

Spiritual Warfare

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Greetings, brethren. May the Lord God abundantly bless you and bless us all as we fellowship together. Hallelujah. We thank God for this great privilege. We understand that shortly we won't have this privilege any more, therefore we have to make the most of it and understand how we can overcome the lack of this privilege by communicating in the Spirit of God. It seems to me that if we lose this internet, lose this possibility, then God Himself must give us something greater. I know He has given us something greater, but we have not been able to use it because we have so many other things to use. It seems that this is God's way of forcing us to use the power of prayer, the power of moving in the Spirit one with another, the power of strengthening one another in the Spirit without being able to communicate. We would not develop that power unless we lose this one. So, it sounds like bad news, but it is good news, that we are going to lose this power and gain the real power that God really wants to give the church.

Now, the Lord has been speaking to me very strongly about our situation, our warfare, how we are handling it and that we are even being beaten up by the devil without noticing it. Hallelujah. Amen. We get a headache and we rush to the doctor, not realizing that it could have been a demon that disturbed us and we could have just rebuked him and been free.

Let us read from Ephesians 6, starting in verse 10, ***Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For 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. 13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.***

Praise God. This was written over 2,000 years ago and at that time they thought the battle was fierce against the Christians, but today that battle is 10 times worse and yet it seems that we are paying less attention to the things that are happening. I have seen a great destruction in our ranks.

As a matter of fact, one sister was killed by demons. I went to her house by the leading of the Lord and as I stepped into the house I lost myself. I just exploded and started to speak to some unseen force and drove them out of there. The sister got up off the bed and was praising God, but her husband was upset. Now, her husband was one of our ministers and he was upset because of his reputation in the community as a minister. I want you to hear me, brethren. His reputation as a minister in the community was being hurt by two kooks coming in and driving an evil spirit out of his gate, out of his door. The crowd started gathering around to see what was happening, so he asked us to leave. When we hesitated about leaving, he actually escorted us out - put us out - and closed the gate. Now, the demons were very happy about that and after we had gone, they took charge of the

sister again. It was a long battle with her, up and down. As one disease was cured another one came on, until finally she had polio. This polio was destroying her. They had her in the hospital. The doctors were around charting the progress of her polio. Hallelujah.

We could not help but intercede for her, so I went down into fasting with the brethren. We fasted for seven days. One morning the Lord God showed us the whole situation. The angel of the Lord went with me to the hospital in the Spirit and rebuked the polio. The woman jumped out of the bed before all of the doctors and they were all shocked and frightened. She went back home, only to get another disease. Finally, she died.

I have seen brethren who meet with one accident after another, one accident after another, one accident after another until they are down in sickness. This is not the will of God. Brethren, we wrestle not against human flesh, but it is against princes and palities. Meaning to say, not only the prince, but the whole of his kingdom is fighting us and we are relaxing and saying, "Oh, God will take care of me."

What bothered me is, "God, why do You allow this? Why do You allow this? Why do You allow Christians to be beaten up by devils?" Hallelujah. Over the years I began to get my answers. I want you to look with me at Revelation 12:3 and I will show you an incident here. ***And there appeared another wonder in heaven; (that means in the realm of the church) and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*** That means seven ruling areas on his heads. Verse 4, ***And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven,*** meaning to say a third part of the preachers, the men who are the leaders. The stars refer to the leaders of the church. ***...his tail drew the third part of the leaders of the church and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.***

Let's look at this picture. Here is a dragon that has seven heads - that means that God didn't make them - and ten horns. We are talking about seven leaders. What God said up there was that this dragon was in heaven. So, we are talking about the whole church system that has within it ruling spirits that rule over seven areas. I want you to understand that the seven areas represent the seven churches of Asia, which represent all of the churches of the world. Over these areas there were seven rulers, seven kings - seven heads and ten horns. "A great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." We are talking about the bishops and the popes and the leaders of the church systems that have turned from God and have now the image and the stamp of the devil upon them. This church is trying to destroy the manchild. That means by doctrine, by laws, by regulations, by holding their members and by every means that they can use in the world, they are trying to destroy the birth of the manchild.

We see, then, that this dragon believes that since he had such success in hindering the woman that maybe he can destroy the manchild. But the manchild is the first-fruits company that God has scattered all over the world and over the churches so that they might one day come forth completely delivered, coming forth in the world from God to rule the nations with a rod of iron. Now, this is the picture. I am just giving you the picture as it is in Revelation, for I am sure some of us have never understood it. We thought it was all different kinds of things. But if you go down further now to verse 7, ***And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*** Let's take heaven to mean the church. Hallelujah. There would be no place found for this dragon in the church. We are coming to the point in time when the people of God will be totally delivered from the heads that rule in the church and there is a coming forth, there is a birth that God is speaking about that will occur in the church. Some of us have already come forth, but God

Almighty is going to anoint a manchild company that will be completely free from the woman church and will enter into the Christ church, or the male church. In other words, Jesus Christ is the head of the church and He is taking this part of the church within Himself so that the war can be won, and immediately that happens, Michael will come and cast the dragon out. Now, remember, Michael is the angel that stands up for Israel, and Israel means the sons of God. Therefore, it is not only the ancient Israel that Michael stands up for, but Michael is now standing for our church. As I have said before, Michael is here and I can assure you he is, because I have met him. Now, let us go a little further on.

Michael threw the devil out of heaven; that is, out of the church, but all this is not apparent to the person who is not in the Spirit. Let us go back to Ephesians 6:12, ***For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world (age), against spiritual wickedness in high places.*** Let me show you another thing that is happening in the church. Let us turn our Bibles to Hebrews 11:40, ***God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*** Peter, Paul, James, John, all the brethren, millions and millions and millions who have gone on before cannot be perfected until this enemy is defeated: this enemy that is hurting my brethren, this enemy that is coming into your homes and splitting your marriages, this enemy that has a special vendetta Against women, trying to destroy our women. Sisters, young girls, this enemy is against you, because he feels that if he gets you, he will get us.

Now Hebrews 12:1. Let's see if we can understand this verse. It has been a mystery for a long time for many people. ***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,*** (the word is *cloud*, not *crowd*; because they are in the spirit, the Bible calls them a cloud; they are spirits so the Bible calls them clouds) ***let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*** Now what are we talking about? A cloud of angelic beings! As a matter of a fact, he referred to the brethren that are passed on as a cloud of witnesses. Witnesses. What are they witnessing? They are here witnessing our overcoming the devils that they could not overcome. All of the devils that have oppressed, depressed, destroyed, hurt their people, all from

Genesis right down to this moment, God Almighty says
that the saints in heaven are there cheering us on.

The picture I see is a racetrack and here are the runners and the crowd of people around them cheering them on. We see, therefore, that God is saying that this present day church has a lot of help, so much more help that even Paul's church did not have. If we didn't have this kind of help we would be dead, because the devil has increased his power. Every time the people go into hell, they become part of Satan's army. We call them demons; we call them fallen angels and whatever, but we had better know that there is a whole army of spirits against us. They are more than the people who are alive, because that army of spirits is the people who have been dying from Genesis right up to this moment. Those who have rejected God are in hell and they are being used of the devil. Just as the saints are here helping us on, urging us on in the fight, so these men who have become demons (if you look up the word *demon* you will understand that it has something to do with a human person) have multiplied and are ready to destroy us. Why? Because they have no life. Outside of us, they have no life. God has not mandated to them any kind of life. The scriptures say that in Christ we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). Therefore, all things persist, live, move and have their being in Jesus Christ. He is the Life. Nothing could move without Him, therefore demons suck the

life out of our world. This is the reason they can function. When Satan is about ready to do some big thing, he always causes a lot of deaths. When you notice a lot of accidents, a lot of plane crashes, this, that and the other happening, many people dying here and many people dying there, Satan wants blood, for out of the human blood comes the human authority and the human strength. Demons cannot live unless they come and attach themselves to some human person and suck the life out of them.

Now, there is something peculiar about these devils. I can tell you a lot of it. Sometimes people say I tell you too much, but the devils, once they hit you, they have the authority to continue to hit you. Unless someone delivers you from the blows of devils they will continue to hit you until they kill you. Do you remember that scripture about the sons of Sceva who went and tried to cast out demons in the name of Jesus? The demon said to them, *Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?* (Acts 19:15). The scriptures declare that the demons threw the men and tore them up. One man beat up seven men, tore off all their clothes and they ran out naked. Do you think those demons left them there? Oh no. The rest of the story is that unless they got deliverance, those demons continued to beat them until they killed them, because what the demons wanted was their blood. So, human authority is a great thing.

Now look at the other side of the story. Every victory we win... "Wherefore we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." Why? Because we are the force that God speaks of as His great army that is going to destroy the devils who destroyed our people. Now, what you need to understand is that when a devil kills a person, the devil continues to live. Over the ages we have not been dispatching these devils as we ought to. But the church of God must rise up and awake and begin to see that we need to recognize the work of Satan. Hallelujah. We need to recognize the work of Satan. Amen.

I am coming back to give you more examples so that you can understand. This sister that we were praying for over the years who eventually died went to every doctor that could be found. She went to every doctor; every hospital knew her. She came in with one disease and went out and came back in with another. All of the prayers that the brethren prayed were of none effect because the woman and her husband had rejected what God was doing. When you reject one thing you accept the other. So, they had rejected God, they put us out the door and they automatically accepted the devil. Now, we were doing this every day. One sister was sick and she went to the doctor and the doctor gave her medication. The Lord said to her, "If you take that medication you will surely die. But if you believe Me, you will be delivered."

It is as clear as A-B-C. We are putting something else in the place of Jesus. If someone is sick, the first thing you should do is pray and rebuke the sickness. The Lord says in His Word, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). This was what Jesus Christ gave to the disciples. God has given us enough power to destroy every power that is on earth. But guess what? We do not realize it. ***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*** (Luke 10:19). This is the Word of God. Now, if we believe the Word of God, we are going to believe that we can be delivered and healed and that our people or whoever we pray for should be delivered and healed rather than submit to the doctors. Now, I am not going against doctors. No, no, no, because some people need doctors and sometimes you need doctors. But I am saying that in my estimation, 75% (and I am being very, very lenient when I say 75% - it could be 95%), but at least 75% of all our problems, sicknesses and all like that, they come from devils. Because the devils' position is that they are supposed to hurt you without your knowing so that you won't come against them. Hallelujah. You can imagine the nature of the 6,666 devils that were in one man. One man, so that when Jesus came to him and asked, "What is your name?", the demons answered, "My name is

Legion, because I am many” (Mark 5:9; Luke 8:30). What happened? A Roman legion is 6,666 men. So when the demoniac said that his name was Legion, it was the demons in him saying, “We are many. We are strong.” Jesus said, “Get out of him.” They said, “Please send us into the pigs.” I never did understand that scripture. Jesus sent them into the pigs as if they had some kind of right. Do you know why they had rights? Because the man allowed them in. So, the herd of swine went running down the hillside and drowned themselves. Swine could not live with those devils. Can you imagine that? The pigs could not live with the devils. When the devils got into the pigs, the devils sucked the life out of them and they got crazy and ran right down into the sea. The man was able to contain them and entertain them.

You can understand therefore all the things that people are doing wrong, all the wrong thoughts. First of all, Satan comes with a thought. He drops a thought into your mind. You start to think about it. Then you start to act upon it. Then he possesses you. Now, I could not understand this thing for years, how a Christian could have a devil, until one day I heard the words, “A Christian can have anything he wants.” He can have as many devils as he wants, but a devil cannot have a

Christian. How come? The devil cannot have the Christian until that Christian really turns back from God. The Christian must reject God entirely before a devil can take him. We have seen Christians under great satanic oppression. Now, we have been commanded of God to go and to deliver those people. But guess what? Make sure that the people accept the deliverance is from God, not from you. Hallelujah. Don’t do any mumbo-jumbo. Don’t make any sign of the cross or do anything, because the people will say, “It was the cross that he made.” Let them know it is Jesus! Hallelujah. If a person gets delivered from an evil spirit or from evil spirits and they turn against God, they will get seven times more. The devils want security, you understand, therefore they bring an army with them so that they might be protected on all sides from anybody casting them out. Then when the church goes to cast them out now, they have to have the real power of Jesus. Some kinds “cometh not out but by prayer and fasting.”

So you can understand that we are in a battle and most of us Christians don’t even know. Did you hear that, brethren? We are in a battle and we don’t know that we are in a battle. We are having a good time. “Oh, it is only so and so.” “It is only such and such.”

Praise be to God. We have seen demons work and they work under cover. Do you hear me? Now, if you have a bad thought and you entertain that bad thought then the devils have an inroad and they work on that road to try to get you to think more bad thoughts so that they may be able to come in. When they come in, they hide. They hide themselves; they don’t want you to know that they are there. Praise God. Then Jesus Christ is our head and if He is our head and we submit to Him surely no devils can come nigh our dwellings. He will give His angels charge to keep us in all our ways, lest we dash our feet against a stone. But remember, every time you do something... watch it now. Jesus tells you to go down the street and to talk to such and such a person and you are so busy that you didn’t have the time to go. Now you have disobeyed God. That is the bottom line. Because you disobeyed God you begin to qualify for a devil, to obey a devil. Amen. The next voice you hear telling you to go do something, it might well be a devil. So then you can drive God away by disobedience and encourage devils by obeying them, listening to them. Hallelujah.

The first thing a devil does is comes and tells you something about your brethren. Okay, how do we look at that now? The devil uses the gifts of the Spirit which you have.

“What? How can devils use my gifts? My gifts are from God!”

Sure. God gave you eyes. Once you have eyes, you are going to see. Once you see what God is going to show you, you are also qualifying to see what Satan wants to show you. Hallelujah. Therefore,

God shows you this, then Satan comes and shows you that. Now, you have to have the Word of God; you have to have the understanding of the scriptures and you have to have all of that to be able to stand in that kind of a warfare. Hallelujah. ***For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against*** (princes and their palities) ***principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*** Romans 11:29, ***For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*** That means that God gives gifts to many people. It is not because you are worthy. God wants people to have gifts so that they can help His church and His people. Most of us take the gifts and we use it otherwise. The moment you start doing that, you find that the devil comes in. You have opened the road to him.

Let's go back to the basic thought. My family from way back all the way up have been beaten and bruised until they have developed certain family traits that we call ancestral endowments, or spirits, in other words. This thing was handed down to me. Now, I have turned to Jesus and the first job that I have to do is to overcome where my grandfather failed. Hallelujah. When I overcame where one grandfather failed, I found that I had two grandfathers. When I overcame something that he had failed in, I found out that he had more than one problem and all the problems of the family come right down into my physical being and brain and soul. Do you know what frightened me the other day? I discovered that you don't only inherit the shape of your body and the function of your organs from your parents, but you also inherit - what do you think I am about to say? - their souls. Your soul has the same shape as your father's soul, or your mother's, or your grandfather's, or whatever, and spirits can discern this very quickly. "Aha, this guy used to drink. Maybe I can get him to find a scripture to tell him to drink." "This guy used to do so and so." You know, I hear people use scripture to quote fornication. Oh yes. There was a church where they had free love. When we spoke to them they said, "Ah, two white sheets can't dirty each other. Rub them together as much as you want. Two white sheets won't dirty each other."

I said, "Those are sheets. Those are not humans committing fornication." Hallelujah. So you see, once you begin to have the gift of God, you are rising up. The gift tends to lift the man up to the gift. The gift is perfect, the man is imperfect and the gift begins to lift the man. As the man submits to the gift, he is submitting to Christ. The gift lifts him. But guess what? When you are lifted up into a certain realm, then you qualify to be attacked in that realm where you are. It is quite reasonable for the devil. It is giving him his due. People used to say, "Beat the devil and give him his due." His due is a good wallop from heaven. But the devil will attack you on a level that you have reached in the spirit and **GOD CANNOT DELIVER YOU UNLESS YOU USE THE WEAPONS THAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU.** Take unto yourself "the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) You are going out into battle without a sword, or with a dull sword? You did not study the scriptures? You went to school and you became a plumber or you became a doctor or you became a lawyer - you became whatever you are. You knew that you had to go to school and you had to pass that examination. You had to practice to become efficient in your calling. But then you don't know that you must study the Word of God to be approved? You are in a battle and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God and you are dull, your sword is dull, you can't use it efficiently in a battle. Satan is glad to have you to fight. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." There is a whole army and the worst part about this army is that they are organized. They are not "riff-raff" running about; a wild spirit running out here doing his own thing. No, sir! They are under the devil's direction. They have to obey their master and they are coming at you. At this time they are trying to destroy the church. At this time they are trying to destroy every marriage. At this time they are trying to destroy all our human relationships.

When God said, "Love one another," He said *agape* love, He did not say *phileo*, although we need *phileo*. Amen. But God Almighty has something above everything that we have in the natural and

when you reach up to the one above, you have overcome the one below. So, God Almighty is telling us that there is a whole army out there - in your bedroom, in your dining room, in your kitchen, in your living room - an army of miscreants, an army of demons ready to give you wrong thoughts, wrong feelings, to lead you astray and to destroy you. Can you imagine that? The worst part of it is that these creatures do not sleep. When you are gone to sleep they are still working. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

God Almighty is speaking to you. We look at II Corinthians 10:4, ***For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal...*** You see, some of us believe that we are fighting carnal battles. If you get up in the morning with a wale on your hand, you say, "I must have done this," so you go see the doctor, or you go look for medicine. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO TURN TO JESUS FIRST. (***For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;***) ***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;*** This is talking about fighting. Verse 6, ***And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.*** What God is saying is that an army of our brethren and angels are depending on us to finish the job that was started way back there in the Garden of Eden. Hallelujah. God has given us the tools to do it and we are at the end of time and no tool will be spared. In Revelation 11:3, He said, ***And I will give power unto my two witnesses...*** We are talking about the manchild coming out of the church. ***And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*** Verse 4 tells us that this is the same thing that we see in Zechariah, the two olive trees feeding the church with golden oil. The scripture is so beautiful, it is so much "one," if we will only understand it. God is saying, therefore, that we are all to fight. We must become conscious now: become conscious of the demons that fight against us, become conscious of the devils that fight in our homes, become conscious of those that fight on the street. Do you know they will kill you if God Almighty doesn't save us? They would have killed us many times on the roads. Demons are sent, men are sent to crash us and to do different things.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I told you this before, how a brother was coming to service here to this place in Jamaica. He was backed up by some vehicles into a small place that there was no hope of getting out of because he was doing a high speed and the vehicle coming towards him was doing high speed and God Almighty translated the whole car out of there. When he looked behind him he saw the other vehicle going on behind him and nobody knows how they passed. But bless God Almighty. He will do that for you, because if God has a job for you to do, the devil cannot kill you. The devil cannot stop you.

Let us look at the picture again. We are compassed, *we are compassed...* I want you to understand that we are not talking about four or five little brethren looking at you. The whole world, yes, the scripture did say that. Let us look at that scripture. Romans 8:22, ***For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*** It means that every human being on earth is under satanic pressure, under the pressure of devils and God Almighty has made Himself warriors and overcomers who will be able to rid this earth of these satanic beings. This is the reason why they must attack us. But we have to become conscious, because I can tell you, brethren, that many of us are going on unconsciously trying to be like "everything is natural." We will not even believe that a thing named a demon exists. Well, I am telling you that there are more demons here than human beings. Amen. One man had 6,666 and it didn't drain the demon force that was in the world. ***For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within***

ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Hallelujah. Yes. Praise be to God.

We can understand, then, that God is calling us as Christians to become conscious of what is happening. Well, you know, the Lord showed me something very sad this morning, and that is that He cannot tell some of the brethren some of the things which they ought to know. Why? Because immediately they start fretting, immediately they go into distress, immediately they go start suffering. God would like to be able to confide in you the truth and that the truth would set you free, knowing that God is able to do all things and that we can begin to trust Him to do these things. Do you know that God shows us some things in order that we might stop them? Yes. It is like having a radar that tells you. You see a little blip on your radar and you know that there is something out there that might be the enemy. So, because you can see him now, you can prepare to meet him. But then, God shows us some things in order that we should stop it, and instead of stopping it, we go fretting about it.

Romans 8:38-39, *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Hallelujah. You see, Jesus is encouraging us. If we are going into battle we have to know these things, to be armed with the Word of God, because some people go into battle and some devil tells them, "I am going to kill you!" and the person trembles. You see? But God Almighty is telling us that if we have faith, if we believe God, if we walk in truth, then no devil can hurt us. In Colossians 2:14-16, He says, *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; ¹⁵And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:* Praise God. Those things were just a shadow.

But God is telling us that He wants us to begin to arm ourselves for the spiritual battle that we must face. First of all, your sword must be sharp. No man goes into battle with a dull weapon. Your sword must be sharp. How do you sharpen it? Study the Word, because the Word is the sword, the sword of the Word. Now, we are told by God certain things, certain principles, certain thoughts. We must have these in the forefront of our minds and continue to meditate on them. In other words, we ruminate, we chew them and bring them up again and chew them again until they become flesh in us. No devil can overcome us.

Now, we have seen brethren who did not have their weapons straight, who did not have things right, who are being hit by the devil. I mean, to see a child of God lose their mind is one of the hardest things to see and to conceive, yet I have seen it done. All right. Here is a sister who is a pastor. She preaches every Sunday and she governs the church. The first thing that is wrong is that that sister is going contrary to the Word of God. Now, how you can do that and the Holy Spirit doesn't talk to you, I don't think it is possible. I think the Holy Spirit talks to you and you think it is some other voice and you push Him away. No sister, especially now, no sister has any right to put herself in the position that she is going to preach the Word of God and lead a congregation. It is death. I am telling you, sisters, any one of you in any such position, resign immediately. Ask God Almighty to lead you and to deliver you, because you cannot fight the spirits that are being loosed now. Yes. Way down there in 2001 somewhere we discerned that the four spirits were loosed from the river Euphrates. What are we talking about? We are talking about the Garden of Eden where man began and where Satan is still striving to gain his final victory. He is trying to get men to destroy the earth if they cannot be the leaders. But the point is that this poor sister, she was in a wrong position. Who is going to tell her that she is in a wrong position? Nobody can talk to her. But guess what? The demons told

her so. Just like the demons taught a lesson to the sons of Sceva, demons possessed her. Why? How? You will be surprised to know how. How could I know so much? She was attacked deliberately by a sorcerer who was paid to throw her down. Now, according to our understanding of the Word of God, that shouldn't happen. No child of God should be able to be hit by demons. But if you are in disobedience to the Holy Ghost, you leave a big, wide, open highway for the devil. So the demons took her. When they brought her to us, we did not know anything. All I knew was that my sister was being bound by devils and I called to Jesus Christ to deliver my sister. I didn't go into the details as to what caused her to be bound, although I was baffled because my scriptures tell me that a Christian is not supposed to be bound by devils. Then I laid hands on her, prayed for her, took off her rope, (because they had to tie her to bring her to the service) and let her loose. The next thing that happened was the sorcerer came to me. Remember now, I didn't know why it was that she had been bound - I never thought to question it. The sorcerer came to me and he said, "I don't understand. I have never been defeated by any man before and everything that I put, you pull."

The truth is that there were two churches. One was about three miles from me and the other about four miles in the other direction and both churches were pastored by women and both churches were hit. This woman was delivered. There was this other man that went crazy up there, an assistant pastor to his wife. God sent me up there to deliver him again. So this sorcerer came to me and explained to me that everything that he puts I pull it. Hallelujah. What does the Bible say about that? Ephesians 3:9- 10, *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God...* In other words, you are teaching them a lesson. A devil comes and you teach him a lesson and Satan is more and more being taught these lessons by the church. But church, I am saying to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, **ARISE!** Wake up and start rebuking the devil! Because the Bible says that if you "...resist the devil...he will flee from you" (James 4:7). He can't stay there. Of course, if you are not walking in righteousness, watch out. You may come in like the sons of Sceva. They got more devils. Those devils never left them. Unless they were delivered, they would eventually die, because once the devil has the authority to touch you, he has the authority to continue to touch you. I don't know if you knew that, but these are the unwritten laws of the whole demonic kingdom. You must know that God Almighty has given us power, (listen to this one) over every devil that is on the earth at this time and there are more devils at this time than there was when that scripture was written. He has given us power over these powers.

Now, what happened? One night a devil came to kill me. God came in first. God is not going to allow you to be in a position where a devil can kill you. God came in first and lifted me up into a higher realm than the natural realm, so that my natural eyes could see through the wall and my natural body could even go through the wall. The moment that I realized that, I also recognized one thought, because my mind must have also been lifted up into understanding, that I was going to be attacked by a devil. I recognized that this devil was a high up devil, not a demon, but a fallen angel, a prince of devils and that this devil was in a position to attack me. So, I stood up waiting for him. Even in that condition, hear me now, I lost certain understanding that I should have had. First of all, if you are going to go into battle with a devil, cover yourself with your armor first. Let the Blood of Jesus Christ encapsulate you before you go into battle to fight against any devil. But I felt so comfortable that the Lord God had lifted me up into a higher realm, that I was going to now fight a devil and the devil would surely be beaten because I was in a higher realm. I had a wrong thought. That devil was described by another devil as the "tallest thing in hell." When he came, I opened my mouth to rebuke him and he came through the wall like lightning and struck me down. My head was heavy, my arms were heavy, my tongue was heavy, but my mind was alive. Praise be to God. Amen.

When God saw that, Jesus Christ jumped into the bed. Now, Jesus is not personally coming to assist you in a fight unless there is some inequality there. He has to bring the equalizer. You know, they call a gun an equalizer. No matter how big the man is, if the little man has a gun he can knock him down. So, He brought in the equalizer, and the equalizer that He brought in was that His presence was there. He touched me on my shoulder. "Don't struggle." He said. "This is not a natural struggle, it is a spiritual struggle." When He said that, I relaxed. When I relaxed, I saw a vision of the cross rising up before me. The battle was over.

What I want you to understand, brethren, is that although you are a Christian, there are different levels of satanic functions around us and we have to be prepared and ready. Hallelujah. Praise be to God. Luke 10:19, ***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.***

Now, then, we see that we are in a spiritual battle and every spiritual battle is a battle for our lives. We see some of our brethren have been beaten up by devils. Hallelujah. I feel pretty bad about it right now. I think of a sister who would go with us on the mission field and there was such a comfortable feeling when you had her with you because she was on a certain side that you couldn't see. She would see things. She would hear things. God Almighty would use her gift mightily. Yet Satan never rested until he knocked down her and her husband – he has them both down and we sit down here as a church. We should all get mad at the devil and say, "Loose my sister! Loose that man now in the name of Jesus." We as a church should rise up. She worked with us in Africa, in Nigeria. A lot of the brethren will remember who she is, because they haven't seen her for a long time. Hallelujah. Today, this morning, we had to be praying for her. Yes. I am getting impatient with the devil. I think, brethren, that we should rise up and strike down Satan and all his works that he has done against us and against our sisters and brothers, for every one. He would like to devour us but God Almighty can cleanse us and deliver us. Even when we open the door, God can shut it. *Lord Jesus, we ask that You will speak on behalf of our brethren who are sick, who are taken by devils.* Hallelujah.

One sister in Oklahoma is taken by a devil and I'm telling you, brethren, she has been a faithful sister. She has been a good person. She had all good intentions, but the devil brought in something and opened the door there and they have put sorcery upon her, sorcery upon the son of God. Hallelujah. I am saying, "NO!" Let it not be. Let us stop it now. Church, rise up in the name of Jesus Christ and cast down the works of Satan, for God has given us the power to do it. Let us not linger any longer, but let us march forward and do what God has told us to do. Hallelujah. Let us cry to God for the deliverance of our sister in Oklahoma, for our sister in Nebraska and for all the other children of God. Every one of you that have been hindered or are being hindered in your business, in your work, whatever hindrances you are suffering, it is a devil that has been placed there to hinder you and not a devil, it is devils.

Some of our houses are crowded with devils. Yes. Crowded with devils. We cannot see them and thank God. What would happen if God would open your eyes to see these things? Oh, what a terror it would be to you. This is what I am saying. We need to be in a position where we can see the things and we can believe God and destroy the power of Satan. Now, understand what I am trying to say. Because we have eyes, Satan will show us certain things. I see Satan going after the women tooth and nail and he is telling them things that turns them off or distracts them. There is nothing greater in a battle than distraction. Oh, yes. Amen. You distract the enemy, you get his mind off of it and immediately you have got him. So the devil is putting distractions in our lives. Almost all the things that some of our wives and daughters are involved in are nothing but distractions. They have no direct leading into the house of God and the glory of God. We are saying, brethren, it is time for us to

recognize the distractions of the devils that are against us and rise up as one man and strike them down.

Now, remember, there is something about a devil. First of all, he has feelings. Did you know that? Devils have feelings. When you zap them with a rebuke from God, the power of God strikes them and hurts them. You can cripple them and put them out of action. God Almighty gives us one thought. He said, "Send them back to the abyss." We can send devils to the abyss where they cannot come out and chain them until Jesus Christ comes to judge the quick and the dead. Hallelujah. We find that there were some devils chained in the river Euphrates. What are we talking about? Devils chained in a natural river? No, no, no. The river Euphrates is speaking of the people of the Euphrates and the people of the Euphrates had this devil in them long ago, because it was the devil that first tempted Eve. They have multiplied their forces. Now they have a doctrine to kill us. Their doctrines say to kill all Christians, kill all Jews, you understand. They have doctrines to kill us, so that little children are being taught how to kill us. We see again in Revelation 16, (the first one was in chapter 9), but in chapter 16:12 it says, ***And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. ¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*** That means to say it is spiritual things. The world doesn't have a prophet. The false prophet is coming from church business. Therefore, there are, in the church system, false prophets. In the church system there is a dragon and God said that that will happen upon the pouring out of the sixth vial. Well, we have not gotten to the sixth vial yet. But what I am saying is that *very soon* that sixth vial of wrath is going to be poured out upon humanity and that men will die like flies. Amen. The uncleanness that is going to come forth is going to come forth to take the whole world. Verse 14, ***For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles...*** You know, the world people don't advertise themselves as going forth with miracles. We are talking about church business. ***...which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*** The battle of Armageddon. Now, it is strange, but this man in the Euphrates area there, in Iran, he said that God has told him that he is the one that is going to bring forth Armageddon. Yes. That is a lie. But nevertheless, he is only using wrong words. Amen. He wants to bring forth great destruction in the end of time and he might well succeed. Because of this, we are saying to you, brethren, "THE CHURCH OF GOD MUST RISE UP TO THE STANDARD OR ELSE WE WILL ALL BE OVERRUN BY DEVILS." Why? You have to believe first.

I was preaching in one church in Pasadena and the brethren asked me not to come back. I haven't been back there since then. Why? Because I speak too much about demons. Amen. Well, you can imagine a person doesn't want to hear about demons when they have hundreds of them in their houses, moving around with them, leading them, guiding them. We want to begin to make sure that we are under the guidance of God. Don't you understand, brethren? What is going to make us one is not because we can communicate by television or by internet. What is going to make us one is the oneness in Christ Jesus. When we have oneness in Christ Jesus, communication will be no problem. We will talk to one another in the Lord. Amen. Don't you understand? God Almighty is bringing us to a higher level. The reason is that the battle is on a higher level now. I don't know if you have noticed it, brethren, but the battle has moved up to a higher level now. People are beginning to have certain feelings about other people, they are beginning to have certain words about other people and they have to recognize that not all the words that you hear are of God. If you can hear God, you can also hear the devil. Please believe me, brethren. *If you can hear God, you can also hear the devil.* If you have a prejudice, I am sorry for you. The devil is going to walk on you. Amen.

I saw it in a church. Again, another woman pastor. Again, she was in a church preaching. Again, she had a vision. Three devils came in the church and sat in the front bench. The unfortunate part about the devils is that they were three black devils. While she was preaching, three of the precious brethren whom I know very well, walked into the church and sat down right in the same three seats. When the woman saw the three black people sit in the seats, she immediately decided that those were the three black demons. **DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS GOING TO CALL YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER A DEMON!** Don't you believe it, brethren. Hallelujah. If you have a bad word about one of your brethren, you had better go talk with them and make sure that bad word doesn't have a thing in your heart.

I'll tell you a story. Yesterday, I started to think certain things about a brother because of certain things that he was doing. The truth is, the brother is not right, he does some wrong things, but I started to think about it. No sooner had I started to think about it, I got a call from a brother in the United States saying, "I want you to know that that brother prayed for me and I was delivered. Thank Jesus Christ."

I said, "Thank you, God. Hallelujah." That settles it. The man is a child of God. Therefore, no wrong thoughts should be entertained about him. If there is something wrong, talk to him about it. If he is of God, he will repent. He will turn aright, he will turn back. But don't you allow the devil to get any foothold in your heart or in your mind concerning your brethren. God couldn't call His children three black demons. He couldn't call them that. So, God Almighty is trying to teach us, and we are teaching the princes of heaven and the princes of hell alike. Did you hear that? We, the church, are teaching both hell and heaven. Do you know why? God cannot manifest Himself in an angel to preach down here. He has to manifest Himself in a human being. God wants the world to see Jesus in us. This is the first coming of Jesus. The firstfruits company will receive the fullness of God before anybody else. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus.

So, this is what we are talking about. Jesus Christ is wanting to see the church on a different level now. Remember, now. We were on a certain level and in that level we operated a certain way. On that level, we could go out and we could rebuke a certain type of spirit. On another level, Jesus said that only prayer and fasting was going to bring you up to the level where you can deal with that spirit. Yet, there are other levels of spirits. God Almighty is bringing the church up to a level. How? Begin to watch your righteousness. Do you hear me? Begin to watch your righteousness. Begin to see if your righteousness is more than the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees. ***For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven*** (Matthew 5:20). Now, what was the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? Thou shalt not do this. Thou shalt not do that. Thou shalt do this. Or give alms to the poor. Those were his righteousness. But now, the righteousness of God is to do what God wants you to do. God has a will and a plan for every area, for every time, for every person. God wants us, you, to obey Him. Just as your hand obeys you when you want to stretch it out, we are to obey Him in all things, that the righteousness of God be made known in all the earth so men will begin to see Jesus before Jesus Christ the Son of God appears.

Lord bless you. Praise God. Amen