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LECTURE 3- THE FOUR LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

MEMORY VERSE: Eph. 6:10-11: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

TEXTS: Revelation 12:10-12, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 6:10-18.

INTRODUCTION: Life operates with two extremes, positive and negative; both are at variance to each other. There are battles, warfare and conflicts going on both in the universe and in the heavenlies. Forces are at war day and night. The believers in Christ are the major players or center of it all since they are the light bearers of the world.

The world of darkness has singular purpose to overwhelm the world with evil. The ongoing contest is not with people but with vast dark kingdom that had been set up over mankind, lands, territories and nations. Therefore, it is primarily warfare on a large scale with the entire kingdom of darkness over the world.

It is worth noting that we are all involved in this spiritual warfare. No one is exempted whether you join in the struggle or not, you cannot be neutral. It is disheartening that the powers confronting us are well arranged with high-tech hierarchy in their operations. We have been mandated to enforce the finished work of Christ to deliver the dying world and usher in the souls of man into the kingdom. This can only be achieved with serious battle with these four levels of evil spirits that control the air. It is imperative to know the nature, the operation and power of the enemy before battling with them.

Note: Whether we realize it or not, Christians are engaged in a spiritual war, we need to be alert, discerning, ready to resist and ready to attack or launch counter-attack.

MAJOR HIERARCHY OF KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

Lucifer turned Satan; his name reveals his nature and character. He is called:

1. Adversary - 1 Peter 5:8.
2. Thief - John 10:10.
3. Murderer and liar - John 8:44.
4. The accuser of the brethren - Rev. 12:10.
5. Deceiver - Rev. 12:9.
6. Angel of light - 2 Cor. 11:4.
7. The prince of this world. John 12:31, 14:30; 16:8, 11.
8. The god of this world - 2 Cor. 4:4. Lucifer was created by God but not equal to God - Prov. 16:4.
9. Father of lies that despises truth - John 8:44.
10. Masquerades as an angel of light - 2 Cor 11:14-15.
11. His ministry is to steal, kill and destroy - John 10:10.
12. Rules the unregenerated souls, the unbelievers - Eph 2:1-3.
13. Always seeking for opportunity to tempt us - Luke 4:13.
14. Hides the truth of God - 2 Cor. 4:3-4.
15. Confuses and offers counterfeit help and promises to people in his domain - Gen. 3:4-5.
16. Twists the word of God to fit his evil agenda - Gen. 3:1-5.

17. He has evil/wicked arrangement in his kingdom and commands a hierarchy of demons - Eph 6:10-12.

Please Note: Before we categorize these four levels of spiritual warfare and their disembodied beings operating therein, I will like to clear this misconception - The heavens are not specifically divided in the scripture but the existence of third heaven according to 2 Cor. 12:2; gave bible scholars hint that second heaven is inferred from the fact that there is third heaven.

THE FOUR MAJOR LEVELS OF EVIL SPIRITS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE ARE:

1. **Principalities** - It is a traditional hierarchy of demons ranked from lowest to the highest.
 - a. This is the lowest class of evil spirit.
 - b. They are ruled over and dominated by higher spirit.
 - c. They do little or no thinking on their own.
 - d. Deaf and dumb spirit being - Mark 9:25.
 - e. They carry out evil agenda of highest powers.
 - f. It is believed that they exist in first heaven which includes the air and atmospheric heavens along with powers and rulers of darkness of this world - Rev. 21:1.

- g. They dominate and rule in their place of witchcraft altars, shrines, worship of elemental assignment.
- h. It is the principal ruler in dark kingdom.

2. Powers:

- a. They are dominated and controlled by rulers of darkness of this world.
- b. Have their domain in the atmospheric places.
- c. They take instruction from higher realm.
- d. They operate on thrones, principedom.
- e. They have wicked kingdom reigning in the heavenlies.

3. Rulers of Darkness of This World:

- a. This is the highest demon in the first heaven of air and atmosphere-Ps. 104:12.
- b. As the nature implies, they rule over other demons.
- c. They supervise evil agenda of their master.
- d. They give out instruction to other demons.
- e. They manipulate destinies of people, land, communities, nation and territories.
- f. They preside over the regions of ignorance of sin of people.

4. Spiritual Wickedness in High Places:

Spiritual wickedness dwells where can be termed as the headquarters of evil spirits. The second heavens or stellar heavens where the stars and the planets are located-Isaiah 13:10

- a. They dwell in high places.
- b. They are the controlling forces that rule the dark kingdom.
- c. They are the most vicious spirits that control the universe.
- d. They rule and dominate the hearts of the disobedient-2 Cor. 4:4.
- e. These spirits have huge influence on earthly thrones, nations and lands. Daniel 10:12-13.
- f. They claim ownership of the world, even the body of people-Matt. 12:43-44.
- g. They are landlord spirits; always claiming ownership of their territories.

WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT EMPOWER THESE FOUR MAJOR EVIL SPIRITS?

1. The sinful nature of man; the sinful nature of man has become part of the kingdom of darkness-Ps 119:67.
2. The evil passions of man e.g pride, evil ambition, spirit of revenge-Prov. 29:23.
3. Evil customs, laws, carnal instincts, pleasures of the world-Rom. 8:6
4. False doctrine, evil practices, superstition.
5. Wickedness of the pagan world, satanic worship-Rom. 1:25

6. forces/queen of heaven-Jer. 7:18
7. Astral travel etc.
8. Uncontrolled evil appetites, lust of varying degrees and sizes-Phil. 3:19
9. Unregenerated man-1 Cor. 2:12-14.

HOW TO PARALYZE THESE FOUR LEVELS OF EVIL SPIRITS AND DISARM THEM-Eph. 614-18

1. Embrace the truth of the gospel; let the truth set you free-John 8:32
2. Run away from every form of falsehood.
3. Let the truth be your shield and buckler.
4. Have a right standing with Christ.
5. Cover yourself with the righteousness of Christ.
6. Pursue peace with all men-Heb. 12:14
7. Make peace with God and maintain peace with people-Rom. 12:18
8. Be a peace ambassador-Matt. 5:9
9. Have faith in God not in your problems. Mk. 11:22
10. Ensure you are genuinely born again and stay connected with Christ. John 3:3,5
11. Let the word of God be your defense. James 1:21.
12. Be engrafted in the word. James 1:21
13. Be a word addict. Col. 3:16
14. Treasure the word of God.
15. Meditate on the word of God. Josh. 1:8
16. Pray always. 1 Thess. 5:17
17. Engage in warfare prayers to disgrace spiritual entities that take captives at will.
18. Pray all manners of prayer.

CONCLUSION: Christians are not at the mercy of the wicked ones. We have been raised above all principalities and powers (Col. 1:16). The redemptive blood of Jesus Christ has given us hedge over all dark powers; if only we stay from evil entanglements and put on the whole amour of God. Powers of darkness are real with their wicked and nefarious intentions but our redemptive and superlative authority over them is intact. Our master has given us power over all evil. Matt. 10:1.

Note: Spiritual wickedness has no power over you as believer; stand up and enforce the judgment written over them.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every evil authority over my life, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus.
2. By the blood of Jesus, I paralyze every evil spirit attacking my glory, in the name of Jesus.