

042: WE NEED PRAYER

SHOW NOTES

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- What a formidable army is a raid against the church.

1 Samuel 17 – The Philistine armies were a raid against the armies of Israel. The Philistine giant Goliath, was so formidable that Israel wouldn't get out of their trenches and fight.

- In the church today, the forces of evil are so intimidating working through our culture, our government and the systems of this world, that the church wants to back down into their trench and not come out because it's a fearful thing to engage in this mortal combat with the enemy.

- We need some David's to arise in the church who know they are not fighting this battle alone.

1 Samuel 17:45 NKJV Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied

- We need that spirit of a warrior like David, who doesn't back down.

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Ephesians 6:17-19 NKJV And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— **19** and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel

- Even Paul had to deal with intimidation, so he said pray for me that I would have boldness to preach the gospel because my life is threatened.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NKJV Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- You have to stay there, you are on assignment...but more help and more grace is available in your time of need.

- That's what we pray for, more help, more grace in time of need...to overcome it!

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- You put on your armor to go into a fight. Then when we start praying, we've engaged the enemy.

Ephesians 6:16 NKJV above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

- God has not let you in a position where you can be overcome.

- When we have on the full armor of God and we go into the arena of battle which is prayer and intercession, we can't lose and can't be overcome.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

- Pray for those in authority because Satan rules nations through its leadership.

Ezekiel 28:1-2 NKJV The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, **2** "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,' yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god

- Ezekiel was prophesying to a man, the prince of Tyre.
- This earthly ruler was full of pride and thought he should be recognized as a god.

Ezekiel 28:11-13 NKJV Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **12** "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. **14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

- Ezekiel was prophesying to a spiritual ruler, Lucifer.
- The Bible is a book of revelation beyond the natural realm so God can show us what's governing the world. That the parent forces are in creation are not natural, they are spiritual.
- Example of this is in the book of Genesis. God reveals to Moses how He created the world. Moses obtained that knowledge by revelation.

2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

- Prophecy is revelation beyond natural knowledge.
- Christians need to be reading their Bibles, mediating the Word of God until God opens our eyes through the lens of scripture so we can see what's going on in the spiritual world. So we can identify the forces that we are dealing with:

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- We have the authority and power to deal with those principalities of powers as born again Spirit filled Christians.

- Satan is the god of this world:

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 NKJV But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- Natural man does not have revelation knowledge, can't see beyond the 5-sense realm.

- When we become a Christian and accept the Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, Holy Spirit comes into our life, the first thing that happens is we get recovery of sight to the blind:

Luke 4:18 NKJV "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

3 heavens:

- The heaven with the atmosphere that is right above us. Where the demonic powers & principalities work.

- The planetary heaven, with the stars and planets.

- The heaven of heavens, where God's throne is, where believers go after we leave this world.

2 Corinthians 12:2 NKJV I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

- The Bible is God's window into the realm of the spirit.

Daniel 10:11,13 NKJV And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. **13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

- Pray brings the breakthrough to our life's.

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