

*Power of God
is found in the
Secret Place*



43. 'Live According to the Spirit'

Volume Two: a Study of Spiritual Warfare.

'Intimacy in the Father', in 'closest relationship', one can truly make 'Him known' (Jn 1:18)

Day #43: Led by Another Spirit

“Live According to the Spirit”

The most precious gift that you and I possess is our ability to whistle a tune in the midst of adversity and praise the precious Name of Jesus; this regardless of what you are facing.

Scripture:

Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. (*Is. 40:31 NKJV*)

Born of the Spirit: though you are purposed by the Cross to rise up like an eagle, the *Evil One* would have you with all your powerful talons removed, your broad wings plucked, and your grand beak broken. So that you may remain one that is bald, broken, and naked; devoid of the Glory and Anointing of the Lord. For that is his intent and purpose; for as a ***Snake on the ground he is terrified of the Christian who operates in the full ‘flight’ of the Holy Ghost.*** So this is why he is continually at work to ‘blind you from Truth’ and to continually bring you to fight him (*or his demons*) in his own arena, in the ring and conditions that he presents and sets up; so that you remain discouraged and disillusioned. This is, therefore, the importance of learning to walk according to the Holy Spirit; in the Joy of the Lord.

The Christian expects to live their life now in ‘Utopia’ but that is a fable, for this is not found on earth but only in Heaven. On earth, in this life, **“you will have trouble”** but take heart Jesus **has** ‘overcome your world’ on your behalf (*John 16:33*). It is in Jesus and in your ability to delight in Him, love Him, and praise His Holy Name even **right in front of the *Great Enemy***; it is here where the Lord lifts you up into His Heavenly realms and protects, provides, and fights on your behalf. It is in your ability to **whistle a tune** and praise the Name of Jesus even in front of the *Enemy (who brings adversity)* that is most powerful; for you enter even the Most Holy Place, the inner sanctuary of the Most High, the “Secret Place of the Tabernacle” of God (*Ps. 27:5*) ... **and the same then is drawn increasingly upon your life.** Heaven descends and the *Enemy* is destroyed in whatever form he has taken or tries to present himself, and Life of the Spirit comes in its place.

How can a believer walk in spiritual warfare if he is not living fully yielded to the Holy Spirit? How can a believer be successful in spiritual warfare when he still lives submitted to other spiritual influences and lures in his own soul? The Christian life on this earth is not Utopia but a continual dressing in the Armour of God, for it is those who come to “wait upon the Lord that **shall** renew their strength.” To live full of the Holy Spirit is to become one who is free of other spiritual bearings or strongholds in their own soul, regardless of how real they are being presented to you right now; and in this you live under an open Heaven. Now how you come to see, walk, and live in the Spirit is so vastly different to that of the eyes and ways of the ‘carnal mind’.

The principles and pictures painted in the Gospel Message (*the Terms of the Covenant*) are made clear for the purpose to protect you from the ‘snares’, the legal footholds, and the degrading nature of the *Enemy*. And they are also there to guide you in the principles of the Path of Life, Power, and of the Spirit. With the “Belt of Truth” buckled around your waist, and your “feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace” (*Eph. 6*), you find yourself abiding in the arena of the Spirit of God, and from here address the *Enemy* and his works from this place of Authority. Operating under Heavenly terms and conditions, and not how, where, and under what the *Enemy* wishes to draw you into; under his terms and conditions.

Unto to ‘me’ a Child has been given (Is. 9:6) ... and He carries me so very close in His Heart ... and He feeds me like a Shepherd tending His sheep.

Unto you personally the “Child is given”, and His own very purpose is to draw you so close to His Heart (*His Bosom*) and to feed you as a Shepherd tending His sheep (*Is. 40:11*). **For a ‘secret’ wonder** is this: that the Father is actively looking upon the earth for those who worship Him in both spirit and in truth (*John 4:23-24*) and to these He comes upon ever richly. It is, therefore, through a culture of ‘prayer’ that prepares the way for the coming of the Lord. The seeking of the Lord through a hunger for His Word, for the Spirit, and the Kingdom of God manifest. And even through a culture of fasting and waiting upon the Lord; this prepares as a “highway for our God” ... and He comes. **God Himself seeds the path of His own**

arrival. Your feeble flesh is being replaced with the Strength, Might, and Authority of the Lord.

Scripture:

³ **Prepare the way of the LORD;** make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; **The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;** for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. **He will feed His flock like a shepherd;** He will gather the lambs with His arm, **And carry them in His bosom,** and gently lead those who are with young. *(Isaiah 40 NKJV)*

This same Heart of the Father is expressed for each one of us today, that we all can come and prepare the way for a greater and continual arrival of the immense and unfathomable Kingdom of God. **The caravan train of the Glory of the Lord.** It is your heart opened to the Lord, in a heart of preparation for Him, that becomes as an open highway unto God.

To be “carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” *(Rom. 8:6)*. A true and right Christian guide for your life is this: **Life, Peace, Love, and Power;** for these are of the Spirit of God. But the opposite occurs through the suggestions of the common spirits of Religion, they are: legalism, accusations, criticism, forms of hatred, and pride. These things are of the **carnal mind** and are opposed to the Holy Spirit and are at enmity against all who desire to walk according to the Spirit of God.

Scripture:

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. *(Rom. 8:1 NKJV)*

Ah, what an encouragement: now you can plainly see that “there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” But then, let us read this Scripture a little more closely: clearly this is dependent on whether or not you walk “according to the Spirit” and no longer “according to the flesh.”

For if you live according to the Spirit the Accuser cannot condemn you, *ie*; he has no grip or hold over you or your life. He has **no legal right**. The accusations of others, even the accusations coming into your own mind, seeded by foul lying spirits; are all snuffed out in the Presence of the Lord. Snuffed out by the Vengeance of the Person of God in whom you choose to delight in, to live and breathe in, each and every day.

Even though you believe in Jesus and have received the Holy Spirit, but unless you live according to the Spirit of God then the spirits of Hell still find their root. They still find an open door and legal right to gain an influence and hold over you. And if you retain a life of agreement with them, *ie*; partnering with them, then they gain a greater bearing and control over you, until you even **forget who you are in the Lord**. In stark contrast however, in choosing daily to turn your heart unto the Lord, you find yourself living in agreement with the Holy Ghost, *ie*; partnering with Him, and it is He who begins to gain greater 'control' over you; a greater bearing and influence in your life, bringing a deep sense of Identity in the Lord.

In many ways, the Holy Spirit is not allowed in the churches of our current age and generation. Believers give "lip service but their **hearts** remain far away from Him" (*Is. 29:13*). Christians are like "sheep who have lost their way" and many hide behind rocks and cry out, "where is God?", especially at times of great loss or difficulties. But the truth of it is that the believer, though being able to quote Scripture or act in Christian culture, still can remain ignorant and blind to the ways of God. Being caught up with the "doctrines of man" (*Matt. 15:9*) but remaining structurally malnourished and **spiritually castrated**.

Under the eyes of man the unimportant can be elevated as so important and the important reduced to insignificance (*Jer. 6:14*). But this is to be expected for even the *Evil One* goes around masquerading as an angel of light (*2 Cor. 11:14*) drawing people away from closeness in the Person of Jesus and the fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit. Setting the believer to focus on the flesh, human reliance, and understanding; and all in the Name of Jesus. Eyes set upon the carnal, the temporary and the unfruitful. Even man becoming reliant on man, seeking the approval of man but not

instructed on how to be reliant and how to seek the **approval of the Father** (*John 5:44*).

This sowing of tares (*Matt. 13*) is not the fault of the Church but the cunning work and effort of the *Enemy*. For it is the deceptive nature of the *Evil One* that sows spirits of Doubt, Unbelief, Misdirection, and Blindness. But there is a beautiful answer, right here and now, and His Name is Jesus. The personally given Jesus: for unto us “**a Child has been given.**” Let us all first and foremost recognise that we ourselves are not the answer, that we ourselves do not have it all, and let us all start from this most basic root of humility. And all the more “prepare the way” for His coming, even as a “highway for our God.”

Pray this prayer with me. *‘Thank you Lord, I make the decision to walk according to the Spirit from this day forth, even to rise up like an eagle. And I choose to earnestly seek you daily in the secret place so that you even may show me how. Lord, this one thing I seek is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost manifest in me and my life, increasingly each and every day. And that the Perfect Love of God may rise up in me and go against the cunning of the Enemy. In you I lay my heart, please come. In Jesus Name. Amen’.*



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a matter
of size,
but *is* a matter
of how big
God is
in your eyes”.

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God is real. The one who is LOVE and is LIFE is real and He wants to be a part of your life. He deeply wants to meet you where you are at and in what you face each day. He desires to rise up from within in ways that are tangible; that you see, sense and feel. His Presence made manifest and His Fruits and Gifts abundant in your life and in your world.