

# ***PRAYER MOVEMENTS***

***Leading to Spiritual Movements Everywhere***

## ***Seminar 3***

# **Winning Spiritual Battles**

***- By Prayer, Utilize Christ's Authority against the Enemy -***



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## Session 1

### HEAVEN: Where Spiritual War Began

**Theme:** Overcome opposition to the gospel.

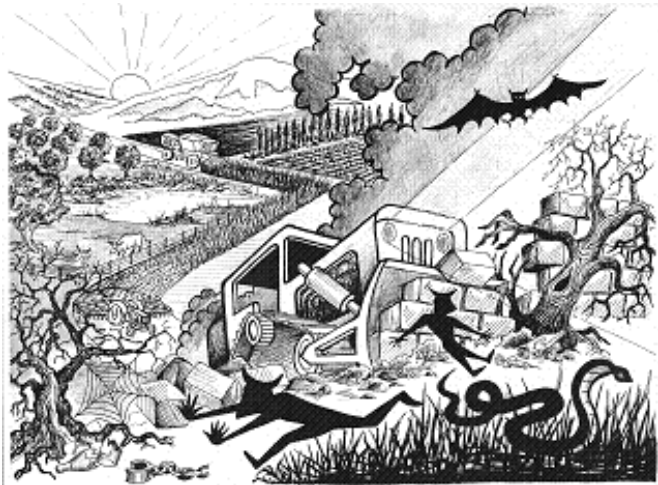
**Biblical Foundation:** 1 Peter 5:8,9

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.* NKJV™

**The Purpose of This Session** is to identify Satan as the source of evil, and to confront him and his forces with the power of God.

**Introduction:** Spiritual battles for God are not fought with natural weapons against people. These battles against unseen evil forces involve praying people, using the power of Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 6:12). These battles are illustrated in the graphic sketch, drawn by Tim Stuck, a missionary in South America.

The bulldozer represents praying Christians. Their prayers bring the power of God against evil strongholds.



God produces four superhuman results through their praying:

1. Demons flee away from the scene (Luke 10:19).
2. Barren landscapes become fertile fields for the seed of God's word (1 Thessalonians 1:8).
3. Workers follow to plant, cultivate, and multiply the gospel harvest (cf., Matthew 9:37,38).
4. The sunshine of God's life-giving grace rises to multiply churches in the land. The gospel first entered Europe through a women's prayer group (Acts 16: 11-13).

\* Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotations are from the *New King James Version*.

People often ask these questions, "How could God, who is good, create the devil, who is evil? How could God allow so much evil in the world?" Answers to these questions:

1. Unfold a cosmic story that introduces us to God's plan of the ages.
2. Describe the nature of our enemy.
3. Further explain the need for our prayers in spiritual conquest.

**A. God created Satan originally as an exalted angel.** cf., Luke 10:18

1. One of Satan's names, Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12), means "Light Bearer" or "Day Star" -- majestic, powerful. He was the chief angel who may have once led heavenly choirs in praise to God (cf., Job 38:7; Ezekiel 28:14).
2. Other names for Satan include "the devil" (Matthew 4:1), meaning "slanderer" or "false accuser"; "tempter" (1 Thessalonians 3:5); "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31); "the god of this age" (2 Corinthians 4:4); "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2); "dragon" (Revelation 12:4); and "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10). NKJV™

**B. Satan fell through \_\_\_\_\_.** Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19

Note: These two Scripture passages extend far beyond the earthly kings of Babylon and Tyre, who are addressed. In Ezekiel 28, for example, the king of Tyre is described as having been "in Eden, the garden of God" (NKJV™ verse 13). In verses 14 and 16, he is addressed as the anointed angel (cherub) who covers. In verse 15, he is described as being perfect in his ways from the day he was created, till iniquity was found in him.

These passages describe the rebellion and destiny of Satan who energized these kings.

1. Satan led a revolt in heaven against God. He and one-third of the angels were cast out of heaven. Revelation 12:3,4,7-9
2. Satan uses these fallen angels/demons to exercise evil power. Revelation 12:7; Matthew 12:28-29
3. Human pride is an imitation of Satan to seize God's position in our lives.

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ was created for Satan.** Genesis 3:4,5  
Matthew 25:41

1. A place was needed to which evil could be consigned.
2. Hell was created for the devil and his angels, not for people.
3. People who choose Satan's plan also choose his destiny for themselves.

**D. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Satan's damage to mankind.**

1. A rebellious "I will" attitude caused Lucifer to become the devil, and ravaged the world. He continues to use the same temptation on people today. God had created human free will, and ability to choose, as an essential part of human nature. God provided an alternative for human choice by allowing Satan access to the earth. Satan continues to tempt people with his own kind of rebellion today.

2. Jesus' praying ("not My will, but Yours, be done") and His costly \_\_\_\_\_  
to God the Father brought rescue to the world. Luke 22:42-44
3. Our prayers are powerful when they, too, align with \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 5:14,15

**Conclusion:** Evil is much bigger than we are. Our battles against evil, therefore, require supernatural resources.

Explanatory Note:

Bad conditions do not all come directly from the devil or his demons. Terrible situations can also result from our personal sins or errors, or from the curse that is upon our world (Isaiah 24:5,6). Knowing this difference can help us to pray more accurately with "the mind of the Spirit" (Romans 8:27).

Several distinguishing characteristics can indicate the involvement of Satan or demons in bad circumstances. Among these characteristics are the following:

1. A hostile attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:3-5)
2. A deceptive opposition to the Gospel of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4)
3. A destructive spirit that exceeds normal human behavior (1 Peter 5:8,9).

**Response Time:**

1. Call out evil conditions in the world that indicate activity by Satan and/or his angels.
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-12,18 together, as God's great strategy for overcoming satanic forces in our world.

**Prayer Time:** Select one of the world evils and offer to God united, strategic prayer against such evil (discussed during **Response Time**, point 1).

## Session 2

### THE GARDEN OF EDEN: How Evil Came to Earth

**Theme:** To achieve spiritual victories, we need to understand sources and tactics of the evil one.

**Biblical Foundation:** Genesis 2:8,9,16,17

*The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. . . . The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. . . . And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* NKJV™

**The Purpose of This Session** is to learn that prayerlessness yields tragic consequences.

**Introduction:** God created Adam and Eve to rule over the earth. Satan, cast out of heaven, launched his first battle to defeat God's plan.

#### A. Adam, the First Emperor

1. God gave Adam \_\_\_\_\_ over the earth. Genesis 1:26
2. Under God's authority, man did a perfect job. Genesis 2:19
3. Communion with God was a normal part of life. Genesis 3:8,9

#### B. The Fatal Choice: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

1. God provided a forbidden tree as an important choice for man. Genesis 2:16,17  
The choice was necessary because God wanted people to love Him.  
Love must be voluntary. It cannot be imposed on a loved one.
2. Adam's choice to disobey God's word brought \_\_\_\_\_ from God.  
It was an act of self-will -- a revolt against God. It shattered his supply line  
of prayer. Genesis 3:4-6,8,9
3. Adam's sin involved submission to Satan's will. As a head of the human race,  
Adam thus \_\_\_\_\_ his line of authority from God to Satan,  
and gave Satan dominion as the god of this world. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4
4. Every generation has repeated the choice that Adam made. We human beings  
gave away our freedom to pray (Romans 3:10,11).

**C. Four Consequences Now Cover the Earth as a Result of Adam's Choice:**

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sin     | Romans 3:23     |
| 2. A Curse | Genesis 3:17    |
| 3. Death   | Ezekiel 18:4    |
| 4. Terror  | Hebrews 2:14,15 |

**Conclusions:**

1. God is not the author of evil. Man brought evil into the world by following Satan's temptation to be prayerless – independent from God.
2. Every prayerless day is a statement: "I do not need God today."  
It is a repeat of the rebellion that started in the Garden of Eden.
3. God is totally committed to \_\_\_\_\_ humanity from Satan's captivity.
4. God's procedure for this rescue is the story of spiritual war.

**Response Time:** Write answers to these questions:

1. Am I convinced that a prayerless day is a rebellion against God?  
Why, or why not?
2. What changes must I make to strengthen my practice of daily prayer?

**Prayer Time:**

1. Pray through Psalm 139:23,24 in small groups. This is called "praying Scripture" -- each person in succession reads a phrase, then turns it into a prayer, asking God to search his or her heart and remove seeds of evil.
2. Instructor may ask God's strength for the class to:
  - a. Repent of a poor lifestyle regarding fellowship with the living God.
  - b. Pray daily as a priority of life, loving and listening to Christ.

### Session 3

## CALVARY: How Jesus Won the Spiritual War

**Theme:** Appropriate Christ's victory over evil forces.

**Biblical Foundation:** Ephesians 1:19-23

*And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power . . .* NKJV™

**The Purpose of This Session** is to learn to bring the victory of Christ into evil conditions.

**Introduction:** God planned a marvelous solution to humanity's fall in Eden. He could have destroyed evil immediately, but to do so would require the destruction of mankind in whom evil was now residing. Instead, He began an amazing massive six-phase rescue operation.

**A. Invasion: God personally came to earth in \_\_\_\_\_.** Romans 9:5  
 1. God became a human being. Matthew 1:23  
 2. In His prayerful, sinless life, this God-man became a perfect Savior. Hebrews 4:14-16

**B. Crucifixion: Jesus accepted into His own body all the weapons by which Satan controlled the total human race.** 1 John 3:8b  
 1. Sin -- all that is evil 2 Corinthians 5:21  
 2. The Curse -- all that is wrong Galatians 3:13  
 3. Death -- all that is terminal 2 Corinthians 5:15  
 4. Terror -- all that is enslaving Hebrews 2:14,15

**C. Resurrection: By rising from the dead, Jesus:**  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the power of everything that killed Him Ephesians 1:19-23  
 2. Won this victory for all who receive Him 1 Corinthians 15:57; Colossians 1:27

**D. Ascension: Jesus returned to heaven and is seated at the right hand of our Almighty Father.**  
 1. He has total power in the universe. Matthew 28:18  
 2. He is using this limitless power in non-stop \_\_\_\_\_ for praying people. Hebrews 7:25  
 3. We can receive His provisions by praying receptively. Mark 11:24

**E. Commission: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His People:**

1. He gave us His Holy Spirit. Galatians 4:6
2. He gave us His global authority. John 14:13
3. He gave us His universal resources. John 15:16
4. He promised us His presence in our prayers. James 4:8

**F. Intercession: Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ His victory to you from heaven:**

1. Through His own intercession Romans 8:34
2. Through the Holy Spirit who inspires Christians to pray Ephesians 6:18,19  
When we intercede, we should hold the supremacy of Christ  
over strongholds of Satan until they surrender to Him.

**Conclusion:** Intercessors are God's *unique* channels for fulfillment of Christ's global rescue operation. "Unique" means that there is no substitute for prayer.

**Response Time:** Form groups of two and share how you might relate Christ's victory to a major challenge that you are facing.

**Closing Prayer:** Pray for one another in the same pairs, proclaiming the supremacy of Jesus over a stronghold which the other person is facing.

## Session 4

### OUR WORLD: How to Grow in Strategic Prayer

**Theme:** Christ is applying His victory worldwide through praying Christians.

**Biblical Foundation:** Ephesians 6:10-18

*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. . . . praying always . . .* (NKJV™ vv. 12,18a)

**The Purpose of This Session** is to learn how to overcome evil strongholds.

**Introduction:** Satan is \_\_\_\_\_, but sinful humanity is retaining him as the god of this world.

1. God is allowing Satan to use demons in his evil work. Revelation 12:7
2. These evil spirits operate at four administrative levels. Ephesians 6:12
3. Strategic prayer identifies the levels of evil power and applies Christ's authority to these levels (Ephesians 6:18).
4. God revealed a battle plan to the Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:10-18).

**A. Grow strong in the Lord:** Ephesians 6:10

1. Drink in the life of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_ Him like the elders mentioned in Revelation 5:8-10.
2. Partake of the power of His might through \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 40:31
3. Pray Scripture back to God. Psalm 119:170

**B. Scout your enemy:** Identify the spiritual level of your demonic opponent. Ephesians 6:12

1. Identify the evil spirits that are energizing the problem that confronts you. (Read Acts 16:16-18.)
2. Identify also any superior demonic authority that is giving aid to your immediate opponent. 2 Corinthians 10:4
3. Apply the supreme victory of Christ Jesus to each problem by prayer. Matthew 12:28,29

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ your spiritual armor:** Prepare for counter-attacks.

Ephesians 6:13-17

1. Each piece of armor is part of Christ's life in you, protecting a vital area of your life.
2. Prayer (v.18) energizes and activates your armor.
3. The following chart lists six pieces of spiritual armor, the enemy's weapons, and ways in which to use them.

Spiritual Armor	Enemy's Weapons	Spiritual Actions
1. Belt of truth	Lies	Pray Scripture
2. Bulletproof vest of righteousness	Tolerated sins, self-condemnation	Practice spiritual breathing*
3. Shoes of outreach	Fear in witnessing	Be filled with the Holy Spirit
4. Shield of faith	Self-sufficiency	Cast cares on Christ
5. Helmet of salvation	Human reasoning	Ask for God's wisdom
6. Sword of the Spirit	Neglect or distortion of the Bible	Memorize, obey Scriptures

\*Spiritual breathing is a scriptural way to keep one's heart fresh, clean, and victorious. It is like natural breathing. We breathe out impure air by confessing our sin (1 John 1:9). We breathe in God's "pure air" by asking and receiving a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). See the booklet, *Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?* by Dr. Bill Bright (Orlando, FL: NewLife Publications).

**D. Launch your weapon:**

Ephesians 6:18

1. Identify the unseen evil force that opposes your service to God (see Section B). Then, bring that problem before the Lord in prayer.
2. Ask God also to disable higher levels of evil power that may be feeding your problem. For example, a false religious movement may be energizing a local wave of violence.
3. Use prayer to bring Christ's victory into evil strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:5

4. Sustain this prayer connection \_\_\_\_\_ the strongholds yield to Christ Jesus, and He grants to you His peace in the matter. Philippians 4:6,7

Note: Sustained, persistent prayer is a challenging part of intercession.

Delayed answers can allow God time to effect His will while we pray.

Ask God for endurance in prayer, until you can cast all your care on Jesus, your mighty Lord.

1 Peter 5:7

5. Use God's ammunition by prayer:
- a. Worship and praise: the mighty presence of God Psalm 149:5-9
  - b. The Name of Jesus: authority over the enemy Philippians 2:9,10
  - c. The Blood of Jesus: victory over Satan Revelation 12:11
  - d. The Word of God: praying and obeying Scripture Isaiah 55:10,11
  - e. Prayers of agreement: unity with other saints Matthew 18:19,20  
The stronger the conflict is, the more intercessors you may need to enlist.
  - f. Fasting and praying\*: battle intensification Mark 9:29
  - g. Thanksgiving: our expression of faith Philippians 4:6,7

*\*For helpful information on prayer and fasting, see 7 Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer by Bill Bright, Bright Media Foundation, 1995. ([www.billbright.com/7steps/](http://www.billbright.com/7steps/))*

**Conclusion:** Strategic intercession is the fuel of God for the Great Commission.

“The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.” – Samuel Zwemer

**Response Time:** In groups of three, share:

1. A major problem (stronghold) which you are facing
2. A piece of armor or ammunition (C or D above) that may be helpful to solve this problem
3. How you plan to utilize that armor this month and to journal the results

**Prayer Time:** Pray in the same group for one another to wage successful spiritual war.

## Session 5

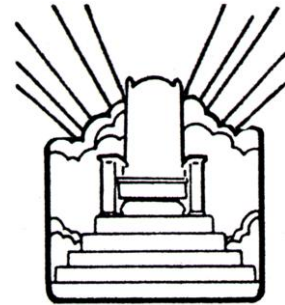
### CHRIST'S KINGDOM: How to Prepare for Our Future Role

**Theme:** Praying is training for reigning with Christ in His future Kingdom.

**Biblical Foundation:** Revelation 20:1-6; 22:5

*Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. . . . And they shall reign forever and ever.*

(NKJV™ 20:6; 22:5b)



**The Purpose of This Session** is to help believers to grow in three royal and priestly functions through prayer.

**Introduction:** The Bible foretells a final battle in which Christ will subdue all forces of evil. At that time He will set up His Kingdom on the earth.  
(Read chapters 16-19 of Revelation at a later time.)

**A. Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ to conquer evil.** (Revelation 19)

1. Christ is coming back as universal King. Revelation 19:11-13; Daniel 7:13,14
2. Satan will be chained for a thousand years. Revelation 20:1-3  
He and his demons will be expelled to hell forever.

Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41

*“And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”* (NKJV™ Revelation 20:10)

3. God’s strategy today involves evangelism through prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1,4

**B. Christ is preparing believers to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in His Kingdom.**

1. His people will rule with Him as priests. Revelation 20:6
2. Old Testament priests did not rule. Kings were the rulers.  
Priests led in worship and prayer.

**C. How will priests rule in Christ’s coming kingdom?**

1. Earthly rulers under a king have three royal responsibilities. They:
  - a) Assess needs of the people in their domain
  - b) Requisition supplies for those needs
  - c) Distribute those supplies to areas in need

2. Intercessors (priests) have the same royal job description:
  - a) **Assessment.:** We discern specific human needs and/or spiritual opponents as prayer burdens from God.
  - b) **Requisition:** We request God's supplies for those problems in prayer.
  - c) **Distribution:** We act in obedient faith to get His supplies to the areas of need, and to bring glory to Him.
3. The three-fold work of intercessors \_\_\_\_\_ the way God deals with the world today. Isaiah 59:16,18-20
4. God is urgently seeking for intercessors who will carry out these three royal functions. Joel 2:15-19

**Conclusion:** God is preparing us to reign with Christ in His kingdom by prayer. Our development in prayer, therefore, is as important as receiving answers from Him.

**Response Time:** In pairs ask each other:

1. What needs come to your mind among people you know? (Assessment)
2. How can your requests for those needs become more effective? (Requisition)
3. How can you target your praying better toward specific results? (Distribution)

**Prayer Time:** In the same pairs, pray for each other.

## **Dedication Prayer Time**

God is giving us a major challenge today. The future of the human race is related to Christ's call for intercessors! Will you rely on Christ's enabling, and respond in submission to God as an intercessor? Will you cry out these words from your heart to the Lord as your instructor leads you in prayer?

### **The Dedication Prayer**

**Dear Lord,  
Use me as an instrument in Your conquest over evil in the world.**

**I ask You for a holy heart and compassion to pray effectively  
for lost souls.**

**I ask You for a spirit of faithfulness. I want to seek You daily  
in prayer.**

**I ask for a spirit of worship to honor You. I want to fall deeper  
in love with You.**

**I ask for a spirit that listens to You. I want to keep attentive to  
Your voice.**

**I ask You for a diligent heart. I long to keep You in the first  
place in my life.**

**Help me, Lord, to keep armed with Your whole armor,  
resisting Satan persistently.**

**As an expression of my faith, I thank You for abundantly  
answering my prayer.**

## Dedication Response

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (     )     --

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Trusting in my Lord, I purpose to:** (Check the options you desire.)

- Spend time daily with the Lord in His Word and in prayer.
- Designate a part of or all of one day each week for prayer, possibly with fasting, as He leads me:
  - to humble myself before His holy majesty, and
  - to yield myself to the control and empowering of His Holy Spirit.
- Prayer-walk in my neighborhood.
- Assist my church to be a house of prayer.
- Promote and participate in interchurch, national, and global prayer events.
- Pray for the salvation of three people:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- Adopt two world sectors for prayer that the Lord has laid on my heart:
  - 1. A country (preference): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. A part of my own country (territory, ministry, or sector of society):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Disciple one or more others in using these prayer seminar manuals.