

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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PART 5: THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

GOD IS IN CONTROL

It is the Holy Spirit who directs the warfare against Satan and his fallen angels in the spirit world. Since the Holy Spirit is just as much God as the Father and the Son, we can actually state that it is God himself who is conducting this war with all power at His disposal. Let us now establish the following truths:

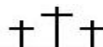
- Jesus reigns supreme in His power and authority. **Matthew 28:18; Revelation 1:18**
- Jesus chooses to express His power and authority through the Holy Spirit. **John 16:7-15**
- God's holy angels are assigned to minister to the needs of His people and carry out combat against the Devil and his fallen angels. **Hebrews 1:1-14**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

- Peter and John encountered a man that was lame, a man who was bound by spirits of infirmity. Peter and John never addressed the demonic force in the man, they simply attacked the demonic forces with the Name of Jesus and the man was set free. **Acts 3:1-11**
- Peter and John were attacked by the same demon ruler Jesus encountered in the Jewish leadership who demanded His death. This time God did not let them kill His servants, instead, the Holy Ghost silenced them. **Acts 4:1-21**
- Peter confronted lying spirits. **Acts 5:1-11**
- The Holy Spirit unleashed more power so that the demon ruler in the high priest was beside himself as the sick were healed and demons were cast out. The apostles were arrested and put in prison but the Holy Spirit dispatched the angel of the Lord (**Exodus 23:20-23**) and set them free. **Acts 5:12-23**
- It is important to understand that a ferocious battle was raging in the spirit world with the Devil and his fallen angels losing control over Jerusalem. This can be seen in this passage. **Acts 5:24-42**

THERE IS NO CONTEST WHEN THE DEVIL AND HIS FALLEN ANGELS TRY AND GO TOE TO TOE IN A BATTLE AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ONLY BACK DOWN IF A PRAYING CHRISTIAN CAN BE KNOCKED OUT!

- Satan fell back on his proven battle plan and sowed dissent among the Christians. **Acts 6:1-7**



- ❑ The eleven apostles did not quite understand that the squabbling in the congregation was caused by demons (**James 3:14-16**), and instead of rebuking the Christians for fighting among themselves, the leadership in Jerusalem solved it by diplomacy. The result was that the power of God was decreased and Stephen paid for it with his life. **Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60**

THE MOVE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM WAS OVER

- ❑ Every Christian must come to understand the power of God moves in a special time frame and specific geographical location. Just like Adam and Eve lost the battle with Satan and were driven out from the Garden of Eden, so the apostolic church lost the spiritual battle in Jerusalem and were also driven out. **Acts 8:1-4**
- ❑ From that day until the future return of Jesus Christ, Jerusalem has been controlled by Satan and his fallen angels. **Revelation 11:1-14**
- ❑ Satan became bold and used King Herod to kill the Apostle James and had Peter arrested with the intent to kill him too. **Acts 12:1-4**
- ❑ This shocked the Christians who were left in Jerusalem and caused them to enter into an intense spiritual warfare prayer session that gave God the legal right to move in and rescue the Peter. **Acts 12:5-17**
- ❑ God now had the legal right (God has set the rules, as we have discussed in this series) to take out Satan's headman. **Acts 12:18-23**
- ❑ It is important to note that the apostolic church in Jerusalem continued to exist for the next 36 years, but the awakening was over, and the glory days of the church in Jerusalem *never came back!* Shortly before 70 A.D., Christians heeded the warning of Jesus (**Matthew 24:15-20**) and fled from Jerusalem as the Roman Army was approaching. The city fell after being besieged for some two years and the Romans moved in and ruthlessly killed Jewish men, women and children and destroyed the temple just like Jesus predicted. **Matthew 24:1-2**

WHAT WE SHOULD LEARN

- ❑ Obedience is the key and each Christian should learn to fear and tremble over the fact that we may miss the move of God in our lives. It is important that we pray, fast and seek God in all matters, so we are where His presence is when it comes to timing and geographical location. **Hebrews 3:7-19**
- ❑ ***God is not sentimental, so when His people did not do what he wanted them to do, He abandoned the city He loved, Jerusalem, and allowed it to be destroyed.***
- ❑ ***If there are possessions or activities in our life that hinders God's work, He will remove them, and it won't matter how much we cry and carry on, they will be removed!***

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?