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## 1 CHRON 12:32 = SPIRITUAL WARFARE (Knowing your enemy...)

#SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Chron 12:32, Ephes 6:10-12, Luke 10:9&17-21, 2 Cor 10:4-5

#SERMON=INTRODUCTION: *What goes through your mind when you hear the expression "Spiritual Warfare"? What is your understanding/definition of it? Does this concept/principle play any practical role in your everyday living - specifically as a child of God?*

+TRANSITION: Why am I sharing on this today (with a follow-up in a few weeks' time)? Bride of JC, I pick this term/principle more-&-more up in everyday conversations when I interact with the Body of Christ. *They say that in order to cope with the demanding present (on all levels!), we have to remember \*who we are in Christ, and \*that we are constantly involved in a Spiritual war/battle!..* The last 2 incidents that convinced me we should remind each other of a few basic principles re this subject, was Cecil Peasley (sharing on this @ a recent "Manne Bid" in Bergville), and Karoo visitors recently (referring to 1 CHRON 12:32).

+EXEGESIS&APPLICATION: Bride of Christ, **EPHES 6:12** = "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

\*In the light of this incredible truth, *we can have 1 of 2 viewpoints: \*"Everything bad happening to me, is the devil's fault."* Everything gets blamed on the devil. In other words - *no personal Spiritual responsibility is taken (victim mentality).* That's so typical of mankind - since Adam's excuses re the fall-of-man, *we still play the "blame game".* \*"Everything happening to me (good&bad), is God's will." With that we imply satan has no power. Result, *we experience no real victories in our lives - only positivity. Yes, we have eternal life - but not life in abundance!* (JOHN 10:10) We lose the battle, because we don't understand how the enemy operates/his strategies. **HOS 4:6** = "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." In fact, we forget (so easily!) we're in a battle - and that we/I determine whether we're/I'm going to win or lose. Of course the principle remains "...the battle belongs to the Lord." (2 CHRON 20:15b); but He shows us His strategies. He could have "Holy Spirit-ed" everything, but He chose to use people.

*\*How does satan/the enemy wage war against us = the Messiah's bride?*

~ (1) *He attacks us individually* - specifically when we're weak/vulnerable.  
~ (2) *He knows our weaknesses.* In the spiritworld *your soul-area is transparent to him*; he "x-rays" you. Your "*portholes of weaknesses*" are *firstly your senses* = he attacks/tempts you, creates fear in you through what you see/hear/say. *Secondly, our emotions* become legalities/"door handles" to him = bitterness, unforgiveness, anger, rejection, addiction.  
~ (3) Because he is a former archangel - who knows the incredible thing that happens when we "interact" personally with God - *He keeps us too busy from spending one-on-one time with God.* Need I say more, than quoting that incredible verse from **JAMES 5:16b** (AMPF) = "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." Those words "earnest/heartfelt/continued prayer" - B/S, during recent months that "small, still voice"/God instructed me: "Gerhard, *\*don't pray until your prayers are answered - keep on praying until you hear My voice; \*casual prayer gets casual revelation...*" Do you remember the name of that incredible movie re the power of prayer? "*War room*"! B/S, in a few weeks time, the follow-up to this teaching (= how to wear the armour of God); but in the mean time a reminder: "*Putting on the armour (of God), is preparing for the battle - praying IS the battle!.. Don't compromise on your quiet time with God, 'cause that is often where "tragedy or triumph" is determined.*"

~ (4) The enemy also attacks us physically: He brings disease, tragedy/accidents & poverty.

Testimony concerning "prayer warriors" in the Cape Town-region *re many fatal accidents @ a certain/specific spot on the road*. God lead them to walk around "on site". They noticed & picked up audio tapes, apparently worn & therefore thrown out of car windows. When they took it home and "back-tracked" it, *they found the curses spoken by the satanists for people to loose their lives @ these designated spots! They broke these curses in prayer - end of it!..*

~ (5) He attacks our family life: He causes lack of trust, betrayal & seperation. He attacks us through abortion, occultic toys, abuse, etc/etc.

~ (6) Body of Jesus Christ: He keeps the church leaders (pastor/elders) & members só "busy" - *they don't spend "corporate" time with the Lord = they don't pray together!* Causes strife.

*\*We can position ourselves/maintain one of the following 4 attitudes during our lives: -*

~ (1) Offensive: We can be on guard, *draw the line & set our boundries* - by His authority!

~ (2) Defensive: *Only* react when satan & Co has already penetrated the boundry. *Only* then start spending time in the Word, having quiet time. Many times too late.

~ (3) Surrender to the enemy: To throw in the "Spiritual towel"; tired of fighting the good fight: "OK, satan - this one is yours. Take what you want, but then please leave me/us alone!"

~ (4) Run away: To literally capitulate; to try and get away "as far as possible". Backslidden.

\*Dear Bride of the Lion of the tribe of Judah (**REV 5:5**), as born-again Christians, we are involved in a continues Spiritual war. Satan is not yet finally bound and he is planning a global anti-Messiah system. He is véry busy planning on how to control the massas in the world = *mob-madness* (P Pollock). *Illustration*: Islamic council of Blackpool/UK, last week asked the government nót to issue a visa for **Rev Franklin Graham** (= Billy's son) from the USA, to visit the UK (including their town/city), because he is "Islamo-/homo-fobic". Shocking result: Councillors - *and even some local churchleaders!* - *supported the request!..*

*\*How did Jesus Christ deal with demons?*

~ (1) He confronted them: See **MARK 9:14-29**. Jesus brought the Kingdom to us; *we will nót "...let the Kingdom come"* in the Okhahlamba *without confrontations*.

~ (2) He preached about them, but also expelled them: See **MARK 1:39 & 5:1-20**. Also **MATT 10:1,7-8 & LUKE 10:1-3,9,17-21**. *Re the latter*: "In that hour *Jesus rejoiced* in the Spirit..." The Greek word *agalio* used here, litteraly means "...He (Jesus) *lept with joy*..." Why? *Because He saw/witnessed the physical establishment of His Kingdom on earth* = people being set free and restored to "(their) our image..." (**GEN 1:26-27**).

+CONCLUSION: Matthew 28:16-20. Amen & amen!

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## Chapter 29

# Declaration of Confidence in God's Protection

### Prayers and Proclamations

just God and a Savior, the Father, the Son and the Spirit, and I worship You! I submit myself afresh to You today in unreserved obedience. [1 Pet 5:6-7 & Phil 4:7-8]

Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, and every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in Jesus' name.

\*Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, infection, pain, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, every form of witchcraft, and every type of stress (name any sickness or spirit that you feel has been coming against you).

\*Finally, Lord, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessings of Abraham, whom You blessed in all things: exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory, God's favor and God's friendship. (34)

Amen.

(35) See Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1, 2 Chronicles 20:7.

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\* No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue that arises against me in judgment I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts.

If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me—or seeking to harm me, or who have rejected me—I forgive them (name people if you know them). Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord. (33)

\* Now I declare, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God and beside You there is no other; a

(33) See Isaiah 54:17, Matthew 5:43-45; Romans 12:14.