

Spiritual Warfare Prayers

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INTRO

This lesson is going to home-in on spiritual warfare prayers
I'm going to demonstrate for you several spiritual warfare prayers that I pray
I'm going to tell you some of the prayers I pray and why I pray them that way
This is not meant to be an in-depth college-level course on spiritual warfare
And, listen, the prayers I pray may not be the best prayers for you to pray
I want you to hear the prayers
And then use them as a starting place for you and the Holy Spirit
To develop your own powerful, effective spiritual warfare prayers
These prayers I'm telling you about
I usually pray them pretty much the same way every day
Some might call them liturgical or rote prayers
But, that's OK, because they are prayers the Holy Spirit has given me to pray
I'm going to prepare some study notes from this teaching
And put them up on our website
The notes will include all of the spiritual warfare prayers and some of the scriptures
Give me a few days to get it up
And then go to www.cecmessiah.org
Navigate to the Sermons and Blog section
And the study notes should be pretty close to the top of the list

OUR PRAYERS INFORM OUR BELIEFS AND OUR BELIEFS INFORM OUR PRAYERS

Ideally, we always want to pray powerful, effective prayers
And, we know that to be effective and powerful
Our prayers need to be in line with the Bible and the Holy Spirit
I have noticed a spiritual concept about our prayers and beliefs
Our beliefs tend to shape our prayers – everyone sees this as obvious
But, I've also noticed that our prayers can sometimes shape our beliefs
This is especially true with liturgical prayers
I.e, prayers you pray the same way or pretty much the same way each time you pray
Acts 2:42 – disciples continued "in the prayers"
This refers to Jewish liturgical prayers and worship
Jews in the time of Jesus, and many Jews today, are very liturgical
They have a prayer for everything – 2 different prayers for going to the bathroom
These are prayers that are written out and prayed by rote
I can see the pros and cons of rote prayers
If you're not careful, rote prayers become just words and lose their meaning
On the other hand, praying the same prayer each day has advantages
Especially in the case of a prayer that you have devised with the help of the Holy Spirit
As I pray the pray and listen to the Holy Spirit
I can hone the prayer and make changes to it as I listen to the Holy Spirit
Until that prayer
Expresses exactly what the Holy Spirit wants to pray about that subject
This is where My prayers begin to inform my beliefs
What I notice is that as I'm seeking the Lord about how to pray about this subject
I discover that I start seeking the Lord and scriptures asking
Not only what prayer I should be praying
But what words and what beliefs behind the words
Are really the right words to pray

Let me give you an example

I wanted to pray for Bishop Chuck's wife, Olivia, for her healing

She had polio as a child and now has post-polio syndrome

I started off praying, "Lord, in Jesus Name, please heal Olivia"

But, I realized that that was kind of a begging prayer

And Jesus didn't beg - He either prayed a prayer of command or sent His Word to heal

Isa 55:10-11 - God's Word always accomplishes what it's sent to do

So, now I pray, "In Jesus Name, I send your Word of healing into Olivia's body

To rebuild her organs and systems"

When I'm praying a blanket prayer over us about cancer, I often pray something like

"In Jesus' Name I command any cancer or pre-cancer cells growing in or on any of us

To die and be flushed out of our bodies

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up any spirits of cancer around us

And drive them away from us"

In that case, I'm praying a prayer of command

Sometimes I will pray a prayer for a few weeks

And then the Holy Spirit shows me something

And I realize that I need to make a change to my prayer

To make it better fit my beliefs

Or, maybe, the prayer helped me see an area where my beliefs were not quite right

So, I tweak the prayer to better fit my beliefs

And I tweak my beliefs to better fit the correct prayer

These prayers I'm going to share with you - where did they come from?

Many parts of these prayers are based on scripture, of course

Some come from people who have lots of experience in spiritual warfare

People like Betty Brennan, Archbishop Chuck Jones, Francis and Judith McNutt, etc.

My own experiences and leadings by the Holy Spirit

I'm sharing with you what I have received about spiritual warfare prayers

So you can build on that in your on spiritual warfare prayers

GENERAL PRINCIPLES ABOUT SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS

We have been given all authority over all evil and demonic spirits

Luke 9:1 - Jesus gave disciples power and authority over demons

Luke 10:17 - the seventy see that demons are subject to the Name of Jesus

Luke 10:19 - Jesus gives us ALL power over the enemy

Mark 16:17 - Jesus actually commands believers to cast out demons in His Name

We have been given authority to bind and loose, forbid and allow

Matt 18:18 - we have been given authority to bind and loose on this earth

Bind = forbid

Loose = allow

Some have said that we only bind/loose what has been bound/loosed in Heaven

Well, why would you ever forbid or allow anything

That is not specifically forbidden or allowed by God's will, anyhow?

This concept gives us authority to bind evil spirits and forbid their operations

CURSES

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up any curses, hexes, spells, incantations, enchantments, contracts, or words that have been sent against us, our family, our parishioners, our intercessors, our church, _____ . I bind up all these curses and send them back to their sources for You, Lord, to deal with as you see fit. I pray for those who have cursed us that they will find your unconditional love, your saving grace, and an iron dome over their supplications. In the Name of Jesus, I break off of us any curses that might have stuck to us for any reason, even those that we may have brought on ourselves, and I break off of us those curses and command them to fall us around us dead and inert.

BTW, when I say "us" in these prayers, I'm referring to family, parishioners, and intercessors
There are 3 parts to this prayer

A binding prayer to deal with curses that have been sent by others to/at us

Curses are real, they can be sent to you and yours, and they can wreak havoc in your life

Num 22-23 – Balaam is asked to curse Israel

God didn't allow Balaam to curse Israel

Even stopped his donkey with an angel

Curses are real and can cause problems in your life

But, we have been given by Jesus all authority over all evil

So, we can stop curses and break them off of us

And stop the effects of any curses that have been sent to/at us

Story of stopping curses against Kenyan man building a house

The spiritual gift of discerning of spirits showed us that his house was being cursed

A prayer for those who have sent curses to/at us

Luke 6:28 - Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you

A breaking off of us of any curses that may have stuck to us

This can include

Curses we have brought on ourselves

Curses brought on organizations we might be part of

Generational and ancestral curses

Story of friend would was being weighted down by lots of things going wrong

DEALING WITH SPECIFIC EVIL SPIRITS

Story of where this prayer came from

This prayer is very specific to me and my situation

But, it may help you see some things about spiritual warfare prayers

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up the evil giant crab prince that has been assigned to us and our ministry team. I dissolve your assignments and in the Name of Jesus I forbid you from hindering, oppressing, or terrorizing us. I also forbid you from putting obstacles in our way or kicking up smokescreens around us. In the Name of Jesus, I forbid you from touching us physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, of financially, and I break your connection to us so you cannot find us in the spirit.

If we look at scriptural examples of dealing with evil spirits

We see that they were always commanded to leave

We see no examples of evil spirits being sent to Hell

In the story of the man possessed with many demons

The demons were afraid Jesus would send them into the abyss

But, Jesus never did anything like that

Sending demons into the abyss is reserved for the end times – Rev 20:1-2

Even in the story of the legion of demons going into the pigs – Luke 8:26-37

Jesus did not specifically tell them to go into the pigs

He simply told them to go

There is only one example where Jesus asked a demon its name

And it was in this story of the man in the country of the Gerasenes – Luke 8:26-37

I never ask demons their names

And even if they told me their name I wouldn't trust it

Because they're of their father the devil who cannot tell the truth – John 8:44

We never let demons manifest and make a show

If they start acting up or talking

We command them in Jesus' Name to be silent and be still – Mark 1:22-27

Granted, here in the US you're usually dealing with people who are demonized

Not people who are fully possessed

But, Deborah and I have dealt with demon possessed people right here in the US

I Cor 12:10 – the Holy Spirit gift of distinguishing/discerning of spirits

If you're going to deal with evil spirits

Then you really need this gift operating through you

Because it's this gift that tells you

What kind of spirit you're deal with – evil, human, Godly

What the spirit is and how it operates

How to deal with it and dispatch it

In the Name of Jesus, I bind any spirit not of the Holy Spirit and cast it away from your physical, spiritual, and emotional person.

This is a great prayer to pray over someone you are ministering to

When you suspect that an evil spirit might be involved in their lives

Hindering their healing, or bringing sickness or false symptoms.

BEFORE MINISTRY

Father, in the Name of Jesus I plead the Blood of Jesus over us to protect us in the spirit as we minister. I bind up and drive away any lying spirits that would try to work around us or the people we are ministering to – I forbid their operations around us, in Jesus Name. I also bind up any human spirits that would get in the way of your Holy Spirit operating through us in any way He chooses. Send your angels to watch over us and guard us during this time of ministry. We empty ourselves of ourselves so that you can fill us with your Holy Spirit and so that rivers of living water can flow out of our innermost beings into those we are ministering to. Open our minds, eyes, hearts, and ears to your Holy Spirit and pour out on us your Grace so that we will be completely yielded to You during this ministry time and so that we be literally the fullness of your Son Jesus.

I might also pray some of the other prayers here, like the prayer against curses

Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, [6] who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Joh 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

AFTER MINISTRY CLEANSING PRAYER

Father, we thank you for this wonderful time of ministry we have had together and for the many ways You have loved on people and touched their lives through our hands. In the Name of Jesus, I bind up any evil or human spirits that may have attached themselves to us and I break them off of us and command them to leave us and become to us inert and harmless. In the Name of Jesus, I forbid any kind of human or spiritual retaliation against us or ours because of the work we did in ministry. Refill us with your Holy Spirit and your power, giving us rest for the weary. Bring our hearts and minds into your Peace that passes all understanding and remind us to rejoice because our names are written in the Lambs Book of Life.

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. [30] "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Joh 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

DEALING GENERALLY WITH EVIL SPIRITS

Here are several miscellaneous prayers

Father, deliver us from evil. Deliver us from evil spirits, evil people, innocent people caught up in evil, and the evil that's in our own hearts.

This comes out of the Lord's prayer

In the Name of Jesus, I drive away any evil or unclean spirits from around us, from our properties, cars, homes, work, play, school, and animals. I plead the Blood of Jesus over all of us as a sign in the Spirit that we are off-limits to demonic entities.

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up and drive away from us any familiar or ancestral spirits, and I break the connection they have with us in the spirit realm so they cannot find us.

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up and drive away any spirits of infirmity or affliction or any spirits that would bring sickness of any kind and I forbid your operations against us. I drive away any spirits of arthritis, cancer, auto-immune disease,

_____.
In the Name of Jesus, I bind up and forbid the operation of any lying spirit that would bring false symptoms, especially for those we have prayed healing prayers over recently, and for _____. In the Name of Jesus, I command these false symptoms to leave.

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up and forbid the operation of any lying spirit that would bring false emotions of depression, despair, anger, rage, guilt, shame, jealousy, fear, trauma, etc.

EVIL PRINCES

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up the evil princes that have been assigned to Kiambu, Kenya, Charlotte, _____, our families, our businesses, our churches, _____. In His Name I forbid your operations against us and I forbid you from hindering, oppressing, or terrorizing us, the Kingdom of God, the people of God, and the children of God.

Dan 10:12-13, 20 – picture of angels fighting against evil princes over certain areas

It appears to me that there is an implication here about prayer and evil princes

It seems to me that it was Daniels continued fasting and prayer

That gave the angels the strength they needed to continue this 3 week long battle

Eph 6:12 – we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against evil spirits

From the way Daniel and Paul describe things

There are hierarchies of authority in the spirit world

Paul says we have been dropped in the middle of a struggle, a battle, a war

And, we're expected to fight this battle

Too many people are afraid of the devil and want to just ignore him

Others will fight against evil spirits in their family or church

But they're afraid to take on the prince over an area

They say

"Oh, those demon prices are too powerful for an ordinary Christian like me"

I have news for you

You're not an ordinary Christian without authority in the spirit realm

You're

The righteousness of God in Christ

The Temple of the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit who lives in you

The fullness of Jesus who lives His life in and through you

The one who has been given all authority, all power over all the works of the devil

IF God calls you to stand against evil princes

Then, by all means, do that

Put on the whole armor of Eph 6:13-17

Use the offensive weapons of Eph 6:17-18, the Word of God and prayer

And go after those evil princes in the Name and authority of Jesus

But, if God has not called you to stand against evil princes

Then don't worry about it

Leave to someone else who has that call and anointing

BINDING UP THE STRONG MAN

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up the strong man over our churches and I forbid your operations against us. You can't have our vision, and you can't have our people. You can't stop our growth or miracles.

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up the strong man over _____. I forbid your operations against them and command that you cannot prevent them from stopping smoking.

In the Name of Jesus, I bind up the strong man over the _____ family. I forbid your operations against them and command that you can't steal away their peace, you can't have their finances, _____.

These are just 3 examples of this kind of prayer

Any time the enemy seems to have a stronghold in an area or someone's life

Bind up the strong man over that area and forbid the operation of that evil spirit

The strong man is evil spirit that's been assigned to a person, family, or situation

Mark 3:22-27 – bind up the strong man before plundering his house

Jesus presents a spiritual principle for dealing with certain evil spirits

These are evil spirits who've been assigned to a person, family, organization, etc.

Luke 11:21-22 – a slightly different wording of this concept