

Personal Spiritual Warfare

Part 1

Chapter 6a

Introduction

Everything is a matter of mind control. You control the mind you control the person because regardless of what you believe or think, it is what you do that is accounted for or against you. He says that when you go to heaven, He will show you your life and judge you on what you did with it; not what you thought about it, or believed in it but by what you did with it, how you acted in faith of Him.

Faith without works is dead. It is with your mind that you allow evil into you and keep evil out. (Window Control) It is by your faith that your mind uses to control your actions. See chapter 1.1.3 on Faith for review. Remember it is like getting on a airplane: first you have faith that there is a good pilot to fly the plane, secondly you have faith that the plane flies and finally you have faith that the pilot will fly the plane to you destination. With the faith, you act on it by getting on the plane and sleep all the way there because you are not worried about the flight due to your faith.

As it is with God, you do not worry about anything because you have faith in God. Spiritual warfare can only be done in faith. Everything good in the world functions around faith. What is the purpose of all things?

EPH 4:9 “(What does "He ascended" mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions? [10] He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) [11] It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] **to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up [13] until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**”

Like the story of Faith that moves mountains, this is how we receive the personal promise that we can stand on it to move that mountain.

There is nothing stronger then to use, God SAID... And to stand on that Word. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

RO 10:16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard**

through the word of Christ. [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:”

The enemy tries to convince us of many un-Godly things by making it sound Godly. The enemy knows the scriptures better than any person and he proved that by trying to use the scriptures against Jesus.

Finally did you realize that the bible is nothing but a large warfare book? To be a good warrior you must understand the nature of things, you must know yourself, you must know your commander in chief and you must know your enemy, then you can start to learn how to destroy your enemy. This is what the bible teaches you. As you read the bible, look at it as a warfare manual.

The key then to successful warfare is to have faith in you commander in chief and to follow His orders, which is to say, obey Him.

In short, spiritual warfare is the battle of spiritual control over your mind.

6.1 What is Spiritual Warfare?

As we have discussed, the spiritual controls the physical. So we must fight the Spiritual battle first, and then we receive the victory in the physical.

Spiritual warfare is a constant thing, because we have an enemy that is constantly awake and wants nothing more then to destroy all of God’s Children.

1PE 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.** [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

REV 12:10 “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God,

and the authority of His Christ.

**For the accuser of our brothers,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.**

To get a clue of what spiritual warfare is lets look at some warfare.

DA 10:4 “On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, [5] I looked up and

there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. [6] His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.”

DA 10:7 “I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. [8] So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. [9] Then I heard Him speaking, and as I listened to Him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.”

DA 10:10 “A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. [11] He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.”

DA 10:12 **“Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. [13] But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. [14] Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”**

Here the **king of Persia** is the devil our enemy. The angelic messenger and the king of Persia fought, until he had to call on a very powerful angel of God, Michael.

All this time Daniel thought God did hear or care about him, but that was not the case. God sent them messenger with the answer on the first day.

This is the classic spiritual warfare.

When and where did this warfare begin, did we start it or did God start it? It started almost at the beginning of time with God.

GE 3:1 “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, `You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

GE 3:2 “The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [3] but God did say, `You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' ””

GE 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.
[5] "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

GE 3:6 "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. [7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."

GE 3:8 "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

GE 3:10 "He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

GE 3:11 "And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

GE 3:12 "The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

GE 3:13 "Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

GE 3:14 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock
and all the wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

GE 3:15 "And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

GE 3:16 "To the woman he said,
"I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing;
with pain you will give birth to children.

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Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."

GE 3:17 "To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat of it
all the days of your life."

GE 3:18" It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field."

GE 3:19 "By the sweat of your brow."

It started by the serpent deceiving the woman of man. But what was this deception? A deception is when you believe one person over another. If one person said that the sky was blue and the other said it was red, which is right? It is just a name. It is both persons opinion, right? Well the difference here is that what ever the creator makes and calls it is the truth, because he is the creator. The pot cannot tell the potter that he make the pots handle wrong. So it is with God.

RO 9:16 "It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. [17] For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." [18] Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden."

RO 9:19 "One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" [20] But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' " [21] Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?"

RO 9:22 "What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction? [23] What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory-- [24] even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? [25] As he says in Hosea:

"I will call them 'my people' who are not my people;
and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"

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RO 9:26 and,

"It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them,
'You are not my people,'
they will be called 'sons of the living God.' ""

RO 9:27 "Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

"Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea,
only the remnant will be saved."

RO 9:28 "For the Lord will carry out

his sentence on earth with speed and finality. ""

RO 9:29 "It is just as Isaiah said previously:

"Unless the Lord Almighty
had left us descendants,
we would have become like Sodom,
we would have been like Gomorrah. ""

He created the world and all that are on it, including us and the devil—the serpent. Therefore, the truth is the way that God sees things and not anyone or anything else. So from our point of view, a deception is when we dis-belief God and believe anyone else. All truth is from God's point of view.

Because they sinned, they were cursed; and God but enmity between mankind and the serpent. So from the beginning the serpent has been trying to destroy mankind.

So beware, do not be deceived that anyone who knows scripture makes him a Christian and a Godly person. You must always keep all scriptures in text and meaning. As with any soldier or warrior you must always take care of yourself first before you can even think of helping others. This is a very important verse.

MT 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? [4] How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank (beam) in your own eye? [5] **You hypocrite, *first* take the plank (beam) out of your own eye,** and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Ephesians 6 gives us the biggest guidance or clue about spiritual warfare. It has a lot in it so lets look at it one part at a time.

As you can see, God starts by telling us that because we are always in a spiritual battle we must always depend on Him, for only His strength and His might power can defeat the enemy and give us victory.

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He is first saying that we must be strong in the Lord, not ourselves nor others. Not other prophets or apostles or pastors or . . . , but in Him and Him alone, for God is saying that only He has the strength to defeat the enemy. Not arguing, fighting, casting out, or proclaiming, but only God, and His might or power.

You have noticed how others will quarrel and fight and argue over the control of our minds and everything we do, but nothing good happens, that is because they are trying to convince people of God and His ways. But in reality whom are they trying to convince People or the enemy? The answer is in the next part of Ephesians 6

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Our struggle, fight or arguing against is not man, flesh and blood, but evil forces that are acting like a puppet master over people. Evil forces that are being allowed to control that person you are trying to convince. The evil force is not giving an opinion, or a philosophy or their belief, they are fighting you and trying to destroy you, but you cannot see it. If you did, you would see who is the true enemy inside of that person and know that it is only by the mighty power and strength of God that will free that person. But while you are having this seemingly innocent discussion, the enemy is really trying to shake, rattle and destroy you and your faith. That is why you need the next part of Ephesians 6, the armor of God.

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This is why we have been discussing about keeping our windows closed and a means of protection as well. See Chapter 4 for more details. The window concept is similar to this armor of God here. The Armor of God is to protect all of your vital parts of your body, will the window idea is just a modern method of it. But God uses the armor to show what He has given you as the method of protection for each specific part of your body. But for me, it was easier to see it all at once. If you do not put on a specific part of your armor you are left vulnerable and defenseless. So it is with the sphere of windows. If a window is left open, you become vulnerable.

So He is saying that you do not know when and where the enemy is going to attack you, so you always need to wear your armor, or in my case you always need to keep all of the windows closed.

But how do we do this, well that is in the last part of Ephesians 6.

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Praying is the answer and especially praying in the Spirit and for others.

The enemy is always scheming against you. And when do you think is the best time for him to attack you? At every time you give him an opportunity when you are weak or when you forget to put on or keep on you armor, or in other words, you do not

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keep your windows closed. The key is that he will attack you every time you give him an opportunity. And when is that? Every time you are disobedient to God.

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, **the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.** [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.”

Every time you are full of the flesh or evil spirit as in:

GAL 5:19 “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.””

You are giving the enemy an opportunity to attack you.

Whenever you allow any of these evil spiritual natures to take control of you, you will lose your battle. You cannot have these evil spirits in you and put on the armor of God. You must remove these first, and then put on the armor. See chapter 4 as to how.

One thing the enemy will always use first against you is that it is selfish to help yourself first. But if you take care of yourself first you are being obedient. A warrior must become strong, knowledgeable, and skillful to stay alive after the fight.

We must be pure and holy before we can help others. But help others is what we must do. That is the mandate for all Christians. We must close all windows and remove all evil spirits in us before we can help our brothers and sisters.

So we first become a warrior then we go to war.

The Lord says to take on the full armor of God. But what does it in tail to do that?

6.2 Spiritual Warfare from Within

As we have been saying, that after Adam and Eve sinned; sin became part of them in God's curse. Sin was cursed in them and is in their blood. See chapter born again as a review.

So this sin is our enemy too. It pulls, entices and seduces us to follow it. It is constantly drawing us to sin and sin and sin more. It is insatiable. It wants more and more and more, which is why it is so important for us to be born again. We receive a

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new, clean and Holy Spirit by which God can then live in us, but the nature of sin that is in our blood is still there. So we have an enemy within us that we have to be constantly alert for as Ephesians says:

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But how do we “Be alert”? But depending on God to show us as He promises in John 14, 15, and 16, expecting the Holy Spirit to reveal to you and teach you and remind you how to be alert and how to not fall into the enemy’s traps.

God says that He knows that we have this enemy within us and so He has given us lots of ways to defeat it.

Here is the best clue how to do this.

GAL 5:13 “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. [14] The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [15] If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.”

GAL 5:16 “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”

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GAL 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

The Key here is to be lead by the spirit not the sinful nature. To let God’s Holy Spirit to lead you (let God’s spirit to control the physical). So we are to live by God’s spirit and not our mind, our thoughts (rather God’s thoughts), or our feelings, but God’s feelings, as in Gal 5:22. (Takes us back to window control—Chapter 4).

What are some of the ways we allow this sinful nature to come out, well James has some guidance.

JAS 4:1 “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, **but you cannot have what you want.** You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] When you ask, you do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives,** that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

JAS 4:4 “You adulterous people, **don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God?** Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. [5] Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

**"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."**

Being humble is a large clue because it is the opposite of prideful. It was pride the was the real sin that cursed Adam and Eve. If they stayed humble they might never have sinned.

So what does God mean by humble here? It is allowing anyone to step on you, ridicule you, curse you, treat you as trash? NO.

Being humble is being humble before God.

EZR 8:21 “There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. [22] I was ashamed to

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ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, "The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him." [23] So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer."

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JAS 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

1PE 5:5 "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

1PE 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

JN 18:10 "Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)"

JN 18:11 "Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

Finally, let's look at Moses.

NU 12:1 "Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. [2] "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this."

NU 12:3 **“(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)”**

NU 12:4 “At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. [5] Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; He stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward,

[6] He said, "Listen to My words:

"When a prophet of the LORD is among you,
I reveal Myself to him in visions,
I speak to him in dreams.

NU 12:7 But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all My house.

NU 12:8 With him I speak face to face,
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD.
Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?"

NU 12:9 The anger of the LORD burned against them, and He left them.”

NU 12:10 “When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; [11] and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. [12] Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."

NU 12:13 “So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!"

NU 12:14 “The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." [15] So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

NU 12:16 “After that, the people left Hazeroth and encamped in the Desert of Paran.”

As we know, Moses never humbled himself to anyone but God. Humility is allowing the Holy Spirit of God to live in you and giving you His humble spirit that brings you before God and only God. Moses destroyed many people but he was very humble. Humility is only as you submit yourself to God, and in so doing you become obedient and then as a requirement to obedience to God you then submit yourself to others, then that is true humility.

6.3 Spiritual Warfare from Outside of You

Witches, warlocks, Satanists, false prophets, fortunetellers and false gods and demons are all spiritual forces out side of you that want to destroy you. There are more because there are numerous demons in this world, each one having a different deception.

They attack you mind, your feelings and your body. You have seen cartoons where you the character has an angle on one shoulder and the demon on the other each are whispering in each ear trying to convince him to do something or not. Well that is not so far off. But instead of whispering in you ear, they just whisper directly in to your mind. The evil is suggesting different things in your mind. The problem is that we often think that it is us talking to us because it sounds like you, it talks like you, so it must be you, right? Wrong. It is a lie, a deception. The devil is called the father of all lies. He masquerades as the angel of light.

2CO 11:13 “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. [14] **And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** [15] It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”

So be alert. Remember that another way is that the evil spirits will seduce you by appealing to your natural self, but putting you in to situations that will try to entice you with your feelings, like lust, a beautiful woman or man will suddenly show up at the most inopportune time, or money will be available if you only need to take it, which is stealing, or some one will just start pushing you trying to make you made, causing you to become angry. These feelings will destroy you, if you do not submit them to the lord and follow Him. Remember:

MT 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, He must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it. [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. [28] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here

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will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

This is true humility.

The biggest warfare against us is deception. Here are scriptures that show deception and how to avoid it. But the real warfare against it is to be righteous with the Lord and live by the Spirit.

OB 1:2 "'See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.

OB 1:3 **The pride of your heart has deceived you,**
you who live in the clefts of the rocks
and make your home on the heights,
you who say to yourself,
'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

OB 1:4 Though you soar like the eagle
and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,"
declares the LORD.

LK 21:7 "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

LK 21:8 He replied: "**Watch out that you are not deceived.** For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. [9] When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. *These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.*"

LK 21:10 "Then He said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [11] There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven."

LK 21:12 "But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. [13] This will result in your being witnesses to them. [14] But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. [15] For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. [16] You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to

death. [17] All men will hate you because of Me. [18] But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By standing firm you will gain life.”

RO 7:7 “What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." [8] But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead. [9] Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. [10] I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. [11] **For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.** [12] So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.”

1CO 6:7 “The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? [8] Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.”

1CO 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders [10] nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1CO 6:12 "Everything is permissible for me"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything. [13] "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"--but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. [14] By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also. [15] Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! [16] Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." [17] But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.”

2CO 11:1 “I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness; but you are already doing that. [2] I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to Him. [3] **But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.** [4] For if

someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or **if you receive a different spirit from the one you received**, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. [5] But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." [6] I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way."

GAL 6:6 "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor."

GAL 6:7 "**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.** A man reaps what he sows. [8] The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. [9] Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. [10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

2TI 3:10 "You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, [11] persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. [12] **In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.** [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, [15] and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

TIT 3:3 "**At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.** We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. [4] But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, [5] He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, [6] whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. [8] This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone."

TIT 3:9 “But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. [10] Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. [11] You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

JAS 1:13 “When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; [14] but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

JAS 1:16 “**Don't be deceived**, my dear brothers. [17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.”

JAS 1:19 “My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, [20] for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. [21] Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”

JAS 1:22 “**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.** [23] Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24] and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. [25] But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.”

JAS 1:26 “**If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.** [27] Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

REV 13:5 “The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. [6] He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. [7] He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. [8] All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written

in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”

REV 13:9 “He who has an ear, let him hear.

REV 13:10 “If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity he will go.
If anyone is to be killed with the sword,
with the sword he will be killed.”

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

REV 13:11 “Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. [12] He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. [13] And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. [14] **Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.** He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. [15] He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. [16] He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, [17] so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.”

REV 13:18 “This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.”

REV 20:7 “**When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison [8] and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle.** In number they are like the sand on the seashore. [9] They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. [10] And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

Hence, do not be deceived. So how do we prevent that? Know God! Study His ways, understand His thinking, live in His Spirit. And live by His Spirit. Study His word. Most importantly depend on Him to teach, guide and remind you of all things: John 14, 15, and 16.

One of the biggest deceptions is that when we allow the enemy to whisper things in our minds and we presume it is from God.

NU 14:1 “That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. [2] All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! [3] Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" [4] And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

NU 14:5 “Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. [6] Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes [7] and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. [8] If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. [9] Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.””

NU 14:10 “But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. [11] The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them? [12] I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."

NU 14:13 “Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. [14] And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, O LORD, are with these people and that you, O LORD, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. [15] If you put these people to death all at one time, the nations who have heard this report about you will say, [16] ‘The LORD was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath; so he slaughtered them in the desert.’

NU 14:17 "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared: [18] ‘The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth

generation.' [19] In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."

NU 14:20 "The LORD replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. [21] Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, [22] not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times-- [23] not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. [24] But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. [25] Since the Amalekites and Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea. "

NU 14:26 "The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: [27] "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. [28] So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say: [29] In this desert your bodies will fall--every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. [30] Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. [31] As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. [32] But you--your bodies will fall in this desert. [33] Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert. [34] For forty years--one year for each of the forty days you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.' [35] I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die."

NU 14:36 "So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it-- [37] these men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the LORD. [38] Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

NU 14:39 "When Moses reported this to all the Israelites, they mourned bitterly. [40] Early the next morning they went up toward the high hill country. "We have sinned," they said. "We will go up to the place the LORD promised."

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NU 14:41 "But Moses said, "Why are you disobeying the LORD's command? This will not succeed! [42] Do not go up, because the LORD is not with you. You will be defeated by your enemies, [43] for the Amalekites and Canaanites will face you there. Because you have turned away from the LORD, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword."

NU 14:44 "Nevertheless, in their presumption they went up toward the high hill country, though neither Moses nor the ark of the LORD's covenant moved from the camp. [45] Then the Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and attacked them and beat them down all the way to Hormah."

This presumption is what got them killed and defeated. We must know it is of the Lord and not presume.

DT 18:14 "The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. [15] The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. [16] For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

DT 18:17 "The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. [18] I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. [19] If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. [20] **But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death.**"

DT 18:21 "You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" [22] **If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.**

We cannot and must not live on presumptions. We must live and obey the Lord on knowing of the Holy Spirit.

Anything else is a deception of the evil one.

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For good books on witches and warlocks see “Prepare for war” by Rebecca Brown and any other book by her. She writes her direct encounters with them and how God gave her the victory.

