

# THE WARRING ARMY

## PROPHETIC INTERVENTION



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# Zechariah 9:9-17

- **V.12.** “Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you.”
- It is the prophetic grace that strips us of the fear and captivity of the adversary .
- It brings us sight into spiritual reality and moves us to respond to prophetic demand.
- The Life Center, like Israel must be **imprisoned by hope.**



# The Reality of our coming King

- Revelation 1:7
- Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the **tribes of the earth will mourn** because of Him. Even so, Amen.
- The tribes of the earth will be troubled (wail in grief, chopped) while His chosen ones will be made Kings and Priests unto Him.



# Heaven Announces a Move

- Rejoice!!! that the King is coming but there is a prophetic demand – **TURN TO THE STRONG HOLD!!**.
- **Hebrews 2:15**
- ....and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.(read from verse 14)
- It's a movement against the adversary move; war against his war..



# A Demand for attitudinal Change

- Turning strategically to the strong hold of death changes the dynamics of our life.
- The warfare is about freedom which we can only engage through genuine death to self.
- Fear of death brings about complacent and compromised living.
- Lessons from the Lepers at the gate of Samaria - **2 Kings 7**



# Which ever way we DIE

- Our only OPTION is to DIE as prisoners of HOPE – Matt.16:25
- We must be decisive and bold to confront DEATH so we can LIVE
- **It means engaging spiritual activity that agrees with heavens demand**



# Fear of Death, a Strong hold?

- Death is a separator and terminator. It comes between us and our familiar environment, thereby cutting us into another realm of life.
- It terrifies the natural man and conditions him to live in a **certain way** (**bondage** – Hebrews 2:15)
- Tells us that we are subjected to bondage through the fear of DEATH. The Devil (the power behind DEATH was defeated through DEATH – V.14).



# The BONDAGE OF THE FEAR OF DEATH

- Leads to compromised living
- Breaks the power of faith in us
- Locks our focus and vision on survival rather than ascension
- Limits us in living to our full potential
- Makes us live defensively and not offensively





## What is a strong hold?

- matsuwd, maw-tsood'
- mtsuwdah {mets-oo-daw'}; or mtsudah {mets-oo-daw'}; a net, or (abstractly) capture; also a fastness; -castle, defense, **fort(-ress)**, (strong) hold, be hunted, net, snare, strong place.

# How do we relate with DEATH as a strong hold?

- Passive?
- Terrified?
- Aware and determined to consciously live within the territory of hope.
- **HOPE as prison for molding the end time warrior**

# The Prisoners of HOPE

- The Lord is in the business of raising **‘Soldiers of the Last frontier’**; GOD speaks and we act. David was an old testament type of this soldier
- Having no fear whatsoever and determined to confront every thing fearful.
- **Ezekiel 37:10**



## Ezekiel 37:10

- “So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, **an exceedingly great army.**”
- The breath of God defines our constitution as exceedingly great – **Ephesians 6:10- 18**

# Living in His Breath

- Changes the dynamics of warfare  
“Strong in the LORD and in the  
POWER of His might”
- **We don't fight; God fights** – Spiritual  
Respiration principles (**Isaiah 37:33-  
36**).
- **2 Sam.17:48**



# The Armor of God

- Has no defensive weapon, its all offensive. We inhale from eternity and exhale into eternity.
- **We are not pursued; we pursue**
- **1 Peter 1:13**
- Faith, Hope and love combination – 1 Thess. 5:8

# The Power of Hope

- It takes away limitation but brings discretion
- Immunizes us against SHAME – Rom.5:5
- Clothes us with JOY so we can pass through TRIBULATION with PATIENCE

## Ephesians 6:10-18

- To be 'strong in the LORD' means you fully take on His identity and live in Him – DIE to your self will.
- Immunity against the trickery and deception of Satan comes when you clothe yourself properly in the Armor of light – 1 Thess. 5:8





# Putting On the Whole Armor

- Describes the process of living in the breath of God – inhaling (developing your inner constitution)
- Your Covering begins with your management of relationship and quality of your loyalty– v.1-6.
- Every spiritual authority is divinely placed to supply grace



# Prevailing in the Armor

- Underscores the posture that we take to overcome opposition.
- Laying down your procreative life for the Kingdom v.14
- Preserving and protecting your spiritual lungs so your heart can only express in righteousness

- Your determination and readiness to walk in the paths of Christ and work in the ministry reconciliation – v.15.
- Faith becomes a mechanism to overcome attacks when your orientation towards death is based on the fear of God.

- Focusing on outworking the fullness of salvation in your life by keeping your covering.
- Relying totally on the word of God for your existence.





# Wired from Above

- **THE ARMOR IN EVERY DAY LIFE**



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# Ephesians 6:1- 18

- Describes the functionality of a warrior whose armor is constructed from another realm (eternity) but applicable in the earth.
- The application of the armor in every day life reveals the sons of God as a different specie of humans.

# I JOHN 3:2

- ...it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but **we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,** for we shall see Him as He is.
- **phaneroo**, fan-er-o'-o
- to render apparent (literally or figuratively):--appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).

# Being like Him

- Phil.2:3-6 emphasis on v.5
- **The Mind of Christ was wired to the Mind of the Father.**
- Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,





# Putting on the Mind of God

- Begins with humility, simplicity and total obedience through death to Self – Eph.6
- Putting on the whole armor pictures the loading of ones inner man with principles from the realm of God. It relieves the outward man of weights from the principles from the natural realm



# Principles ruling the natural man

- Christ fully divested Himself of principalities and Powers – Col.2:15
- The natural laws that rule in the mind of men are developed from natural observation (sight and sound) but we walk by faith and not by sight – 2 Cor.5:7
- It takes a deliberate process of divesting one self of principles from earth.

# Scrutinizing our Spiritual Productivity

- **Girding your loins** (procreative organ) with the **belt of truth** demands that we secure our intents and motives.
- **The Breast plate** describes the covering for our heart. The place from where every expression of our life emanates must be secured in righteousness. Every principle from Gods realm should fill our heart.



# 1 Tim.6:6-12

- **1 Tim 6** deals with the spiritual productivity of the believer in Christ. Paul admonished Timothy to instruct the church not to serve mammon. He provides the key to the belt of truth – securing our intents and motives.
- v.6-8 contentment in God 2 Peter 1:3
- V.9-10 screen your motives. The desire to be rich and the love of money is an earthly imposition. – Luke 16

# Motive Check List

- What motivates you to work?
- Who do you work for?
- How do you work?
- What does money mean to you?
- What are your priorities, Money or God ?
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# Fight a Good Fight of Faith

- Built of the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
- Laying hold on the life that comes from the realm of God
- What is the LORD saying to us? Elevate
- Move over to the place where you ought to be? The Lord is speaking from eternity. Don't be afraid to lay hold on eternal life. Be Bold and take steps to move over to the place where God is?



# The Cover for the Feet – Eph.6:15

- Describes a divine form of immunity that we access by **walking in the light** (circumspectly Eph.5:15)
- This immunity breaks the natural order of things and releases a divine grace of dominion upon us
- Our readiness and determination to walk in a state of total peace with God for the reconciliation of man with God – subjected to Christ



# Shadows of Divine Covering for Feet

- **Deu.11:22-24** > The feet is covered in the love for God and total obedience to His command.
- **Josh.3:13-17** > The feet of those who bear the Ark describes a people whose feet are covered. The response of the River Jordan was connected to their stepping in by faith.
- **2 Sam.22** > David understood the dynamics of being where God is (v.10,34, 37, 39) Psalm 37:23





# The Apostles Feet

## ▪ Acts 4: 35, 37; 5:2

- Describes a place of divine provision and immunity to lack

- A place of divine coordination, collaboration, unity and distribution of divine resources.

- our **'feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace'** describes the divine cover for our faith walk in all dimensions of life,



# Key Points

- Turning (by faith) to the stronghold as prisoners of hope underscores the fact that our heart must be conditioned on the love of God
- **Without the Love of God deep inside of our heart we are inclined towards religion**

# Key Points

- **We must shield our procreative organs with truth so we are not seduced into an unproductive or ‘misproductive’ life. We actually shield our productive life by securing our inward man against unrighteousness principles.**
- **Walking in the light and with the primary mission of reconciling men back to God (mission of Love) then guarantees our safe passage**



# Wired from Above

- **Warfare of the New Era**



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# ▪ Ephesians 6:14-18

## ▪ 1 Thessa.5:1-8

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the **day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them



# 1 Thessa.5:1-8

as labor pains upon a pregnant woman.  
And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.



# 1 Thessa.5:1-8

6 ¶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**, and as a **helmet the hope of salvation**.



# The Day of the LORD

- The day of the Lord and the evil day describe the unfolding events of the sovereign God as it is captured from two opposing positions
  - Those who are of the day of the Lord
  - Those who are ignorant
- In fact, the battle of the end of time is one sight and blindness



# Wired to Overcome

- The major difference of the sons of light and the ignorant in the engagement of the final days is the source to which we are wired – col.3:2.
- The blind will be seeking for peace and safety in the earth when the day of the LORD suddenly creeps in upon them and that day becomes an evil day.



# PRINCIPLES FROM NOAH

- **Warfare for the FINISH**



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## Genesis 6:5-8

- “ 6 ¶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."
- 8 ¶ **But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**



# We have found GRACE

- “ In a self indulgent generation, Noah was an EXCEPTION to the general prevailing culture.
- We are configured warriors and immunized against the trap of the culture
- **Matthew 24:37-38**
- The prevailing culture of Noah's day was **DECEPTIVE** and **DELUSIVE**

# The Wiles of the DEVIL

- “38 "For as in the days before the flood, **they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage**, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
  - Preoccupied with pleasure.
  - The adversary seeks to divert and distort our attention from the accuracy of Gods purpose
  - Making us think the word of The Lord is blessing when it is maturity



# Principles from Noah

- **Hebrews 11:7** - Noah accessed Faith and was brought into a war of a different kind of sight
- We have to have strong doctrine and biblical position of things **to survive the scoffing – 2 Peter 3:3-4**
- The basis of scoffing is founded on strong argument that denies the progression of events towards ultimate conclusion



# Who was Noah

- *“...Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.”*

Noah validated God's original intent for creating man on the earth (**Gen. 1:26; 31**)

**Eph. 2:10**

*“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”*



# Who was Noah

- He walked in the dimension of the exception.
  - He did not seek popularity or earthly validation but aligned himself with God's intents and purposes
- He proclaimed that the prevailing trend is a lie.
  - Our lives must declare singular standard, proclaiming that God's way is the only way





# Who was Noah

- He discounted earth's opinion and expressed a **standard that was recognized and approved from another realm**
  - The endurance to keep building with divine inspiration
- He walked in the culture of the next and future realm while living on earth
  - He built for rain that was yet to come

# Gods Demand for Us to Finish

- Forcefully advancing into the Kingdom of God into the arena of God's authority, wisdom and motivation
  - Build strong momentum, stronger than the resistance
  - Honor covenant (marriage, community, God)
  - Build your family and manage the mentality of your children
  - Subdue the flesh!

