

WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT

Prior to the Out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, Almighty God accomplished His Purposes in the earth using natural means. The Day of Pentecost opened the door to a new age of the Spirit. It would be a continuation of that which Jesus Christ began. But it would now be worked out through the empowering of the Spirit humanity or flesh; men and women of like passions.

To accomplish God's goals he would have to confront and push back the powers of darkness which had ruled the earth for millennium by working through men and women like you and me. To continue the battle which Christ had began during his 3 1/2 years of ministry, He was going to empower and work through born again, Holy Ghost baptized, saved vessels by His Spirit.

Natural weapons were appropriate for Old Testament warfare; but this new warfare would be fought of a completely different field of battle and would need completely different weapons. The new field of battle with the enemy of God is in a spiritual and supernatural realm and takes spiritual and supernatural weapons.

The day of Pentecost brought the empowering gift of the Holy Ghost into the lives of believers. And ye shall receive power, (dunamis), Holy Ghost Power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you. The Gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the Out-pouring of God's Supernatural Spirit into the lives of his believers.

Within the Gift of the Spirit or the Baptism of the Holy Ghost are many gifts or manifestations or workings of the Spirit. These gifts or expressions of the Spirit were given to not only save, regenerate, and give birth; but also to empower blood-bought church folk to accomplish God's purposes in His Kingdom here and now.

The gift of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts are not spiritual decorations, nor are they for only a few. The gifts of the Spirit are for everyone. For all ages, all races, all social classes, all believers; ...male and female.

The gifts of the Spirit are not spiritual options for the believers. They are spiritual necessities. Jesus said without me you can do nothing. Without the empowering of the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. There is no power in the Spirit realm without Holy Spirit power. Necessary Weapons. Necessary Equipment for battle. Necessary Equipment issued by the commander and chief.

The flesh or natural man has no ability in this struggle. Each member of Christ's church is on the battle field and completely helpless without the gifts and equipment of the Spirit. Poorly equipped believers often personally suffer repeated defeats at the hands of the enemy, even though Christ, our Captain, never suffers defeat, and always leads us unto ultimate victory.

The warfare of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ can never be fought on the natural level or natural ground as in the Old Testament. Moses had a rod. Samson had a jawbone. David had a stone. Each was effective in their time on natural ground.

Since Calvary the warfare has gone to a new level. Now it is always fought in the Spiritual, in a Supernatural Arena, upon spiritual ground. *The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. It is not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit saith the LORD. Zech 4:6* The lost can not be won to Christ, set free from the bonds of sin, nor live overcoming victorious lives in Christ by natural weapons. Only by Spiritual empowering using spiritual weapons.

The book of Revelation reveals to us that there has been and still is war in heavenly realms between

the armies of God and the forces of Evil. Satan's choice is to fight against the believer's assault against his kingdom of darkness. No matter how great the resistance, the church has been ordained to win. The gates of hell shall not prevail against his "called out" church. Victory only comes by using God's weapons. Not ours. Entirely by the Weapons of the Spirit.

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes with weapons to fight this war. God has provided the equipment for the battle. Various Weapons. Diverse gifts of the Spirit. *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but the same God which works all in all. But the manifestations of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.* These gifts of the Spirit are for the benefit, edification, and building up of the whole church body.

The War is not Diminishing. It is Escalating as we speak. Darkness & Unbelief are continually seeking and making in-roads upon new battlefields in the minds, hearts, souls, families, and bodies. Wherever and whomever he finds a enough ground to stage an assault. Each of us are either casualties of this war or on the front lines fighting for souls.

It is not a take it or leave it basis. I encourage you to turn a deaf ear to those ministries which are still anchored in the religious mind-set of the 1700 and 1800's. Refuse those who have rejected the Jesus Christ's restoration of the Out-pouring of Holy Ghost equipment found in the Pentecostal gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Accept all that Christ has to offer each of us on the Spiritual plane.

Lets look closer at the weapons of the Spirit which Jesus Christ has given to His Church.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

They may be divided into 3 categories.

A. Gifts of Revelation :.... word of wisdom,word of knowledge,discerning of spirits.

B. Gifts of Power : ...faith,gifts of healing,working of miracles.

C. Gifts of Inspiration :prophecy,divers kinds of tongues,interpretation of tongues.

Gifts of Revelation are supernatural operations of the Holy Spirit in our lives which reveal and open to us understanding and knowledge. .

Gifts of Power are supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit in believers with God's supernatural abilities to effect miracuolous change under the inspiration of His Spirit.

Gifts of Inspiration are supernatural utterances of the Spirit of God within the believer's with inspiration, guidance, and comfort.