

Abiding Light Ministries

Spiritual Warfare

We are in a very real war

- **2 Corinthians 10:4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
- **1 Timothy 1:18** This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

We are soldiers in this war

- **Psalms 110:2-3** The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.
- **2 Timothy 2:3-4** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

We are to wrestle against all levels of the kingdom of darkness

- **Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

We are to resist the devil (in most cases these are his demons) and he will flee from us

- **James 4:7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- **1 Peter 5:9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

We are to tread on Satan and his demons (exercise authority over them)

- **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- **Romans 16:20** And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

We are to cast out demons

- **Mark 16:17** "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

We have authority to bind (forbid) and loose (permit) when dealing with the agents and gates of hell

- **Matthew 16:19** "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

We have powerful weapons designed to overcome the kingdom of darkness

- **2 Corinthians 10:4** For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
- **Ephesians 6:10-20** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- 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, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.