or bad, positive or negative, the word of God or the word of the devil, blessing or cursing, you will have what you *say*.

"They shall lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." Line up with that. *Confess* that. We are not to *confess* something other than God's Word.

When hands are laid on you, if you say, "Well I am trying, I am hanging in there, I am this and I am that," you are speaking a negative confession. You will get what you *say*. Hold your head up and with faith in your heart, say, "I am recovering," Now, you are saying the same thing Jesus said here in Mark 16:18. Guess what is going to happen to you? *You will recover*.

Speak the promises

Learn the promises of God and speak them out loud. Find out a promise to cover any need in your life and start *saying* it. Start *saying* what God says. "I am recovering, I am recovering." *Say* what God *said* and what God *said* will be. Everything He *said* is in your behalf, for you, for your benefit and for your profit because God loves you.

I took my granddaughter to the store the other day. I had no intention of buying a doll. We happened to pass the dolls. Last thing I should have done. She set up a howl; she wanted a doll. Paw-Paw wants her to have what she wants. I bought her a doll. Every grandparent is like this. Do you think God is any different? But He will do nothing for you until you agree that He is like this. Isn't this a simple thing?

When you line up with this, Jesus said you can have whatever you *say*. If it is covered in Scripture (every blessing known to man is covered there) just start *talking* it. Apply it to your situation by *saying* it and things will happen in your life. The ***into vehicle*** is powered by *words*. One *confesses into*. You cannot move ***into*** until your *confession* matches your Scriptural belief. Your belief must match the written Word. Can you see this? Then put it into gear. It will change your life. *Confession* powers the vehicle ***into*** what God has.

Confession of Scripture is your First Offensive Weapon to defeat demons and sickness.

Chapter Four

How Peter defeated demons and sickness is *Your* Second Offensive Weapon

Two tremendous miracles take place in the ministry of Peter in Acts Chapter 9. One is the healing of Aeneas and the other is the raising of Dorcas from the dead. Concerning Aeneas, we are told absolutely nothing about him except his name, the town in which he lived, the disease he had, and how long he had it.

This man was paralyzed and bed ridden for eight years. Beyond these things, we know absolutely nothing about him. We do not know whether or not he was a good man, a bad man, or an indifferent man. We know absolutely nothing except that Peter found him paralyzed and on his bed for eight years.

Acts 9:32-35

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

(KJV)

Then Peter went into action. This man, Aeneas, is a member of the Abrahamic Seed Group. (We glean this from the above context and from his name.) Yet something happened to him that, according to God's promises to Abraham, should not have happened. However, it did not have to stay that way.

In the healing of Aeneas, we see a scenario in a New

Testament setting, exactly like the children of Israel faced in the second chapter of Deuteronomy. You see, God had promised the Holy Land to the *Abrahamic Seed Group*. Never-the-less, when they came to the edge of obtaining those promises (the Promised Land), the devil's gang were in the middle of their territory, keeping them from possessing the land that God gave them. Here they were, the descendants of Abraham, right on the edge of the Promised Land, ready to inherit it, just like God promised to Abraham over four centuries earlier.

Seven heathen nations, however, lived on it, claiming it as theirs. But God said, "That is your land. I gave it to you. But in order for you to have it, you must go in there and take it. I am going to win the battle for you, but you must engage the enemy in open war." See my book, ***How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings***, for a complete explanation of the war you *must* fight.

In the case of AEneas, we find the same identical set of problems. Here is a member of the Abrahamic Seed Group who had the Abrahamic promises, which includes healing and prosperity in addition to salvation. AEneas should have been under the blessing umbrella of Abraham, but unfortunately the devil had occupied his land (health) as he did in Deuteronomy 2. But Peter was not disposed to let the devil have this man's health. Therefore, he did something about it.

What Peter did about it, both in the healing of AEneas and in the raising of Dorcas from the dead, is the same identical thing that you and I must do today to maintain the blessings of Abraham (healing, prosperity and family well being) in our own lives. What Peter did, then, is exactly what they did in Deuteronomy 2 with only one difference; Peter went to war against this disease, but he used a different set of weapons. The scenario is the same, but the weapons have been changed.

Peter only did one thing to get AEneas healed

Peter did just one thing to get this man healed and that is all he did. Peter **said** unto him. To put it differently, he **spoke**, and the man was healed. **Spoken words** was the weapon that he used. He **spoke**. Peter **said** unto him, "AEneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee well, arise and make thy bed." That is all that he did. In Deuteronomy 2, to get those heathen off the Promised Land, they battled them with bows and arrows, clubs and knives and spears and sticks. In the New Testament era, our weapons are changed. The primary weapon that we have at our disposal, today, is the weapon of **words**, just exactly like Peter had here. If you will stop and think about it, **words** are the weapons that Jesus also used, when He was here. Furthermore, He said in John 14:12, "..the works that I do shall you do also."

What works, then, did He do? He combated the devil with **words**. In the mount, in Matthew 4, the devil came at Him several times. Each time, Jesus met him head on with **words**. He **told** him what to do and he had to do what He **said**. In the case of AEneas, we see the same thing. Peter spoke **words**.

Now, when a person has been diagnosed as having something terribly wrong with them, the first thing the average person does is throw up his hands. Tremendous despair and depression overtakes them. But not Peter. He spoke **words**. He **spoke** the healing blessing of Abraham into that man. After all, this is what Jesus Christ came to this planet to fulfill and to cause to stand. Romans 15:8 says that Jesus Christ came to confirm (to cause to stand) the promises made to the fathers.

Rom 15:8

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: (KJV)

The promises that God made to the fathers is the Abrahamic Covenant. Jesus came to cause that same set of promises to stand and He forced the blessing promises of that covenant into the lives of people with **words**. No wonder, then, that Peter used **words**. He **said**, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you well, arise, take up your bed."

The next time that we are confronted with a demon induced sickness, what is going to be our approach? Call in the preacher counselors, the deacon counselors, the psychological counselors, the professional counselors, the marriage counselors, the doctoral counselors and the drug store counselors? What will be your approach? Peter had no counselor. Peter did what the Bible says we are to do. He just did what Jesus did. He spoke **words** to the problem in the form of a command. I do not understand how or why this works. But I don't have to understand how or why Scripture works. All I have to understand is that it does.

Don't analyze it, do!

God does not tell me to analyze it, put it in a test tube, put it under a microscope and figure out all the chemical make up of it. I do not have to do that. There is only one thing I have to do, and that is put it to the test. I have tried problem solving just about every way the human can conceive to meet a problem and solve it. I discovered that if I just take the Word of God at face value, get alone with God, let Him quicken a promise to me and then act on what it says, the Word of God **spoken** to a demon induced sickness, will heal it. I do not understand what makes this work. I do not understand why God chose **words** as our weapon and not something else, but He did. Consequently, my job is not to question, to probe and to analyze. My job is to utilize and act on what He said by meeting a demon induced sickness head-on with spoken **words**. Therefore, I will look it right in the face, eyeball to

eyeball, and I will **tell** it, not only what it must do, but where it can go. Guess what happens next?

My **spoken word**, either gets it healed immediately, like it did in the case of Aeneas, or it sets in motion a chain of events, that over time, gets it healed, by forcing it to line up with exactly what I **said** to it. This is our weaponry.

God made some fantastic promises to The Abrahamic Seed Group in the Abrahamic covenant. That covenant is still valid. Thank God! He grafted us Gentile Christians into those Abrahamic promises, so that they apply to you and to me with as much force and validity as they applied in the days of Abraham. (See my book, ***The Unbroken Force of Abraham's Blessings***, to completely understand that you were grafted into Abrahamic healing, prosperity and family well being.)

However, the devil does not want you to have even one of your Abrahamic blessings and he will throw up road blocks at every turn to prevent you from having them. Every time you turn around, if you let him get away with it, he will throw up a road block to snare you and keep you from realizing your Abrahamic blessings.

You must fight the demon for your healing

For you to obtain your promised blessings, you must be prepared to fight for them. Some people get a demon induce sickness and will read a promise in the Bible. Then, they might even pray, do good and turn over a new leaf. But they do not get healed. After just a little while, they will throw their hands up and say that it does not work. Well, it will not work unless you work it, and the thing that you work is **words**. Until you learn to do it like God said do it, you will never have the blessings God wants you to have. You have to do it God's way. **Words** are your weapons.

All Peter said was, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee

well, make thy bed." Actually, Peter combined two Offensive Weapons here: *Jesus' name* and *words*. We shall say more about *Jesus' name* in Chapter Seven in this book. Then, look at what happened in verse 35, "And all that dwelt in Lydia and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord." This was the result of just one thing; Peter spoke **words** that he had been authorized to speak by Jesus Christ.

As a result of Peter's obedience, a man who had been paralyzed eight years is suddenly made whole and everybody in that community could see him. His healing resulted in that whole community turning to the Lord.

Healings cause entire towns to come to Christ

See what is lost when you solve a problem in the flesh? The whole community does not see the miracle working power of God and the whole community is turned to the arm of the flesh, not to the Lord. If somebody has an excellent doctor who prescribes an excellent drug because they have an excellent illness, the word gets around and everybody in the community wants to go to that doctor.

But if somebody speaks **words** over a problem and the problem is solved because we did it God's way, then everybody wants to turn to the Lord. The obedience of Peter (doing it God's way) caused an entire community to come to Christ. The Bible says that *all* that dwelt in Lydia and Sharon saw him and *all* turned to the Lord.

How would you like to get all your community to turn to the Lord? If everybody who calls themselves Charismatic, Pentecostal, Full Gospel, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic or whatever, will learn the way God says we must get things done and do things that way, think of the impact that it would have on a whole community. But as long as we continue to do it our way (we can go only so far with the arm of the flesh), we will never turn a whole community to Jesus Christ. It will never happen. Now, let's look at the

case of Dorcas.

Acts 9:36-42

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

(KJV)

In this passage, we get a larger picture of Dorcas than we had of Aeneas. We were told nothing about his character except that he was a member of the Abrahamic Seed Group. (We are not told even that, we just glean it from the context.) But Dorcas was a woman full of good works and alms deed. In other words, she did a lot of good things for people. She made coats and gave money to people. Good deeds characterized her. Finally, she died and they laid her in an upper chamber.

The importance of "expectation."

Joppa, where she lived, was near Lydia. They heard that

Peter was there. So they sent for him, desiring that he would not delay to come to them. In other words, Peter was in Lydia and she was in Joppa, but the two towns were close together. Consequently, the friends of Dorcas heard that Peter was in the next town, so they sent for him. I want you to notice the *expectation* on the part of the disciples in that day.

If you remember nothing else in this book, you should camp on the word *expectation*. Dorcas is dead but they still sent for Peter. Why? We can not say she was a friend of Peter. We have no indication that he even knew her. Nevertheless, they had an *expectation* that something would happen when they sent for him. Why did they have this *expectation*? They *expected* things to happen because, in the early church, things happened. No wonder they *expected* things to happen.

Someone always wants to tell me that healing went out with apostolic age. If that is what he believes, that's what he will get. Why? Because he expects nothing to happen. In other words, his *expectation* is a reflection of the level of his own faith, which is not much. You cannot produce a Scripture anywhere that says healing went out at the end of the Book of Acts or at the end of that first century. God has worked me strenuously to study this subject thoroughly. He has led me to make it my business to examine every argument and every Scripture that has ever caused any problem to the body of Christ (that tries to declare that healing went out at the end of the first century). None of those arguments will stand up. The very Scriptures they use to show that healing went out, show the exact opposite when you examine them in the Greek New Testament. See Chapter Four in my book, ***What Are Abraham's Blessings Anyway?*** to see a complete refutation of this absurdity.

In the apostolic period, they *expected* things to happen

when a man of God came around. He did not come to hold their hands and bring handkerchiefs for them to cry in. He did not come to moan and groan with them. When he came, people expected things to happen in the church in those days. But so-and-so wants to believe that it went out because it gradually tapered off until it almost disappeared. But why was there a gradual tapering off and near disappearance of healing?

It was because too many so-and-so's said that it went out. For this reason, unthinking Christians, down through the centuries, determined that since so-and-so *said* it went out at the end of the first century, it must have gone out. Therefore, they did not *expect* anything. When they stopped *expecting* things to happen, they stopped happening. This was not the case in the apostolic era. They had an *expectation* that when Peter got there, things would change for the better. So they sent for him and said, "Hurry! "

How to get over backsliding

Do you know the best way to straighten up a backslider? Let a crisis hit him. When I try to get a backslider back into the house of God on a regular basis, he has ten thousand lies (he uses them for reasons why he can't attend) he wants to put on me. In so doing, he thinks I am dumb enough to believe his lies that he presents as actual truth. I can not reason with that person. I am nice to him. I just shut up and go on, but I am saying to myself, "Buddy, you just lied to me."

But let a crisis hit him. I am the first person he calls. I can not get over there fast enough. He can not get back in church enough times during the week.

In the case of Dorcas, a crisis hit and they sent for Peter and said, "Tell him to get here in a hurry." When the heat is on, they do not want to wait. If I have something else to do

that will require me to take a thirty minute detour, and I am thirty minutes late getting to their home when crisis time is there, they are bent out of shape and mad as a hornet.

But when I am attempting to get them regular in the church, they can sit there and lie in their teeth and it is OK. But if I am thirty minutes late, they want to hang me from the rafters. It ought not be like that, should it?

Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber. All the widows were weeping. They showed him the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

Isn't that just like us? When somebody dies that is close to us, we remember the good things and the pleasant memories. We rehearse them over and over with one another.

In the case of Dorcas, as well as with us, the more they rehearsed them, the sadder they became because they missed her just that much more. It is hard to remember a person without remembering what they did both for good and bad. But when you love someone, love is as blind as a bat. Love remembers the good times. That is what they were doing here. They were sad.

Employ more than one Offensive Weapon against your demon induced sickness

Now, we must see how Peter dealt with this situation. He operated differently from the way he did with AEneas. As a matter of fact, he did six things here. (1) Peter put them all forth. To put it differently, he cleared the room. Why did he do that? We are not told. We can only conjecture. Maybe our conjecture is accurate, maybe it is not. At any rate, he cleared the room. He left no one in there but him and her. (2) He knelt down. (3) He prayed.

Here are three of the six things he did. He cleared the room, kneeled down and prayed. In the case of Aeneas, there is nothing that said he prayed. Sometimes we need to pray and other times we need to go into gear. In the case of Aeneas, it was time to go into gear. In the case of Dorcas, it was time to pray prior to going into gear. In other words, there are different ways to deal with a situation.

If you feel the necessity to get yourself boned up, get a little fuller of God, get your courage and your boldness up and get a little more filled with the Holy Ghost, then you need to stop and pray. That seems to be what Peter did. Consequently, he cleared the room, kneeled down and prayed.

This is not all he did. He did something else. (4) He turned to the body and he said, "Tabitha, arise." I have to conclude that he looked straight at that dead woman. He turned to her and looked at her. (5) He said, "Tabitha (he called her name), arise." Here we go again with **words**. Remember, most of the miracles that Jesus did were done with *words*. Jesus said in John 14:12, "The things that I do shall you do also." Remember, the way Jesus dealt with the devil in the hour of temptation in Matthew 4? He dealt with him using *words*.

In the book of Acts, they also operated with **words**. In Acts 3, Peter, using **words**, performed a miracle of healing on the man at the gate Beautiful. (This was the first healing after the ascension of Jesus Christ.) Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have, give I thee. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise, take up thy bed and walk." He used **words**, and the Bible said that immediately, his legs and ankle bones received strength. As a result, that man got up, jumped up and down and ran all over town. It was done with **words**.

Peter appears to have been in an impossible situation since Dorcas was dead. She was a member of the

Abrahamic Seed Group, who died before her time. They sent for Peter who comes, clears the room, kneels down and prays. I wonder what was content of his prayer. I would love to know the content of his prayer. Obviously, he was praying for her, praying for power and praying for God's leadership. Whatever the content, he prayed. Then he faced the body. Then he said, "Arise." **Words.** "Tabitha, arise." She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter, she sat up. Now, here was a dead person. Peter said, "Tabitha, arise." Then, she opened her eyes, looked at Peter and sat up. This would empty many churches.

Now, notice the sixth thing that he did. (6) He gave her his hand and lifted her up. Finally, he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. So what all did he do? He cleared the room, he kneeled down, he prayed, he turned to her body, said, "Tabitha, arise," and then he gave her his hand and helped her up. Again, Peter combined two Offensive Weapons here: *words* and *prayer*. We present more about *prayer* in Chapter Six in this book.

We need to learn something from Peter here. To be successful when dealing with demons and sickness, many times we must employ more than one Offensive Weapon against them. Many times, we must employ all five of them.

Miracle hardened

A main point we must not miss in the raising of Dorcas is this; "it was known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord." Every time one of these things happened, people got saved.

Back in the 70's, I frequently preached in two beautiful cities in the South. Of all the towns in the United States of America, these two boasted that they had as many churches as they had service stations. Back in those days, there was a service station on almost every corner. In preaching in both of those cities, I found that they were so hardened to the gospel, that it did not matter who the

preacher was or what the sermon was, not much happened.

Now, after several decades of Pentecostalism in this country, even Pentecostals are becoming miracle hardened. They can see the power of God in action and it does not move them. When we become gospel or miracle hardened, is there any hope left for the Christian community?

In the final analysis, those of us who acknowledge the Holy Ghost, learn how to operate in Him and do it His way with **words**, are the only ones who have the answer in these last days. But when we become gospel and miracle hardened and we are no longer moved, the whole world loses. In the past, someone would get healed, the word would spread and an entire community would turn to Jesus Christ as their Savior.

But now, if somebody gets healed in the average church, a great percentage of the membership cannot wait to get home, turn on the TV and watch the football game. This is not how things ought to be. This is a blemish on us. We need to clean up our act. I am still new enough in this, that when God heals somebody, I am moved by it. I will talk about it. It will make me bolder to look the devil right in the face and attack him straight out.

The average Christian will yawn, walk away and forget it. Why? Because he has seen so much. We forget that it is not just a phenomenon we see, but the power of God in operation. When you let it become second place, customary and ordinary, you will not take it outside the four walls of the church. Therefore, the community does not know about it. Consequently, your entire community still relies on the arm of the flesh and not on the power of God.

When God answers a prayer for a postage stamp, if that is all you asked Him for, that postage stamp is as big a miracle as sending a million dollars in answer to a prayer

for that. It took just as much of a miracle to get that postage stamp there as it would be to get the million dollars. So let's not get so gospel hardened that we can not see God when He is working in the small things.

Too much of the time, we are ready to analyze, rather than work the works of Christ, which is the use of **words**. The person that is so impressed with the size and flash of something, loses sight of the fact that God just might not be in size and flash. The day will come in which God tries our works by what sort they are, not by their size.

1 Cor 3:13

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (KJV)

The person impressed by size and flash will rely on his analytical ability rather than on the power of God. He relies on the flesh but he calls himself dedicated to the core. What he really means is, "I am dedicated to the core, in that, I want a bigger, flashier show."

So many of these people view themselves as spiritual giants who have a special inside track to God, which enables them to penetrate and analyze everything that everybody else is doing. Then, they determine, by their analysis, that such and such is not quite big enough for them and they run to a newer, bigger, flashier, religious circus that just blew into town.

Little do they realize that, of all people, they have less of an inside track to God than the smallest, God fearing Christian on the face of this planet, whether he is in the denomination or in the Charismatic churches. This is not a popular message, but it is a true message.

Peter produced Jesus results; so can you

So, Peter dealt with sickness the same way that Jesus

dealt with it and he produced the same results. Peter never tried to figure it out and analyze it, he just dealt with it the way that Jesus did, with **words**.

In the case of Dorcas, he added some prayer to it. He **spoke** the **word** and that woman opened her eyes, looked at Peter and sat up. Then Peter, being a gentleman, reached down his hand to her, lifted her up, took her out of the room and presented her (very much alive) to those people. As a result, a whole community turned to Christ. "It is not by power nor by might, but by my Spirit," sayeth the Lord. As soon as we get back to this, we will place ourselves, once again, in the position to see healings happen for us.

Spiritual hitch hikers won't make it

So many people are spiritual hitchhikers. They have neither the depth nor the courage to stand on their own and do what the Word of God says they must do. They must constantly run here, run there, run somewhere else and get somebody else to stand in for them. They are always impressed by a show in the flesh, even when that show is a religious one.

But you cannot go through life as a spiritual hitchhiker. There is not enough spiritual depth to a spiritual hitchhiker to cover the palm of my hand. Don't you think it is time we took a hard look at ourselves and said, "Who am I? Where am I going? How do I expect to get there?"

Peter is our role model. Get in there and do what he did. Do it yourself and your will not need a flash in the pan to make over you. When are we going to grow up? When are we going to be what God wants us to be? When are we going to stop being children and be ye men? When are we going to be like God told Abraham to be, "Be ye perfect and walk before me? When we get to this point, healings will happen for us. They will not happen for us until we do. Somewhere, the child must be weaned from the bottle.

When we come to this place, God will be pleased with you and you will attract people to yourself because they will want what you have.

Words are your Second Offensive Weapon to defeat demons and sickness.

Chapter Five

David's Method is Your Third Offensive Weapon To Defeat Demons and Sickness

The last six Psalms are praise Psalms. In Psalms 149, we shall see some things about praise as a weapon of spiritual warfare. Over the years, The Spirit of God has shown me the reasons we praise God the way we do in Spirit Filled, Charismatic, Full Gospel churches. We do not do things just to be doing them.

We do them for a specific purpose and a specific reason. The way we conduct a song service has reasons for it. It is done because of Scripture and not just sing to hear ourselves sing.

Our music is geared to warfare and worship of God. It's geared to warfare to dispel any demon from our services. It's geared to worship and praise to utilize a weapon of warfare because praising God is a weapon for our warfare. What we do with our music, then, has Scriptural reasons behind it.

Two things everyone can do

There are two things that everybody can do. (1) Everybody can concentrate on the praise and worship (music) that we do in the Charismatic churches. (2) Everybody can join in it. By concentrating on it and by joining in it, you become a part of God's army. You become one of the soldiers that routs the devil right out of the service.

Therefore, we concentrate on and join in the music, the worship and the praise, because they are tools of warfare in the hands of the Holy Ghost. By praising God, we become a soldier, just like they did in the Old Testament on the front lines of battle with a sword in their hand.

Praise is a lethal weapon in the hand of a Spirit-filled soldier. Now look at Psalm 149.

Ps 149:1-9

1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

(KJV)

Verse six says, "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand." In the days of old, the weapon and the praise went hand in hand, for without the praise, they were just a pagan army. But when they combined the weapon in their hand with the praise of God in their mouth, nobody could stand against that combination.

As a matter of fact, in the Book of Deuteronomy, when God told them to take their land, He said, "I will put the fear of you upon all the nations." He said, "If you do it the way I tell you to do it, nobody will be able to stand against you." In the passage above, we find the high praises of God in their mouths combined with a two-edged sword in their hand. We also must have; the high praises of God in our mouth and a two-edged sword in our hand.

Our "Two Edged Sword" against demon induced sickness

This combination was not only their instrument of warfare, but it is also our instrument of warfare. We have a different sword, but it functions the same. We do not need an actual, physical sword in our hand but we have an instrument of war which the Bible calls a two-edged sword. Our two edged sword, I believe, is the Word of God combined with spoken words (in this case, words in the form of praise.) This is the two-edged sword that we are to have in our hand.

You remember how Jehoshaphat was in bad trouble because there were three armies coming at him. He got a word from a man of God that said, "You do not even need to fight this battle, God will do it for you." Then, he told him how God would do it. He said, "You get out there and start praising God and I will do the fighting." So, he picked some singers that actually went before the army and praised God. When they praised God and sang, God set up an ambush and destroyed those armies. Consequently, the army of Judah never had to fight. Praise is a power-house weapon.

However, someone might say, "Psalm 149:6 is Old Testament. How does that apply to us in the days of the New Testament?" Here is my answer to this. There is very little in the Old Testament that does not apply to us. The sacrificial aspect of the law does not apply to us, but almost everything else applies to us. For almost everything else is based on the Abrahamic covenant and that Covenant is still very much valid. You and I have been grafted into that Covenant. Moreover, the *promises* of God in the Old Testament are applicable to us today in the New Testament era because the Abrahamic covenant has never passed away.

They perverted the Law in the Old Testament

I need to explain something about the Law. The greatest theological blunder in the Old Testament was the Jews' absolute perversion of the reason God gave the Law. God gave it to deal with their sins, but yet to enable them to maintain the blessings God gave them by grace in the Abrahamic Covenant. That was His only reason for giving the Law. But they separated the Law from Abraham's covenant and tried to earn by the works of the Law what they already had in the Abrahamic covenant. They felt they could buy God's favor by doing the works of the Law, but the Law was never given for that reason. The law was given for them to maintain the blessings God gave by grace in the Abrahamic covenant, while dealing with their sins. See my book, ***What've They Done With Abraham's Blessings?***, for a complete explanation of this.

When Jesus came, He kept the law and became the final sacrifice for sin under it. Then, He terminated it. The reason He terminated it was that the blessing of Abraham could continue with no interruption for both the Jews and us Christians today. Therefore, when we Gentiles receive Jesus as our savior, God grafts us into that Jewish, blessing system. We have been grafted into every blessing that God ever promised in the Abrahamic covenant. Those Abrahamic blessings include healing, prosperity, well being for your family and salvation for your soul. This is Old Testament and you are grafted into them. See my book, ***The Unbroken Force of Abraham's Blessings***, to completely understand that you are grafted into Abrahamic healing, prosperity and family well being in addition to salvation.

We have only one Testament (Covenant)

There is no such thing as an Old Testament and a New Testament; they are just one Testament. The word *testament* translates the Greek word for *covenant*. Both the

so called Old Testament and the so called New Testament are really the Abrahamic covenant. We Gentile Christians are grafted into that. The terms *New Testament* and *Old Testament* are inventions of theologians. Both are based on one covenant, the Abrahamic covenant. Since we Gentile Christians have been grafted into that covenant right along with the Jews, you can place yourself in the middle of Psalm 149:6, This verse applies, not only to those people, but to every Gentile Christian now.

He said, "Let the high praises of God be in your mouth and a two-edged sword in your hand." You have been grafted into that two-edged sword system. Everything that is applicable in 149:6 to the people to whom David wrote, is applicable to you. Therefore, every Christian must have the high praises of God in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand. Why must we? Because verse 7 says that you, having the high praises of God in your mouth and a two-edged sword in your hands, can execute vengeance upon the nations and punishment upon the peoples.

You execute judgment and punishment

Many times we pray, beg and plead for God to do something about our enemies. But look at what he said. He said, "You will do the execution of the judgment." But how you will do it? You will do it by praising God. The best way to get vengeance on your enemy is to praise the Lord. When you start praising God, He will come on the scene and deal with your enemies, but nothing will happen until you start praising God with the high praises in your mouth and your two-edged sword in your hand. We are to praise God for the purpose of executing vengeance upon the nations and punishments upon the people.

Your Bible says, in verse 7, that praise executes punishments upon the "heathen," not upon the "people." The *people* here, pertains to the Jews and the *heathen* pertains to the non-Jews. When you and I got saved, we

are still not Jews, but we were grafted into the Jewish system. Everything about our religion is Jewish. God did not just pull Christianity out of the air. It is Jewish. Beginning at Abraham, everything is just a continuation of God's program in the Abrahamic covenant.

So then, the praise of God on the part of those people was designed to execute *vengeance* upon people who were not in God's program and *correction* upon those who were. In the Old Testament, the people of God are always referred to as *the people*. The other folk are always referred to as *the heathen*. They are never called *people*. We execute *vengeance* upon *the heathen*, but we execute *correction* or *punishment* upon *the people*, the children of God. We are called upon, with our praises, to help God deal with wayward children.

God corrects His wayward children based on our praises to Him. We all know a lot of so called Christians that are not what they ought to be. They will hurt you if you give them half a chance. We all know some Christians we do not want to give a second chance because they will hurt us. "Put it to me once, shame on you; put it to me twice, shame on me."

I know some I will not trust twice. I know some that I trusted once and regretted it. Everyone knows a child of God they have trusted once and lived to regret it. Well, how do we deal with that? We deal with it with the high praise of God in our mouth and a two-edged sword in our hand, that we might be an instrument, or at least a catalyst and a trigger, in God's dealing out correction on that wayward Christian.

What is your part?

What is my part? It is to praise God. Just praise God. The greatest weapon you have is to praise God. When the going is rough, just praise God. When the whole wide

world turns against you, just praise God. When everybody in your family does not understand you, praise God. When you get kicked out of your denomination, praise God. No matter what happens, just praise God. You will find that if you praise God enough, you do not need to get involved in war, for your praising God will be that which executes vengeance upon the heathen and punishment upon a wayward child of God. We need to learn how to praise God for He said do it and execute vengeance upon the heathen and punishment upon the peoples in the process.

In the last chapter of my book, ***How To Exercise God's Megaton Power Now***, I give you step by step instructions about the method you must use to defeat demons and sickness. In that chapter, I show *praise* as the first step. Read that chapter and get the full set of instructions. Do not rearrange the steps. Do not leave out even one of the steps. Work them exactly as I give them to you. Here they are in list form.

- (1) Praise (*words*) the Lord.
- (2) Pray (*words*) for God to remove the pain from the person's body and heal the cause of it.
- (3) Bind the devil using *words*.
- (4) Cast out the demon with *words*.
- (5) Command (*words*) the pain to leave their body.
- (6) Kill their disease with *words*.
- (7) *Speak* healing into their body.

You can bind with fetters and chains

Now, look at verse 8. Through our praise, "We bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron." Notice the expression, *kings and nobles*. The wayward child always picks a worldly champion. It may be a champion that is a big guy on a football team or a basketball team or it may be a worldly, carnal, big guy in the church. But the wayward child of God always has to have a champion and that champion is always carnal. He

will always pick the kingly one. He will always pick the noble one. It seems like this wayward child of God never feels like he ever makes a big splash. He feels like nobody ever sees him or hears him speak. He feels left out. But the man who is always running his mouth attracts this kind of carnal person to himself. Other carnal people will flock to him. They view him as kingly and noble.

In one of my pastorates, I decided to recognize the faithful person who was always in the background. I set up a special day for him. We had what I called, *Under Dog Sunday*. We were going to recognize the *Under Dog*. I had every Sunday School class pray about who was the *Under Dog* in their class. The *Under Dog* was the person who was always there but was always in the background. You could always depend on him, but you never heard him. He never drew attention to himself, but he was always there. He was never in the lime-light, but he was always there.

I thought, "We have many people who are always before the crowd." (Many of them put themselves there much of the time.) I said, "It is time that we recognized the Under Dog." Finally, I had the church vote on who was the Under Dog. They were always there, but you never heard them speak. They were always there, but you never saw them in the lime-light. Under Dog Sunday proved to be a great day in our church.

There is something about carnal Christians that causes them to flock to the kingly and the nobles in the realm of carnality. They will flock to them. They are drawn to them like they were a magnet. Big Carnality draws little carnality. The only way we can deal with this is with the high praises of God in our mouth. As we praise God, the Bible says that we bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron. The high praise of God will bind. The high praise of God will execute. The high praise of God will tie down with chains and bind with fetters of iron. The praises of God, coming from the lips of a sold-out Christian, is one of the

most powerful things in this universe.

It is time that we learn to praise the Lord. The praise of God will bind the attacks that come against your church. The praises of God's people will bind these so-called spiritual kings and spiritual nobles and get them out of your midst.

It will give you the freedom to learn together, to pray together, to worship together and see the signs and miracles following that you should see in your church. In the face of your greatest discouragement, just let the high praises of God be in your mouth and praise God anyway.

Praise binds. It binds their kings with chains. It binds their nobles with fetters of iron. It executes upon them the judgment written. God has written in advance all the various forms of punishment and correction that He will ever put on wayward people. The high praises of God triggers them. Praising God is a catalyst to loose those judgments that have been written.

The best way in the world for a Christian to win the battle is to praise God, right in the face of defeat. When we learn to praise God right, we can snatch victory right out of the jaws of defeat. This forces an execution of the judgments that have already been written by the hand of God. We need to learn to praise God. This is a weapon that many have been missing.

Many of us were taught not to be very loud in the church. But look how bound that leaves you. Look how powerless that is. Look how weak and anemic that is. We were taught not to praise the Lord. We were taught to sing anthems. If you wanted to sing anything other than an anthem, everybody thought you had lost your mind. If you say, "Amen," in that place, everybody would turn around and look at you like you are crazy. Somebody would say, "Why did you do that?" Praise executes upon them the judgment

written. The greatest thing that we can learn is to praise the Lord.

How you can do it now

Look at verse 3. He said, "Let them praise His name in the dance, let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and the harp." The timbrel is the tambourine. A harp is a stringed instrument. There was a time, if somebody said to me, "We are going to dance in church today," as Pastor, I would have said, "Over my dead body." But I was wrong. The Psalmist said, "Let them praise His name in the dance." Let them do it. If somebody does it, let them do it. I will let them dance. If you want to do it, go for it. I will let you.

"Let them praise His name in the dance." Let them do it with stringed instruments. Let them do it with tambourines. Let them do it with drums. Let them do it with a pipe organ. That is how we are supposed to praise God and we are supposed to do it with everything in us.

The Bible says, "For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, He will beautify the meek with salvation, let the saints be joyful in glory, let them sing aloud upon their beds." You mean just wake up in the middle of the night and say, "Praise the Lord?". Why not? That's what it says. When we learn to praise the Lord, we have a weapon. "It causes the execution of vengeance and punishment, it binds kings and nobles and it executes the judgment written. The praise of God is a weapon. Every time you say, "Hallelujah," that drives the demons nuts. Every time you say, "Praise the Lord," that makes them have a nervous breakdown in the demon realm. They just can't handle that. When a Christian exclaims, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord," the demons tremble.

You are a saint now

Verse 9 says, "This honor have all His saints, praise ye the lord." You are a saint. A saint means a *separated one*. Many of us have the wrong conception about some Biblical words. Both in Hebrew and Greek, the word *saint* means a *separated one*. The moment you receive Christ as your Savior, He separates you for Himself. You are a *saint* if you are saved. Therefore, you and I are *saints*.

Now it says, "This honor has all the saints." I am a saint. Therefore, I have the honor of praising God and when I praise God, I have the honor of seeing all this happen. I have the honor of binding kings and nobles. I have the honor of executing vengeance. I have the honor of executing punishment upon a wayward child of God. I have the honor of being the executioner to carry out the sentence that God has already written down that fits various types of crimes. Praise the Lord. We need to learn how to praise the Lord. It is your weapon.

Now let me talk about the minstrel. Remember how Elisha could not prophecy right until he called for a minstrel. There is something about music. There is something about the minstrel. Our praise is a weapon. Our praise music is warfare. Our music is a call to arms. It declares that the line is drawn in the sand and it is time to go into combat. That is what our songs are designed for. Then, when the worship music starts, that is the role of the minstrel. He prepares the people of God for the hand of God to be upon them. We employ warfare music in the beginning of a service and then move right into worship. When the minstrel is ministering, it stills our spirits. It opens us up. It enables us to penetrate the very heart of God. Words will begin to flow for our people.

There is a place for the warfare music and there is a place for the minstrel. The minstrel helps me right before I get up to preach. The warfare music helps me know that doom, gloom, depression and oppression are being dispelled by

the weapon of praise. It just gets rid it. I have learned that we do not have to pray for God to remove the oppression and depression. Oppression, depression and discouragement are caused by demons. When you praise God and use the name of Jesus out loud, demons cannot deal with it and they will head for the door. You see, they cannot handle praise. We must learn to praise the Lord.

Warring angels

A lady in our church saw two giant, warring angels standing behind me one night when I really needed to know that God was still on the throne and that He was backing me. She saw two giant angels behind me with swords crossed over my head. Thank you Lord! I knew that if I had warring angels in back of me and I praised God, then nobody could beat me. Neither can they beat you. Just learn to praise the Lord. God is on the throne.

Praise is your Fifth Offensive Weapon to defeat your personally assigned demon and the sickness he produces. Go to it.

Chapter Six

How Paul dealt with his Thorn in the Flesh (His Personally Assigned Demon) is *Your* Fourth Offensive Weapon

We must dispel a popular myth. Many believe that when a person is prayed over once and they do not get their healing then and there, they either have sin in their life or they have no faith. This is a terrible mistake. Consider the case of Paul in dealing with his notorious thorn. (Paul's thorn was a personally assigned demon.) He had to pray three times before Jesus got rid of it. Yes, Jesus got completely rid of it for him. See my book, ***What Are Abraham's Blessings Anyway?***, for complete proof that he did.

2 Cor 12:8

**8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice,
that it might depart from me. (KJV)**

Did Paul have no faith? Did he have sin in his life?

Do you believe that Paul had sin in his life? Of course not. Do you believe that Paul had no faith? of course not. Yet he prayed three times for the removal of his thorn. Stop thinking that if you pray once for someone and their healing is delayed, that he/she has sin in his/her life or no faith.

Next, consider the case of the importunate woman. The implication is that if an unjust judge would grant her request because of her continuous coming to him, how much more will God grant our requests if we also continuously come to him.

Luke 18:1-8

**1 And he spake a parable unto them to this
end, that men ought always to pray, and not to**

faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.
(KJV)

Finally, consider Jesus' statement in the Sermon on the mount.

Matt 7:7-11

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

(KJV)

In this passage, *ask*, *seek* and *knock* are in the Greek present tense which denotes continuous action in present time. Therefore, this passage reads, "Ask and keep on keeping on asking and it shall be given unto you; seek and

keep on keeping on seeking and ye shall find; knock and keep on keeping on knocking and it shall opened unto you."

The Scriptural conclusion from the above is this: when we pray for a person just one time and nothing happens, we simply are not through yet. The problem is neither their lack of faith nor sin in their life. You must remember that healing and deliverance requires time. You must use the Five Offensive Weapons until you win.

The first one to quit, loses. Don't let it be you. Keep on keeping on and you will always win. Stay the course. Never give up. When the answer delays, you just aren't through yet.

Your Fourth Offensive Weapon against demon induced sickness

Paul dealt with his personally assigned demon with prayer. This is your Fourth Offensive Weapon to defeat demons and sickness. Therefore, we must learn some things about this weapon.

First John 5:14 & 15 is a simple scripture. It is so obviously self-explanatory. It is so very, very simple and yet it is so profound. It simply says that when we know that God has heard our prayer, we also know that, whatever the content of that prayer, we will have it.

I Jn 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

(KJV)

Find a basis of approach

I have found that in prayer, my first task is to find a reason, a ground or a basis upon which I can approach God because I know that my prayer is conditioned upon whether or not God hears me. When I pray, I *must* know that God has heard me. If I do not know that He has heard my prayer, my prayer is futile. It is just words, empty words. I *must* know that God has heard me when I pray.

The Bible says that whatever is prayed in accordance with His will, He hears it. Consequently, I must know that what I am asking is His will. So I have to find a ground upon which I can stand when I pray. I must draw something out in God's person, his character or His Word upon which to base my prayer, to insure that it is in His will. Read again Luke 9:1 and Luke 10:19 from the Introduction to this book. These Scriptures declare most definitely that God's will is your total deliverance from demons and sickness.

To continue, I must approach Him based on something outside of myself. I must approach Him based upon something inside Him. I have to find something upon which I can *draw God out*, something that will correspond between Him and my prayer. To put it differently, there must be a correspondence between what I am asking, (between my act of praying) and something about God's person, His heart, His Spirit, His character, His attributes or His Word that corresponds to my request. I have to find something in Him that corresponds to my prayer. I can approach Him based on one or many of His different attributes.

When I know in my spirit that God has not heard me, I can appeal to God's mercy. When that does not work, I can appeal to God's love because God is love. I can approach Him and say, "Father, if you love me as you say you do in your Word, how can you stand idly by and watch something like this happen to me?" I must find a ground upon which I can appeal to God. When I find that ground, I

know it in my spirit. When I have God's attention, based upon something in Him, I know in my spirit that I have His attention and then I proceed.

No matter what my need is, God is in the need answering business. When we pray, our first job is to find that *something* in His person, Word, character, or attributes that we can hold to and force God from Heaven, as it were, right into our life and right into our need. I appeal to His mercy. I appeal to His love. I appeal to His kindness. I appeal to His sense of justice, His sense of right or His sense of wrong. When I have appealed to that *something* in Him, God turns His ear to me and there is a channel open between him and me. When that channel is opened, I know it.

We must know that God hears us when we pray

Do not ask me how we know, but we know. We know when God has His back turned to us when we pray. We also know when the channel is open between us. We can feel it in our spirit. I know when God is listening to me, and He always listens to me when I appeal to something within Him that gets a response. It is imperative that God hears your prayer and that you know in your spirit that He has heard it. When you appeal to something within Him, you will know whether your prayer is His will or not. Therefore, you must get the channel open.

Appeal to *something* within Him. Get a grip on *something* in God before you approach Him with your need. You must reach out, tap into it and bring it into your own situation. Then, and only then, do you present your need.

Sometimes, God may seem indifferent about your situation. But when you bring one of His attributes to bear on it, He will get off the fence, as it were. When you tap into that *something* in God's character and apply it to your need, this involves Him personally. In this way, you involve

His integrity, and God is very cautious about His integrity. When, for instance, you appeal to His mercy, since He is a God of mercy, it only makes sense that any merciful person, God or otherwise, would be interested in anything that taps this attribute. This way, the integrity of His mercy becomes involved. In this way, God Himself is involved personally in your need.

You must involve God's integrity

When you appeal to His sense of justice and you present God with certain facts, no just person (or God) would be disinterested in such a situation. They would react to these particular facts in a just manner. Do it this way and you have God's attention. His justice becomes personally involved and He becomes interested in His own integrity. You *must* have this basis of approach.

Nobody can approach God willy-nilly and get anything done. If you can not find a basis of approach based on His character, find one in His Word. Find something that gets His attention because you must make Him personally involved in your situation. When you do this, you have His ear. When you have His ear, it matters not what you are asking, it is His will to hear it. If it is His will to hear it, it is also His will to do something about it. Your approach is to get His ear. "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

Many times, a person can actually have a need that is in the will of God and that need may not be met. Yet they seem to be praying with all their heart. Wherein lies the problem? Here lies the problem. The prayer was not real, because it lacked the basis of approach. They never got God's attention. They never got God personally involved in their need. The prayer was mechanical. Nothing in the Christian religion can be mechanical. Many times we will

give you a theological plan. We will show you the steps of 1,2,3 and 4 that you are to follow. This can be misleading, although it may be the only way we can present it in terms you can understand.

We break it down into its various parts for your understanding. We preach the outline and we teach the outline. We show you this and we show you that in a mechanical way. But you can not go to God mechanically. Many times people pray this way, but it won't work. This is how the Pharisee did it who stood in the public place, smote his breast and prayed three times a day.

If you find a basis of approach to God, you won't be trapped in this mechanical business. Appeal to that *something* in God's nature. Bring that *something* in God's nature to bear on your own need. Then, you will place the integrity of God's nature in question if He does not respond and if He does not come through. This is not mechanical. This is real.

When you get a grip on God in this real way, God becomes personally involved and personally responsible for your need. When God becomes personally involved, it becomes His will to protect His own integrity. Therefore, it becomes His will to answer your prayer. In this way, we have Him personally involved in our need. We have made His integrity the issue. Then, we know that God hears us.

Many times, people talk to us and maybe we are busy. Consequently, they do not get our attention. What they say to us goes in one ear and out the other. But when somebody puts your integrity on the line, they have your attention, don't they? God is the same way. Therefore, our job in prayer is not just throwing words at God. Our job must be to reach out and grab hold of that *something* in God Himself. Tap into that *something* in His character. Tap into that *something* in His nature and bring that *something* into our need.

This is the kind of praying that gets the job done with God. He will hear it since you involved Him in it. Since you based your approach on His integrity, He gets involved in it. He hears and He will do something about it. Once He is involved, we know it. Look at verse 15 which says, "We know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

What are your needs?

There are needs in every life. I do not know a person that does not have a need. I am not talking about the desire to have a million dollars to live it up. I am talking about getting your needs met. When you tap into that *something* inside God's nature and you bring that *something* to bear concerning your need, you place His integrity on the line.

Then, whatever that need is, God will hear you. You have His ear. When you have His ear, He hears you. Therefore, His next move is to respond to your petitions.

Do you have a need? Is your need fair? Then appeal to His sense of fairness. Does anyone believe that God is not fair? Then tap into His fairness and bring that to bear on your situation. Is your need just? Then tap into His sense of justice. Does anyone believe that God is unjust? Then tie into His sense of justice and then bring it to bear. Point out the correspondence between the justice of your cause and God's sense of justice. Tie that correspondence together in His mind.

Anyone that would send His own son to Calvary for us must have a sense of mercy. Is there mercy involved in your cause or your need? Then tap God's sense of mercy and bring it to bear in your case. Find that which corresponds between your need and the character of God. When you find that correspondence, nail it to the floor and do not let up.

This is what Jacob did at Penile. He wrestled with God all

night and said, "I will not let you go until you bless me." You see, Jacob based his approach upon God's Word (the Abrahamic covenant) and he would neither back off nor not let up. The great tragedy in our lives is mechanical praying.

But like Jacob of old, when you find that *something* in God that you can stand on, stay there. Do not let God go until He blesses you. Jacob stayed there all night and wrestled with God. In that wrestling match, God threw Jacob's hip out of joint and he walked with a limp the balance of his days. He received a limp but he also received what he asked for. Present your cause to God based on His character or His Word. Once you have found the correspondence between them and your need, do not let go until the answer comes.

Do you have needs in your life? Many times these needs represent life and death. You must have some help and you must have it now. You must have answers and you must have them quickly. The way you get them is find that *something* in the character of God that you can bring down and quickly apply to your situation. Tie these two together in prayer and do not back up until God vindicates His own integrity concerning that part of His attributes and His character that you brought into your situation. Find that *something* in God which provides your basis to approach Him. When you find it, do not let go until you have what you need from Him, because He is in the need supplying business. When you go to God like this, He will hear you. Not only will He hear you, but He will do something about your situation. Let me show you one other scripture.

Heb 10:36

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (KJV)

The word *patience* is a combination of two Greek words,

the word UPO, meaning under, and the word MENO, meaning to remain. In other words, *patience* means the ability to remain under a situation until God gets you out. We have need of this ability (patience.)

The correspondence between patience and prayer

How does patience operate concerning prayer? There is the will of God that we must do first. Then, there is a time span. Then, after time, God fulfills His promise. During that time span, we must wait or have patience. *Enduring* is another way to translate patience. We must do the will of God. Later, God performs His promise. The promise of First John 5:14-15 is this: simply find a basis of approach for your prayer in the character of God and hold Him to it. That is doing the will of God. Do not bend. Tap His mercy, His love, His kindness, His grace, His fairness, His Word or His Justice. Hold God's feet to the fire, as it were.

This is the will of God for you concerning prayer. Do it and then wait. Stay under it. Remain under it. Hold Him to it. Then, verse 36 says, "after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise." What is the promise? It's whatever your need is. When you put God's character in jeopardy, as it were, He will do something. As needs arise in our lives, do not go to God and babble about the need. Find something in the character of God that we can bring to bear on that need and hold God's feet to the fire on it. This is the prayer that gets answered. Do not bend. Do not waver. Remember, healing and deliverance usually take time. Stay the course.

You have need of patience. You need to stay under the promise of First John 5:14-15. Stay under this Scripture. Through the process of time, the answer will come, the promise will be fulfilled. God, to vindicate His own character, will respond to your need and answer your prayer. He said, "Whatever we ask, after we know that He has heard us, He will give us those petitions that we

desired of Him." Concentrate on God, not on the problem. Find something in His character that you can bring into your situation.

Someone may say, "This is sacrilegious." No it is not. You see, many people are sissies. The devil knows a bunch of patsies, and he will run all over them. But when you get some boldness in your relationship with God, bring His character to bear on your situation like Jacob of old and refuse to let Him off the hook until your answer comes, you will have something that shakes Heaven. God answers this kind of prayer and He respects this kind of person.

Unless you do it this way, you will shake nothing. Read the Bible and you will find no panty waist anywhere. You will not find them. God respects a person that will find that *something* in Him and nail Him to the floor with it. He likes for us to trust Him, put Him on the spot and make Him perform. He likes it. It brings glory to Him. This is the confidence; whatever we ask, once we know that He heard us, we also know that we have what we asked for.

Prayer in the will of God is your Fourth Offensive Weapon to defeat demons and sickness.

Chapter Seven

Paul's main way of defeating demons and sickness is *Your Fifth Offensive Weapon*

What is faith and how does it work? What is the difference in faith and believe? Faith is information we get from God for us to act upon. We get information (faith) from God basically two ways: (1) from the Scriptures and (2) directly into our spirit man from the Spirit of God. Faith (information that we get from God) enables us to know God's will in advance on a given subject. It enable us to literally peer into the future. It shows us what God is going to do before He does it. In addition, this advance information also shows us what our part is in what God is about to do. This is what faith is. We can demonstrate this from Hebrews 11:7 with the case of Noah.

Heb 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (KJV)

All of us agree that Noah knew the flood was coming before it came. We will also agree that Noah knew what his part was in what was going to happen, since God told him in advance to build a boat (an ark.) We understand that Noah knew in advance what kind of wood to use in its construction, how long to make, how high to make it, how wide to make it and what to use to stop up the cracks. He knew all this before he ever cut a timber to go in it.

Noah's faith (advance information) enabled him to know in advance exactly what God was about to do concerning this world, the flood and Noah himself. He not only knew in

advance that the flood was coming, he knew why it was coming. He knew in advance that he was to build a boat and he knew he was to get himself and his family on it. He knew everything in advance. So faith, then, literally enables you to know the will of God in advance on a given issue.

What is the difference in faith and believe?

Now what is the difference in faith and believe? Faith is knowing something, believing is acting it out. Faith is having information, believing is following the instructions in that information. Although the term, *believe*, is not used in Hebrews 11:7, Noah obviously believed because he walked out the information God gave him.

He cut the timbers and he hued them down. He secured the kind of wood God told him to get. He built what God said build. Finally, he got his family and the animals on that boat. He did it all. The Bible says he "moved" and he "built."

He walked out the advance information. So, believing is walking out the information we get from God. For a complete explanation of faith and believe, see my book, ***How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings***. Now, look at Acts 8:12.

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (KJV)

In the above passage, Philip, the evangelist, is preaching in Samaria. In verse 12, look at the word *believe*. We have learned that *believe* means to walk out some information. (We have learned that *faith* is the information that we walk out, while *believing* is the Bible term for walking out the

information we get from God.) In the passage above, these people *believed* Philip's preaching. In other words, they were *walking out* what Philip preached.

What did Phillip preach?

What exactly did Philip preach? Verse Twelve says he preached two things. He preached the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus. Consequently, they walked out the things Phillip preached concerning these two things. To put it another way, they walked out the information he preached to them concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus.

In looking back over my first twenty years as a denominational preacher, there are two subjects I do not remember hearing preached. As a matter of fact, there are two subjects I never preached myself. First, I never preached a sermon on the Abrahamic covenant. Furthermore, I never heard a sermon preached on it. In addition, I never heard a sermon preached on the name of Jesus, and I never preached one on the name of Jesus for the first twenty years.

In the last denominational church that I pastored, I led that association in number of baptisms for four consecutive years, so they let me preach the association sermon. The association was a group of approximately sixty churches in our area. Once a year, they came together to take care of the denomination business that pertained to those sixty churches. Then, someone would preach what they called the Associational Annual Sermon.

My fourth year, they asked me to preach it and I chose as my subject, *The Name of Jesus*. I preached this message on the name of Jesus to a group of denominational preachers. When I finished, they thronged me and said, "I never heard anything like that."

Philip preached the name of Jesus. There is not enough preaching today on the name of Jesus. In the church in which I grew up, the name of Jesus was, more or less, just a cliché, used to put a mental period on the last sentence in our prayer. There was a man in that church that I had known when I got saved. He would lead a public prayer, and after listening to him for so many years, I could repeat exactly what he would say in his prayer before he said it. The name of Jesus was nothing but a cliché to him.

In this church, the name of Jesus was rote. It was mechanical. We just automatically included it when we came to the end of a public prayer. It had no power in it. It was a mental *period* to let the people know that the prayer was over and they could sit down. Why was this? Because there was never any preaching that I recall in my denominational background on the name of Jesus. There is a still dearth of preaching on the Name of Jesus. If you grew up in the various denominations, you may have never heard a sermon on the name of Jesus.

I want you to notice something. The New Testament was not written yet in Acts chapter 8 when Philip went down to Samaria. At this point in time, we feel certain that there was not even one book written in the New Testament. If there was, the ink hadn't dried yet. But here is Philip preaching the Name of Jesus. Did he know something we don't know? No! Phillip preached the same information we presently have today. The difference between then and now is we don't preach it like he did. He preached Christ, he preached the kingdom of God and he preached the name of Jesus.

I have heard Christ preached all my life. I have heard the kingdom of God preached all my life. But I never heard the name of Jesus preached. Then, when God opened my eyes to see things about the name of Jesus, my life, my ministry and my preaching has never been the same. We

need to incorporate into our preaching, our teaching and our lives the name of Jesus, for it is the name of Jesus that God placed above every name. It is at the name of Jesus that God will some day see to it that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Lord. It is the Name.

What the Name can do

The Name can blow the hinges off any door. The Name can knock a hole in anybody's brick wall. The Name can level any mountain. The Name can get your deliverance. The Name can get you healed. The Name can get you prosperous. The Name can protect your family. Philip preached the name of Jesus.

When we see what all the name of Jesus can accomplish and when we see the power in that Name, it is no wonder that Phillip preached it. As we see the power in the Name and see the things that it wrought in the Book of Acts, it's mysterious why the Name has disappeared from most Christian preaching in the main-line denominations today.

It works, but only if you work it. You must work it. You must use it. If you have a headache, you know an aspirin will cure it. However, if you have a medicine cabinet full of them, you will keep your headache until you take a couple of them. You must use them. This is true with the Name also.

This Name is not a cliché. This Name is the power of God. God packed the power of the universe into the name of Jesus. God loosed that Name in this earth and has given us the authority to use it. The reason that we don't derive more from it is we use it as a cliché.

How to use Jesus' name

The Name of Jesus must be used like a battering ram. It must be used like a sledge hammer. It must be used like a machete. Sometimes you will get results using it one time, but most of the time you are involved in a protracted war using the Name. A war is a protracted series of battles which is not over in fifteen seconds. In war, there is a swaying back and forth until someone quits. In using Jesus' name, the first one that quits, loses. When *you* use the name of Jesus against a demon induced sickness, the first one that quits, loses. Therefore, when you start to use the name of Jesus in the areas I show you in this chapter, don't stop until the victory comes.

In Acts 3, Peter used the Name of Jesus to get a man healed. That was the first healing recorded in the New Testament after Jesus went back into heaven. Nothing in this chapter said that Peter prayed about the healing. Nothing is said that he fasted about the healing. There is not one thing that said he quoted Scripture about the healing. There is not one thing that says there was any anointing oil used in that healing. There is not one thing that says the elders were called for in that healing. There is not one thing that said he got denominational permission to perform that healing.

All he did was use the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus is your number one weapon in healing. My book, ***How To Exercise God's Megaton Power Now*** is based on Peter's healing of this man in Acts 3 and 4. Read it and get your faith built to a fever pitch.

We quote Acts 4:12 which says, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." This translation is mistaken in this context, because the context in Acts 3 and Acts 4 is the same. These two chapters are a unit and in both chapters, salvation is not in view, healing is in view. Consequently, in Acts 4:12, Peter actually said,

"..there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be *healed*."

The word translated "saved" should have been translated "healed" in this context. It's translated *healed* in other Scriptures. The name of Jesus is a must in *healing*.

Thank God for doctors and medicines. If I needed a doctor, I would go to one in a flash and I never belittle anybody for going either. This may be one of the lesser ways that God heals. Therefore, if you want a genuine healing, use the name of Jesus. No wonder Peter said, "There is none other name unto Heaven given among men whereby we must be healed."

Why does Jesus' name work for *healing*? Because of who He was. He was the seed of Abraham. As such, He had a special place in the Abrahamic covenant itself. When Peter was pressed for a reason why the man at the gate Beautiful was healed through the name of Jesus, he said because God had promised it to the children of Abraham. He said in verse 25,

Acts 3:25

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. (KJV)

Bless, you will remember, contains healing. I taught you that in my teachings on the Abrahamic Covenant. See my book, ***What Are Abraham's Blessings Anyway?***, for proof that healing is guaranteed to you in the Abrahamic covenant.

Here is Bible proof of a healing through the name of Jesus based, upon the Abrahamic covenant. The name of Jesus is not a cliché. The healing power in Jesus' name is based upon His place in the Abrahamic Covenant. He was and is

the "seed" in that covenant. Therefore, the name of Jesus must deliver healing to the members of the Abrahamic seed group which includes you if you are saved. It is not a cliché.

Is it any wonder that Philip went to Samaria and preached the name of Jesus. You must understand what the Bible actually says about that Name in healing. "There is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be healed." That excludes the name of penicillin, aspirin, cobalt and chemical treatments. Jesus has the Name. These other things may help you, but the name of Jesus is always your best way. You must be healed through that Name for God gave no other name for healing. No wonder Phillip preached the Name.

You must walk it out

When this truth settles in, you will discover what you have in the name of Jesus. It saddens me that so many people use the name of Jesus as a cliché. It packs a punch when only when they walk it out. Phillip preached the information about Jesus name and they believed it. They walked it out.

Phillip or anyone else can preach this, you can get it on tape, you can listen to it a thousand times, you can take notes, you can take it apart from the Greek and you can write a book on it. But until you walk it out, it will mean nothing in your life in a practical sense. The name of Jesus contains a power for everyday needs. When Peter said, "There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be healed," he made a staggering statement. Healing is in the Name. Is it any wonder then, that Philip preached the Name? What is amazing to me is that more people don't preach it .

We need more preaching on the Name. We need more *in depth* preaching on the Name. We need more preaching on the Name that puts the fine details to it, that shows us

not only what we get, but why. We need to understand, not only what the Name will do, but why it does it and why it must do it.

There are two reasons why the Name of Jesus has to work in healing. (1) If it does not work, then the Jesus that we follow is a fake. He was not the seed of promise number sixty in the Abrahamic covenant because that promise includes blessing (healing) for the Abrahamic Seed Group (Christians) through the person of Jesus Christ. If the Name of Jesus doesn't work in healing, He was not the ultimate seed of Abraham. He was a fake.

(2) If Jesus was not a fake then God lied, for He told Abraham in promise number sixty (Gen. 22:18) that blessing (healing) will come on all the nations through the seed. Now, if it does not come on all the nations, God lied to Abraham. We must conclude that God is not a liar. Therefore, the name of Jesus must work.

Peter concluded that it worked. That is why he made the statement in Acts 4:12, "There is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be healed."

Why did he say this? Because the Name always delivers. The first time it doesn't deliver, you only have two options; Jesus was a fake or God is a liar. No wonder Peter said, "There is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be healed." The name of Jesus delivers healing. No wonder Phillip preached the name of Jesus. We need more preaching today on the name of Jesus.

How Paul dealt with demons

In Acts 16:16, Paul is on his missionary journeys. He is in Thyatira.

Acts 16:16-18

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of

divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

(KJV)

This girl was a psychic. She had her own psychic hot-line. She followed Paul and cried saying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show us the way of salvation." She did this many days. This grieved Paul, so he turned on the spirit within her that had this psychic ability. Note it well. Her ability to be psychic was demonic. Anyone who can do this (unless they get a word from God) is demonic. They are demon possessed. You see all those advertisements on TV about calling psychic hot-lines? Some of those people can actually prophesy over you with a demonic (familiar) spirit. So Paul turned, being grieved, and spoke to the spirit.

He didn't say a word to her. He spoke to the spirit (demon) that was in her. He said, "I command thee in the Name of Jesus to come out of her." He came out the same hour. That thing didn't come out immediately. He came out somewhere within the time block of an hour. Most deliverances require time. I have seen people delivered instantaneously, but most of them require time. I have seen people healed instantaneously, but most healings require time. The average Christian today will throw up their hands and quit if they are not healed instantly. Many think that if a person is not healed instantaneously when they pray for them or perform a deliverance over them once, that they either have sin in their life or they have no faith. This is not the case.

God's Eight Healing Delivery Vehicles

They are depending upon only *one* of God's eight ways of healing when He has *eight ways*, not just one. One of God's ways of healing requires no action on your part except to be there and get touched by the anointing. But the other seven ways He heals require action on your part. There are things you must do before God heals with these other seven ways. Furthermore, these other seven ways usually require time. The anointing is usually instantaneous, but the other seven ways of healing are not.

We are geared to the thirty-minute, quick-fix solution that comes to us in the comedies on television. Consequently, if healing doesn't happen in thirty minutes less commercials, we think God's methods of healing do not work. So we say, "I knew it wouldn't work anyway." Then we give up. For this reason, many people die prematurely. See my book, ***Healing For The Rest of Us***, to learn about God's Eight Healing Delivery Vehicles.

In the deliverance in Acts 16:16, Paul used the name of Jesus. But even here, it was not instantaneous. The demon came out that hour. It didn't say it came out immediately. It came out the self-same hour. At the very least, it took several minutes. Although we are not told, Paul probably commanded several times for that demon to come out of her. When you get this principle fixed firmly in your mind, you are well on your way to a victorious life because you quit demanding the thirty minutes less commercials solution. You will have realized that you are settled down into a war that will move back and forth. You may take two steps forward and one step back, but if you stay with it, using the name of Jesus, you will knock the demon right out of the person you are dealing with.

The name of Jesus gives you power and authority over the demon world. This girl had a familiar spirit, but Paul's use

of the name of Jesus got rid of it. There may have been a tug-of-war right there in the street. The point is, Jesus name has power and authority over any demonic attack that will ever come against you, your health, your finances, your home, your job, your career or your family. The name of Jesus has authority over the demonic hordes.

For too many, if healing doesn't happen in thirty minute less commercials, they turn to the arm of the flesh. Honestly, you do not need the arm of the flesh. Recognize the power in Jesus name and stay in the battle. You will win apart from the arm of the flesh. The name of Jesus Christ has power over demons. Usually, it is not instantaneous. In my book, *Healing For The Rest of Us*, I show you both how and why this is the case.

Battering ram, sledge hammer and machete

The name of Jesus is one of God's eight healing delivery vehicles. The anointing is one of them and the name of Jesus is another. There are still six more. The name of Jesus goes right along with the other six, but the name of Jesus is a weapon by itself. But don't be dismayed and discouraged if healing doesn't happen immediately. Recognize you are in a warfare and the name of Jesus is your weapon. Use it like a battering ram. Use that thing like a sledge hammer,. Use it exactly like a machete and hack your way through ten miles of jungle with it.

Most of the time, a battering ram won't knock a door off it's hinges in the first lunge. You must come at it again. Picture the Name as a machete and picture yourself ten miles deep in jungle underbrush. One swipe at the underbrush with your machete won't clear a path ten miles long. You must chop again and again and again.

You must learn the principle that you are involved in warfare and the name of Jesus is your club, your battering ram, your sledge hammer and your machete. Then, you

must stay in there and use that Name, even if your nose is bloody and your eyes are black and blue with the blows of the enemy. You must stand in there and slug it out using the name of Jesus. You must stay in the battle until the devil kills you or you knock him out of your ballpark with the name of Jesus. When you adopt this attitude and get into focus, you win. Is it any wonder that Philip preached the name of Jesus?

He didn't preach the Houston Chronicle, the Readers' Digest or the Saturday Evening Post. He didn't preach through denominational blinders. He preached the name of Jesus. After seeing the two things above that the name of Jesus can do, no wonder he preached it. The wonder is why don't we do it more. We need to know more about this Name, what's in it and how to use it. We have short changed it. We have short circuited it. We have given it a secondary place. We use it as a cliché. Powerlessness plagues our churches up and down the land because we don't know what is in the name of Jesus or how to use it. Now, turn to John chapter 14:13-14.

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (KJV)

Look at the word *ask*. The Greek's had more than one word for *ask*. They had a word for *ask* which is equivalent to our English word for *ask*. But they had another one which is used here. The root meaning of this word means to *command*. When translated *ask*, it means to *ask for something in the strongest manner possible*. Have you ever had your child ask you for something in such a way that it sounded like they were demanding it? That is what this word means here when translated *ask*. The basic root of this word means to command or ask in the strongest manner possible.

"Ask" means command

When this word is used in relationship with a *whatsoever* or a *thing*, it should be translated *command*. When used in relationship to God, the word means to ask God for something *in the strongest, most urgent manner possible*. We don't command God but we can *ask in the strongest manner possible*. In the passage above, it is used in relationship to a *whatsoever* and a *thing*. Therefore, these words should be translated *command*. Consequently, verse 13 should read, "Whatsoever you shall command in my name." Verse 14 should read, "If you shall command any thing in my name." In verse 13, Jesus said, "I will do it," and in verse 14 He said it again, "I will do it." Jesus said it twice, "If you command things and whatsoever in my name, I will do it." For a complete, faith building explanation of *ask*, see my book, ***How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings***.

We must learn this basic principle. If we command something once or twice, and it doesn't happen, we get up and leave the field. This is not using the name of Jesus like a machete to hack through your ten miles of jungle. You are not using the name of Jesus like a sledge hammer to hit your sickness and keep on keeping on hitting it until you beat it right out of existence. Learn this principle: the name of Jesus always works but so does the power of the devil. If he knows that you will only hit him once or twice, he will out last you. He will convince you that he can beat you when you use the Name of Jesus. This is an insult to Jesus' name.

We have done a great disservice to the Christian community, not only in America but around the world, to continuously harp that healing is instantaneous. We have been conditioned to the instantaneous. If our healing is not instantaneous, we think that God doesn't really care as much about us as he does somebody else. Therefore, we

give up and die.

We have gone overboard on the instant healing. We have a false theological concept of how this works. The name of Jesus may bring an instantaneous result, but most of the time it does not. When you get this firmly into your spirit man and start living by this principle, your level of victory and the multiplicity of your results will increase. You must remember that you are in a protracted battle. As long as the devil knows that you are following the warped, unbalanced theology of the instantaneous, he will out last you on your use of Jesus name.

When you use Jesus name in warfare three or four times for three or four minutes (or thirty or forty minutes) and the victory is still not there, do not give up and go to the arm of the flesh. If you do, the devil has won. Then and there he has bested you, he has beaten you. You must use Jesus' name like a sledge hammer. Stay with it until you beat your rock of sickness to bits.

There are no *ifs*, *ands* or *buts* in these two verses. There are no pre-requisites, there are no conditions. Jesus made a blanket statement that is fact. Work it and keep on working it until the victory comes. Our part is to command a thing in the name of Jesus. Our part is to command a whatsoever in the name of Jesus.

What Jesus never told us

Jesus never told us what these *things* and *whatevers* are. He didn't name them. What, then, can we command in the name of Jesus and make it get out of our face? You can command any *thing* or any *whatsoever*, that hinders your realizing the blessings in the Abrahamic covenant, to get out of your face. What is in the Abrahamic covenant? Healing prosperity, well being for your family and salvation is in it. If a disease is destroying your health, that is a thing. Therefore, you have a right to command it to get out. If

infidelity is destroying your family, that is a thing and you have the right to command it to get out. They will leave if you continue using Jesus' name until the victory comes.

Don't do it two, three or four times and throw your hands up and say, "I knew it wouldn't work anyway." You are right, it will not work when you say this. It only works when you work it. I am showing you how to get on top and off the bottom. God called you to be the head and not the tail. You are supposed to be above and not beneath. I am showing you how to get there. The key is in the name of Jesus.

Understand that spiritual warfare is a slugging match. Understand that we have been sold a bill of goods that the instantaneous is all there is. We have been led to believe that the instantaneous is the basic way God operates. This is only one-eighth of how God deals with the human body. He has seven other Healing Delivery Vehicles and they are all activated and triggered by the name of Jesus. No wonder Phillip preached the name of Jesus. We need more preaching on the name of Jesus. We must understand that His name usually works through the process of time. We must understand the "machete concept." It doesn't matter how big your machete is, if you have ten miles of jungle to hack through, you won't hack through it with just one swing at it.

Chopping through your ten miles of jungle

So it is with a sickness, a financial problem or a family problem. View them as ten miles of jungle and the name of Jesus as your machete. Say, "I will hack my way through it." Realize that it will take you a while to hack your way out. Learn to walk by faith and not by sight.

One of the favorite scriptures of those who do not believe in healing is that Paul once left a man sick. Does that mean he died? Does that mean it did not work? No, the process just wasn't over yet. Most healings require a

process. When you learn this and start hacking your way through your ten miles of jungle, realize that one swing of your machete will not clear your path through it. You must chop it again and again and again. Somewhere, you will see light on the other side. This ability is in the Name. Is it any wonder that Phillip preached the Name?

The power is in the Name, not in the messenger. It is not in me as it was not in Phillip. Any Christian can do what I have said in this book. My job is to convince you that you can and show you that all is not lost when it is not instantaneous. You just haven't whacked through your ten miles of the jungle yet. You have some more hacking to do. If you keep on swinging, you will eventually hack your way through.

Jesus' name is your Fifth Offensive Weapon to defeat demons and sickness.

Chapter Eight

Why these Five Offensive Weapons work

Paul said that even though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh. In other words, since we live in bodies of flesh, most of the things we do will be done in our bodies. If you mow the grass, you will do it with your body. If you wash a dish, you will do it with your physical body. Whatever you do, you do it with this robe of flesh. Then, Paul talks about Spiritual warfare. This is not done, however, in and by your fleshly body.

2 Cor 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

(KJV)

Although you live in this body, you are confronted daily with warfare from the devil, who tries to destroy your home, health, family, job and finances. The problem is the devil is a spirit. His power is spiritual, but he can do physical damage to your home, finances, health, body, family and everything else about you.

How flesh defeats spirit force

How, then, does the flesh combat a spirit problem? If you try to deal with a spiritual force with a weapon of flesh, you lose going in. There must be some way we Christians, who are also spirit beings but living in the physical realm, can

deal with things of a spiritual nature when it comes against us. So then, Paul said that we Christians do not respond to a spiritual force with our flesh. How then, are we to respond to it.

He said the weapons of our warfare are not *carnal*. The word *carnal* translates a Greek word which means *flesh*. *Flesh* and *carnal* mean the same thing. When Paul says "walk in the *flesh*," "war after the *flesh*" and "the weapons of our warfare are not *carnal*," he is using the same word. *Carnal* and *flesh* are the same word. You will notice that he used this same expression three times. (1) We live in the flesh (2) but we do not war after the flesh and (3) the weapons of our warfare are not flesh either. In other words, I may double up my fist and do a certain amount of damage even though the devil caused the problem. I must not resort, however, to a carnal or a fleshly weapon to deal with the spirit force that caused a person to want to punch me out, by hitting him first with my fist. Rather, I deal with the spirit that is motivating him. Then, I can shut him down so he won't hit me at all.

One area where your fist is powerless

You see, there are times when we must go to war. Many things war against the soul of a Christian. In First Corinthians 10:13, Paul talks about temptation. He said, "There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." When the average Christian is tempted, he throws up his hands and wants to quit. Because he is tempted, he equates the temptation with being guilty of committing the sin. Just because you are tempted does not make you guilty of anything. You must learn not to be bothered by temptation. If you stop serving God every time you are tempted by the devil, you will never do another thing for God. Paul said that your temptation is common to every man. Therefore, what tempts one man tempts all men. Any temptation you have, everyone has it. So, when

somebody comes at you with his fist, we may double up our fist and counterattack, but when temptation comes, your fist is useless.

Now, we must have a set of weapons with which we can victoriously combat and get rid of the devil and his demons. Paul said these weapons for Christians are not made of flesh. As long as you attempt to war against spirit forces with the flesh, you will be defeated all your life.

You can not fight a spiritual battle with a carnal weapon. It will not work. Spirit forces are stronger than atom bombs. They are stronger than your fist. They are stronger than any club with which you can hit a guy. They are just more powerful. As long as you rely on your wits or your fleshly abilities, you automatically lose. So, Paul said that although we walk in this fleshly body, we can not deal with spirit forces through it.

The weapons of our warfare are not flesh, but they are mighty. God has given us some mighty weapons to battle with. What is the source of their might? Look back at the verse. They are mighty *through God*. Many people think that things in religion have no power in them. They are right. Religion has no power. But we do not have religion, we have Jesus. This is not religion, this is a relationship. So, our weapons are mighty through God through this relationship with Jesus Christ.

I have been backed in some corners in my life that, without the might of God operating in me and through me, I would have been overwhelmed, overpowered and destroyed. Have you ever been in a situation you absolutely could not deal with because it was bigger than you? We have all been in things like that. I have been in situations where there was no way out had God not intervened. I have been in situations where I would have been destroyed had God not gotten into the fray. But my weapons were mighty

through God.

The "Through God" Concept

I want to emphasize the "*through God*" concept. Thomas Jefferson believed that God created this world, wound it up, set it on a shelf like a clock, backed off and has not touched it since. Now, He is just letting it run down after He wound it up. That is wrong.

Through God, we can overcome. We are not on our own. We are not left to twist in the wind. God did not wind us up like a clock and just abandon us. He is active in our daily affairs and has given us weapons that are mighty *through Him* and not through yourself.

Furthermore, these weapons are mighty through God to the pulling down of *strongholds*. What are strongholds? They can vary. He did not name them on purpose because they can be anything that comes against you and the will of God being done in your life. Each person may have a different *stronghold*, but the power and weapons that God has given us over the Spirit world are mighty through God. They have the ability to pull down that *stronghold*. It does not matter what that stronghold is, the weapons you have been given can pull it down.

How to be invincible

The longer I live, the more convinced I am that if a man walks in the Spirit, he is absolutely invincible. Nothing in this world, no power or force on this earth, can beat him as long as he walks in the Spirit. The weapon he has will pull down any *stronghold*. In other words, he cannot be stopped. There is nothing on this planet that can sidetrack, derail or defeat him. It does not matter what kind of *stronghold* the devil throws at him. He has weapons that are mighty through God that can pull it down.

In the next verse, Paul says the same weapon that pulls down a *stronghold*, also has the power to cast down *imagination*s. *Imagination*s is a Greek word that means *ability to reason*. We are too smart. Our greatest asset (our mind) is also our greatest enemy. In the Spirit realm, our mind is our greatest enemy because we want to figure things out and rely on our wits. Many times I have set up a scheme, walked it out, thought surely it was infallible and everything fell on its face. Why? I was trusting my wits and not God's Spirit. We must learn to get our minds under control. The hardest thing you will ever do is control your own mind. Thoughts will come that you think are your thoughts, but they came straight from hell. The devil will give you a thought that makes sense. You will think this is how we ought to do such-and-such. But you must say, "Thought, I cast you down in the Name of Jesus. I force you to submit to the Spirit of God. Thought, get out of my brain. Thought, get out because you are not the will of God." God gave us weapons that enable us to do that.

I have problems with this area. I can figure things out. I can think things through. Then, I can't be persuaded that "I" am wrong. You can identify with this, can't you? We are all like this, aren't we? We will go off half cocked, without having all the facts, but our ego gets in the way. Because it is "I", "I" am not wrong. It takes a power greater than we possess to cast down our thoughts, get out of the way and say, "God, have your way in this matter." This mighty weaponry that God has given enables us to do it.

The danger of ego

One thing I am learning is to keep my ego out of the Spirit realm. The problem for all of us is to get our ego out of the way. We must learn that we are not always right. This is the hardest thing you will ever do in your life because everyone wants to be right. It does not matter what the issue is, once we speak on it, we want to be right. We want

to be right even if it blows every relationship that we ever had. We want to be right. We will fight a circle saw. "Do not challenge me." We want to be right.

But much of the time, you are not right. The Holy Ghost, however, is always right. When you operate with your mind, you will lose in Spiritual warfare. Rather, we must learn to operate in the power of Spirit weapons. Only these weapons will give you the power to cast down your reasoning process, subdue it and subject it to your spirit man. This can be done only through the power of the Holy Ghost. This is not a carnal ability. This is the ability of God doing it for us.

These weapons also give us the power to "subdue every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." It is a necessity that I have a power that can subdue everything that exalts itself against my knowing God. Let that sink in a minute. There must be a weapon powerful enough to enable me to cast down and subdue everything that interferes with my knowledge of God (my ability to know God.) Knowing God is a must.

Therefore, God gave us a Spiritual weapon that enables us to subdue everything that would get in the way of our knowing God. How many Christians know about God, but have never shut down their minds long enough to get alone with God and get to know Him? Try this with your husband or wife and see where you land. You will be in the divorce court in less than a month. You must spend time with one another. Just to know that you have a wife somewhere in the house is not enough. You must spend time with her so she can get to know you and you can get to know her. There has to be a *knowing*.

Spiritual mind control

You must shut your life down, get alone with God and let Him speak to you so that you and He can get to know each other. We get so busy sometimes. We do this and we do that. Sometimes, we are so busy, we cannot shut our motors down. We cannot stop them. We lie down to sleep at night and our motors keep right on running. Our eyes stay wide open, glued to the blackness of the ceiling. Your hectic pace prevents your knowing God. Consequently, you must have a weapon to combat this. God has given us weapons that enables us to shut our motors down. Things go on disconnect when you run on God's power. He will subdue everything that prevents your gaining this intimate, personal knowledge of God.

I can not impress upon you too much the necessity of getting alone with God. You must let His ways, personality, mind, heart and spirit penetrate and permeate you, so that you *blend* with Him. Only His weaponry will do what you need. You have this power at your disposal. It will stop, subdue and subject all things that get in the way of your knowing God.

This weaponry from God enables us to bring every thought into captivity to obey Christ. You *can* bring every thought into captivity and make it obey Christ. The Bible says we have the mind of Christ. I actually have the ability to think His thoughts. The problem is that when He is trying to think His thoughts in me, I want to think my thoughts. I also want to obey my thoughts. But the Bible says that God has given us the ability to force our minds to bring our every thought into captivity and make it a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes, I must tell my mind, "Get quiet, listen, stop, let God get in there, let Jesus think something through you." You have been given that ability. You have been given a weaponry that is mighty through God to enable you to force the very thought life in your brain to obey Jesus Christ so that the thoughts you have will be His thoughts.

Get sick and tired of calling your own shots, charting your own course, being the captain of your own soul and the master of your own fate. Say, "Lord, no longer I, but Christ that liveth through me." Turn it loose and let it go. You have this power. Say, "Thought, obey Christ."

You can command your thought life

You can command your thought life. You can make your brain think what you want it to think. The weapons at our disposal will deal with all the things you need them to deal with. No matter what the devil throws against you, you have a weaponry to deal with it. Among others, these weapons are the Word, confession of the Word, the Holy Ghost, the name of Jesus and praying in the will of God. All of these things. But the point is, we have them.

I want to impress upon you that we have these weapons now. God has given us a weaponry that is not flesh. Nevertheless, these weapons are mighty. He is the source of that might which enables us to do all the things mentioned in this section plus more. Therefore, get after it. Stop living a defeated life. Understand who you are and what you have. Start walking it out. Stop letting the devil kick you in the face and dictate to you.

Your Five Offensive Weapons work because they are powered by God. Surely, everyone knows that God has more power than any demon or sickness the devil will ever throw at you.

Chapter Nine

Where and how to get confidence and courage to defeat demons and sickness

We have a heavenly Father, not a heavenly judge. Otherwise, none of us would make it. Psalms Ninety One is one of the most comforting Scriptures in the Word of God. This Psalm says more to the person who needs an uplift than anything in the world.

This chapter has much for the person who has come to the end of himself. The person who comes to the end of himself is like the prodigal son who came to his senses.

Luke 15:17

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! (KJV)

"When he came to himself" implies that he hadn't been in his right mind to start with. No one allows himself to get pulled into the muck, unless he has something wrong with his brain. Otherwise, he would stop, think and not wait until he hit the bottom to do something about his situation. In the case of the prodigal son, the famine in the land did not occur until after he had spent every dime he had. If he still had his money, that famine would not have bothered him.

God timed that whole thing to get his child back. The famine did not occur in the whole land until that boy was out of bucks. When he was out of money, he had only two choices; turn to the hog trough and eat slop or go home. He made the choice to go home. Sometimes we get in that place before we make the choice to go home.

Ps 91:1-16

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

**16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew
him my salvation.
(KJV)**

The key thing to see here is the necessity of dwelling in the *secret place* of the Most High. Dwelling in the secret place of the Most High is that point, time and place in your life when you move away from the world, jobs, families and businesses, into the quietness of your own spirit, into the presence of God. We must all take time to dwell there.

How to receive the blessings of God

Nothing will take the place of our dwelling in the *secret place*. We must experience God on our own. The person who makes the choice to dwell there, is a person moving into the position to receive the blessings of God, no matter what adversities come. This is a person who is moving into a position where there is a protection and a covering, no matter what blows up in his life.

Your job may disappear. Your business may be running well today and tomorrow go bankrupt. Your home, family, wife, husband and children may be going perfectly right now and tomorrow disaster strikes. One of them wants a divorce, a child runs away or gets in jail, but when you learn to dwell in the *secret place* of God, there are some benefits that accrue to you simply from the fact that you dwell there.

You can't move in and out, you must learn to *dwell* in that place. We must step aside and enter the chambers of the throne room and dwell in the *secret place* of the Almighty. I have learned more at the feet of God, when I am in His presence, than I have in all the theology books and Greek grammars that line the walls of my study.

There must be a time when you enter the throne room. You must spend time in the presence of God. Then, and only then, will He become your fortress and refuge. At that

point, you abide under His shadow.

This is a figure of speech. God does not have a shadow, neither does He have feathers and wings. These figures of speech are used here like Jesus used parables. The point is that if I am close enough to God to be in His shadow, I am close. If I am this close, since nothing harmful can get this close to God, it can't hurt me either since I am with Him. There is a refuge in the storm when we dwell in the *secret place*.

David pictures it as being a place where we are *shadowed* by the Almighty. He has no shadow. This is also a figure of speech. But when we are that close, nothing can get under that shadow and hurt us because God will not allow hurtful things to get that close to Him. If He will not allow them to get that close to Him, since I am that close to Him, it can not get to me because it cannot come near Him. This entire chapter gives us things that are predicated upon our dwelling in the *secret place* of the Almighty. Nothing can replace this in your life. There is a joy, peace and refuge that comes only from being in that place.

God will deliver you

Once we are there, verse 3 says, "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence." *He shall deliver thee*. If the fowler and the noisome pestilence should come close enough to the shadow of the Almighty to get to me, the Bible says, "Surely, He will deliver me." (He delivers primarily through your Five Offensive Weapons when you employ them in Spiritual Combat.)

Do you have a storm brewing in your life? Are you living under circumstances that are painful for you? Is there a situation in your home that you really wish you could change, that has become like a fowler and a noisome pestilence? Is there anything in your work place that comes against you, robbing you spiritually and pulling you

down physically? Has a demon induced sickness struck either you or your loved ones? Stop battling these things long enough to get into the *secret place* of God Almighty and get under His shadow. Under His shadow, *He will surely deliver thee.*

God is not obligated to deliver anybody who is outside His shadow. He will, however, deliver everyone who is under His shadow. There are some blessings and benefits that accrue to you simply because you have chosen to dwell there. They are listed in this chapter. You must have them in order to make it. These blessings are conditioned upon one thing, your willingness to come aside and enter the *secret place* of God, for protection is in that *secret place*. When you are in that shadow, He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and the noisome pestilence.

No matter what comes against you

The "snare of the fowler and the noisome pestilence" is whatever comes against a child of God. It could be terminal disease, a financial disaster or the near break-up of a home. Whatever it is that comes near you, if you are under His shadow, God has promised that He shall deliver you. I want you to notice the word *shall*. This is not something God *might* do, it is something He will do. You can depend on it. He really will do it. "He *shall* deliver you from the snare of the fowler and the noisome pestilence."

I have been in places in my life and ministry, where, had it not been for God and His grace, everything would have been over. I have had my life threatened. One time, I was in a city wide meeting in which the police got wind from the dope trade that they were going to get me. I had my wife and two little daughters in the hotel room with me. I became so fearful that something bad was going to happen, that I put them on a plane and sent them back to Houston. I did not want them to stay there. I have been in some tight places for the cause of Christ. But my source of

strength, guidance and deliverance came from one thing only, the *secret place*. I had learned, even at that point in my life, that a shadow was cast by Almighty God and I was safe under it. Under that shadow, nothing is big enough to tackle God. If I am under His shadow, since the fowler and the pestilence dare not come that close to God, they cannot get close enough to me to hurt me either.

God shall deliver you, my friend, from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence just by getting under the shadow in the *secret place*. When all else has failed and you have come to the end of yourself, when everything you have tried has blown up in your face and there is not another scheme left in your worn out brain, just get under His shadow in the *secret place*, and calm down. God will put your emotions back into place. He will solve your problems. "He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence."

We don't have to fear anything

All this accrues just because you got under the shadow. In addition, "He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust, His truth shall be thou shield and buckler, thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night." Notice the things He said we do not have to fear. We do not have to fear *the terror by night, nor the arrow that flyeth by day, nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth in noonday*. What else is there to make us afraid?

Many people never know what it is to lay their life on the line for the glory of God and the cause of Christ. David did. Knowing you have enemies who pack guns that could lift them, point them at your head and blow your brains out will drive you to the *secret place*.

Many of us never go to the *secret place* because God has blessed us so much. Everything is going so well that we

just do not feel a need for God. So we tune Him out and go our merry way. I have been there too. From personal experience, you better get back under the shadow, back under the feathers of His wings, back into the *secret place* and dwell there. As long as you are on your own, those things that you enjoy which make you forget God, can suddenly be removed.

But when we are under the shadow, when God has His feathery wings around us like a mother hen has it around her baby chickens, there is safety there. This is our safety net. In that place, there is no fear. When I am close to God, I am not afraid of anything. When we get away from the *secret place*, we become too occupied in the daily things.

We can get so caught up and occupied in the ministry and the work of the ministry that we forget the one for whom we minister. We must be really careful and not get too wrapped up in those things that we hold so near and dear. We must never forget the source of our blessings, which is the shadow of God Almighty in His *secret dwelling place*. We must spend time in the *secret place*. Once I am there, I am not afraid.

Remember the fears He lists: *the terror by night, the arrow by day, the pestilence in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday*. Every fear you will ever have is covered in these four things. Terminal disease, financial disaster and family break-up is in it. But as long as I am in the *secret place*, spending time with God, letting God talk to me and giving myself time to bathe in His presence, I am not afraid. This builds me up on the inside. I need to stop and let God recharge me. Recharging only occurs in the *secret place*.

Come apart or come apart

Jesus told His disciples to *come apart by yourselves in a place*. He tried to get them away from the crowd. Jesus

was always getting away from the crowd. He loved the people and He loved the crowd. But Jesus was always breaking free and getting loose from the crowd. He was always trying to get alone. He was always trying to get the disciples to get away from the crowd to be alone. *Come apart by yourselves in a place.* What did He mean by that? He meant that if you do not *come apart by yourselves in a place, you are just going to come apart.*

There must be time for the *secret place*. There are rewards, benefits and blessings here that provide everything you need just by spending time in the *secret place*. One of them is you will fear nothing. Another benefit is you will get off your guilt trip down unworthiness detour. Getting you on a guilt trip is one of the devil's favorite tricks. He will make you feel too unworthy to receive your healing because of some silly sin you did thirty years or thirty minutes ago.

See my book, ***You Can Receive Healing and Prosperity***, which enables you to forever get off the devil's guilt trip down unworthiness detour. Satan will make you think you have lost your salvation or else that you are on the verge of it. This is nonsense and I prove it in the above book. Read it and build your faith to get off your demon induced guilt trip.

When I have just finished my prayer time and I get up filled with God, I am scared of nothing. I had one man get up and walk out of my church and the last thing he ever said to me was, "You listen to no one and you are not afraid of anything." He was mistaken on both counts.

I may not listen to man, but I listen to God, and when I listen to God, I always get the right information. When I am filled with God, even when what I am about to do looks absolutely crazy to the eyes of the world, I am still not scared of anything. The Bible says, *"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, the arrow by day, the*

pestilence in darkness, nor the destruction that wasteth at noonday." I do not have to fear them. It is not a matter of just turning this over in my brain, make a positive decision here and not be afraid, when I am really scared half to death. That is not what this means. It means that if you spend the time in the *secret place*, these things will not frighten you because you have been given a *power* and an *authority* that even David did not have. You can combat demons, beat them and overcome them. That is why we are not afraid. We know who we are and what we have.

Shouting ground

Look at verse 7. These four terrors, *the snare of the fowler, the noisome pestilence, the arrow that flieth by day and the terror by night*, will cause "a thousand to fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come near thee." This is shouting ground. I have seen it. I have seen them fold up and snap like straws in the wind. I have seen them fold up and drop. I will not be afraid, this can not hurt me. There is not one thing in the world these things can do to me. A thousand shall fall at my side, but they will fold up before they can get to me. They will snap like straws in the wind.

Psychiatry is a very booming business, but the suicide rate among psychiatrists is very high. They do not have the answers. There is no answer apart from the *secret place*. When a man spends his time in the *secret place*, he may get blown right out of the water, but he can still hang in there because he has the power and the presence of God inside his spirit. We sing that old hymn, "It is well with my soul". This was written by a man standing on the seashore, who had just gotten word that his wife and little child had gone down in the ship, lost at sea. He would never see them again in this life. But that man had been in the *secret place*, and not even this tragedy could bend or break him. In this condition, he penned the words to this immortal

song. The only way this man could have done that is to have been alone with God in the *secret place*.

When you take the time to get into the *secret place*, you are tapping the ultimate energy source. God is energy. He is power and everybody needs more power. The only place and the only way to get it is plug into the source by getting alone with God in the *secret place*. Thousands get blown out of the barrel by the adversities of life. Get into the *secret place* and you will not be one of them.

Wickedness will not touch you

You will see wickedness, but you will not be touched by it. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." What the wicked do will not touch me. Only with my eyes will I see it, but it will not effect me, because I go to the *secret place* regularly and I stay there long enough to get my batteries charged. Go to that secret place, get under His shadow and abide there, under His wings. These things do not blow you away. I watch them drop like flies. I see them, but they do not touch me.

The word *because* is used in this passage *twice*. Verse 9 says, "Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation." Since you made David's God your habitation also, verse 10 says, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plaque come near thy dwelling, for He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways, they shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder, the young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under feet."

Here is the first use of *because*. *Because* you took the time to dwell in the *secret place*. There is power, force and strength in the secret place. When you form the habit of going into the *secret place*, the first *because*, in verse 9,

kicks in for you. "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling, He shall give His angels charge over thee."

"Because thou hast made God thy habitation," David said, "I will give my angels charge concerning thee. No pestilence shall come against thee, no evil shall befall thee. My angels," God says, "will see to that." There is only one condition you must meet; get alone in the *secret place*.

The second *because* occurs in verse 14 which says, "Because he has sat his love upon me, I will deliver him. I will place him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, I will honor him, and with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." This is the second *because*.

We miss it. We do not take the time to get into the *secret place*. There *must* be time in the secret place. None of the above accrues apart from the *secret place*. When we move into it, make that our dwelling, live there more than we live out in the world doing other things and live there even when we are out in the world doing other things, God moves into gear and all this becomes ours.

God has said that no evil shall befall me, no pestilence and no plague shall come near my dwelling. He said, "I will deliver him in trouble, I will honor him, I will satisfy him with a long life." Then what is there to be panicky about? What is there to fear? God is on my side. He is for me. Paul said in Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This is a Greek rhetorical question which demands a certain answer: *nobody can be against us and prevail*. Hordes can be against you, but they can not beat you. We are winners. We are over the top. We are above not beneath. We are the head and not the tail. We are conquerors.

We need to get into the *secret place* and recharge our battery. We need to take time out and get into the *secret place*. Then, our lives will not unravel. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. When our minds go haywire and start thinking strange things, our answer is not in a tranquilizing pill, it is in the *secret place*. There, things level out and everything comes back into place. Then, I can function the way God intended. Everything comes together in the *secret place*.

Get into the *secret place*. There, you develop the confidence and courage to meet head on any demon or sickness the devil can bring against you. Go for it!