

Tactics of Our Warfare

Firstly, let us remind ourselves and those who would seek to discredit us, and even eventually imprison and behead us, that **though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**¹

The weapons that we have that have divine power are the words of Jesus that were spoken by Jesus because they were given to Him to speak by the Father. Faith in Him begins with not just believing that He is the Son of God, but that every word He has spoken as they are written, have been written because the Holy Spirit brought them to remembrance to the writer; and that each and every word came to Jesus Christ from God, His Father; that Jesus did not speak on His Own, and that the Holy Spirit did not make them up for His convenience. Nothing that is written in the 'Pentateuch' of the New Covenant, the four Gospels and the Revelation, is there because some writer made it up or that the Holy Spirit spoke it on His own.

It is only when one has such faith in the words of Jesus Christ as they are written, that one has truly taken Jesus at His word. **It is only when Jesus is taken at His word that the divine power of His words, the truth that they are, is unleashed. As such, the skill to use the weapons of our spiritual warfare lies in our ability to master the Law of Truth,** just as the skill of an aircraft designer lies in his ability to master the laws of aerodynamics.

It is not enough to believe and know that the words of Jesus are the truth —at least not for us. It may be enough for those who seek to believe enough to enter Heaven after living a 'Christian' life on Earth, but for the elect of the Holy Spirit, a far higher and therefore humbler standard is demanded. You must learn to handle the truth, and learn to use it and manipulate it for the desired effect, which is to glorify Jesus and God His Father who sent Him. That is when the Spirit of Truth, who is the Holy Spirit, makes Himself known to you, even in His attitude and His spirit to what truth is. Pilate asked Jesus, **"What is truth?"**²

Now it is time for you to begin at the beginning of the era of the Holy Spirit, the age of the Holy Spirit, when Jesus introduced the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth.³ The titles of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Power, Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord,⁴ are His Old Covenant titles and functions. They are what laid the foundation, if you like, for the New Covenant, and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant begins as the **Spirit of Truth.**

Because we missed the perfect appointment for the revelation of the Holy Spirit, we never beheld the fullness of the truth of who He is and where He comes from. The church's first introduction to the Holy Spirit was **what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them,**⁵ which is not a true portrayal, representation or image of the Person of the Holy Spirit, so that from Acts 2 onwards, the truth about the Holy Spirit was covered in a veil. It is that covering that allows anyone to dare write that **it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us,**⁶ words that places our agreement and opinion as being co-essential to what the Holy Spirit determines as good. However, upon reflection, perhaps the Holy Spirit did condone the recommendations adopted from James the Younger's judgement as good, for they are certainly **NOT PERFECT!** It is little wonder that the church that practises the recommendations of James' judgement has experienced nothing but death in the hope that Jesus' words of John 11:25 would be for them to be the truth. For James' words came from himself, but Jesus' words came only from the Father's heart.

"I do nothing on My Own but speak just what the Father has taught Me."⁷ However, what does it take for a person to know, even for the church to know, that Jesus did nothing on His Own, but speak just what the Father taught Him? Look at the full verse: **"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the One I claim to be, and that I do nothing on My Own but speak just what the Father has taught Me."**

¹ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

² John 18:38

³ John 14:17

⁴ Isaiah 11:2

⁵ Acts 2:3

⁶ Acts 15:28

⁷ John 8:28

A church that lifted up a man who spoke words contrary to Jesus' teachings will never, never, come to know that Jesus is exactly who He says He is—they may believe, but they will never know. Their belief will save them; praise God for His mercy, but they will never know, and because they do not know, they will never stop doubting.

If only had we been up that mountain that morning, or perhaps we had waited in the city until we had been clothed with power from on high, instead of going fishing and sightseeing, we might have seen the true and exact Representation or Image of the Holy Spirit, as He stepped forth out of the Father Himself, from the throne of God itself, and came into us as a wave of glorious fire that consumed us. Just like the fire that came down from Heaven on Mount Carmel, fire that licked up not only the bull of the sacrifice, but the wood, stones and water of the altar.⁸ For if God sent fire down to consume the sacrifice offered by Elijah as acceptable, would He not send an even more glorious fire upon His Son Jesus, and upon the wood and stones and water that lifted up the Sacrificial Lamb like an altar? What we missed out on was the baptism of fire, the way the sacrifice on Mount Carmel was baptised with, so that not a shred of the sacrifice remained, but whereas the sacrifice on Mount Carmel was consumed and was no more, we would have been consumed and still lived, for such is the power of the words of Jesus and His blood. That is why Paul called us 'living sacrifices'.⁹ That is the introduction to the Holy Spirit that we missed—the Spirit of Truth. We were given knowledge of the Spirit of Truth only in part in Acts 2, but we missed out on the revelation of the fullness of the Person of the Spirit of Truth, and as such, we never learned to handle and master truth as the Holy Spirit masters truth.

The Hebrews 6:5 verse: [tasted the goodness of the word...](#) as I have taught, is to come to know the goodness of the word in that it is the truth and needs no faith for it to come to pass. However, a person who tastes of a matter is not the master of the matter. Indeed, like in a restaurant, those who taste the food are often not the one who cooked the food and certainly rarely the one who is being taught to prepare the food. So now, [the ease of our warfare begins when having tasted of the goodness of the word of Jesus, we learn to prepare it and present it the way He prepared it and presented it. Jesus received the words He spoke from the Father and He presented it just as He was shown.](#) Spoken so plainly that only those who had the humility and faith of a child would hear and understand, but to those who considered themselves learned and wise, they seemed foolishness. When He taught His disciples in the hearing of the world, He taught in parables. When He was alone with them, He spoke plainly, so plainly that even when the world did get to hear what He said, they dismissed them and went off to expound on His parables as if they were the ones who were able to hear and understand.

So, do not be surprised, as a simple example to illustrate, that most preachers use the Parable of the Good Samaritan to encourage people to do works of charity; when the true purpose of that parable was to answer the lawyer's question and define who our true neighbour is.

It is when you now can see the Holy Spirit for who He is, the One who sits enthroned in the Temple of God on Earth, that He is THE LORD, and therefore He is not just the Spirit of Truth, but the **Lord of Truth**, and therefore the **Master of Truth**. And if He is the Master of Truth, then it is He who will teach us¹⁰ the mastery of truth, as He will teach us the mastery of all things He is Lord over. Only those who can see the truth in Paul's words, [Now the Lord is the Spirit](#);¹¹ that he was speaking to the church of both his and our time, **NOW... the Lord is the Spirit**. He meant while Jesus is away, the Lord, the Master, is the Holy Spirit. He is the One who is in charge, not apostles, or pastors, or priests, or popes, NO, the Lord NOW is the Spirit, until the Lord returns. Then He will hand the church over to its true Master, its true Head, Jesus Christ. So, should it surprise you that those of the church, who long to meet with Jesus in Heaven, the Holy Spirit permits to go to Heaven? For is it not written: [The Lord... who satisfies your desires with good things](#)¹²?

But to those who desire to meet with Jesus here on Earth at His arrival, He will keep alive until then, unless they get themselves beheaded for the sake of His Gospel. But then, who can be killed if the Holy Spirit does not permit it? You can die without the Holy Spirit's permission because of your faith that you are meant to live and once to die to face judgement. However, no one can kill you without the Holy Spirit's permission for your body is one of His temples, as Paul wrote: [If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.](#)¹³ By the way, your body, I say, is one of His temples, for Paul wrote: [Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...](#)¹⁴

⁸ 1 Kings 18:38

⁹ Romans 12:1

¹⁰ John 14:26

¹¹ 2 Corinthians 3:17

¹² Psalm 103:5

¹³ 1 Corinthians 3:17

¹⁴ 1 Corinthians 6:19

The only reason the Holy Spirit will allow anyone to destroy you is because He wants that person destroyed, as He allowed Saul of Tarsus to approve the stoning of Stephen so that Saul was destroyed and Paul rose in his place. The only reason He allowed James the Elder, the apostle and brother of John, to be beheaded by Herod was so that the Holy Spirit could destroy Herod.¹⁵

Perhaps now, you are beginning to see a faint shadow of the true shape of the warfare of God the Holy Spirit? So then, I hope you now see He is not just the Spirit of Truth, but the Lord of Truth, and not just of Truth, but of all the other titles: Knowledge, Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Power, the Fear of the Lord; and Holiness, Life, Revelation, Grace, and Glory. And not just the Lord, but also the Master; and He is here to teach us all things as Jesus said, even the **mastery** of knowledge, wisdom, counsel, understanding, power, the fear of the Lord; truth, holiness, life, revelation, grace and glory.

It is the **word of Jesus**, the words spoken by Him as given to Him by the Father that are our weapons of divine power, weapons whose power is never unleashed or released until they are taken for what they are —the truth. It was when the royal official took Jesus at His word that the power to heal his child was unleashed.

So now, you have learnt how to come to know **His word** by reading, highlighting, singing and practising them, so that you may begin to believe in them. Now it is time for you to take Jesus at His word. Learning to take Jesus at His word begins with believing in what He said, as He said it, and from there you can learn to **master** His word through constant practice and use of it. It is the Holy Spirit who will teach each and everyone of us; and through His teaching we will have the testimonies to share. **Testimonies** for you and I are recalling of the actual events that happened as we put Jesus' words to practice and use.

For example, Jesus said, **"They will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."**¹⁶ Some of you have come to learn the difference between praying for the sick and laying hands on the sick. I will use this as an illustration for all use and practice of the words of Jesus. Jesus never told us to pray for the sick, but to lay hands on the sick. The only time He uttered a word about the sick was when the sick couldn't be brought to Him, otherwise it is written that He healed them. The way Jesus said we too would heal the sick was to lay hands on them, not pray for them. Indeed if we are to pray for the sick as we now do, we are praying publicly, which goes against His teaching on prayer: **"When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."**¹⁷

I think our lack of success in healing the sick is because we have been praying for them. In fact, it is James the Younger who told the Jews that if anyone of them is sick, **he should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the Name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up.**¹⁸ The Lord raising up the sick person is not the disciple doing what Jesus has been doing.¹⁹ It is still the Lord doing what was asked of Him. Jesus doing what you ask of Him is very, very, different from **you** doing what He has been doing.

So then, even in something as simple as the healing of the sick, we do not take Jesus at His word. Praise God for unceasing repentance. So then, let us lay hands on the sick in public, and give thanks to God for the ministry those sick people will do for Jesus because they are healed. If you want to pray for the sick, pray in secret, take Jesus at His word. Our prayers in secret are akin, but not exactly the same as Jesus sending the word that healed the centurion's servant and the royal official's son. However, it is practice for you to come to the place where you too can send the word to heal the sick as Jesus did.

So, if we are to take Jesus at His word, then we must treat our enemies the way He commanded us: **"Love your enemies,"**²⁰ and if they are evil we must not resist them: **"Do not resist an evil person."**²¹ The taking of Jesus at His word avails the power in the word, the practice of them in thought, speech and action ducts the power to perform that which we are tasked to do.

Our work has been hard labour and the burden heavy because we have not mastered the power given to us. Our amateurism is what makes the yoke hard and the burden heavy. Our professionalism is what makes it easy to those who are watching, and successful for those who are doing the work.

Lord, forgive us for not taking You at Your word. Amen

¹⁵ Acts 12;2,23

¹⁶ Mark 16:18

¹⁷ Matthew 6:6

¹⁸ James 1:1; 5:14-15

¹⁹ John 14:12

²⁰ Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27

²¹ Matthew 5:39