



The Kingdom of God Is a War of Words

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An Open Door of Access

In order for satan to move in spiritual warfare as the New Testament talks about, he has to look for an access (1 Peter 5:8). He is not omnipresent like God is, so he has to move quickly from place to place. Therefore, he must look for an entrance into the natural realm because he does not have the constant access and dominion of Lordship that God has. So satan is always looking for a weakness to interject himself into time and space. We see that with Judas. We see it with Peter when Yeshua (Jesus) turned and said, “Get behind Me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23). As a result of what Peter was going through in his own spiritual conflict, he became an open door for satan to literally speak and move through him.

Whenever satan moves, he is always trying to destroy the Christ coming forth. Herod was very open to the demonic world, so the devil could easily move through him. When Yeshua was born, satan attempted to kill the young King in His weakness as a child. Thus, satan moved through Herod to slay “all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under” (Matthew 2:16). That was a very demonic, satanic activity. It required an open door for satan to inject himself into this time-space world. In contrast, God is always working with us to have an immunity from illness, satanic influence, and spiritual warfare.



Put on the Full Armor of God

We understand that there is such a thing as spiritual warfare. Paul wrote, “Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). What is the armor of God? It is our protection from the spiritual battle. So the concept is that if we put on the full armor of God, then we will not be vulnerable. If satan comes, he will not find a place to attack. Yeshua clearly said, “The ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30). There was no access in Yeshua for satan to use Him in any way as a vessel in this realm—unlike what the devil found in Peter, Judas, Herod, and others.

We live in a time when satan is looking for access. He is looking for ways to break through any immunity or move through any open channel or human weakness to execute his plan, which we know is the destruction of all flesh (Matthew 24:22). The devil is always seeking to destroy and devour. We are in a time of spiritual warfare, which is a great time for us to grow into a new awareness and move in God on another level. So I want to give you some practical things in the Scriptures that we can exercise.



Lies

Satan Is the Father of Lies

Beginning with the Gospel of John, I want to emphasize the point that satan is a lie; he is the father of lies. That is what he does. You are going to understand that spiritual warfare is simple: it is a war of words. God's Words will come out of your mouth, and we are warring against the lies coming out of satan's mouth—whether that manifests in an individual, in a situation, or however he expresses it. Remember, satan is always looking for someone to come through: a person, a disciple, an apostle. All he needs to be able to manifest is to find a weakness where someone buys into his lie.

In John the eighth chapter, Yeshua is speaking to those who had believed in Him and says, "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Anytime there is a lie or a lack of truth, you have a satanic injection. It cannot be God. Yeshua is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). God is always truth. He is always love. God is always rightness and everything He does will have that fingerprint on it. On the other hand, satan is a murderer from the beginning. The devil is a liar and everything he does is lie. The Greek does not have an article before it; satan is lie, not "the lie" or "a lie." God is love and satan is lie. The devil is the very manifestation of that word in its entirety. He is lie and he will always start by lying about God.



The Word of God Is Filled with His Goodness

You do not need discernment or perception to know the difference between love and hate. God is very easy to identify. So are His qualities, His attributes, and His personality. You can tell if something is of God or not because even if the Father is disciplining you, it is with love. He may be chastening every son whom He receives, but you will be overwhelmed with His love (Hebrews 12:6). If not, then know that satan is lying to you about the Father and His good intentions toward you.

When God speaks, it is filled with His personality. And when you speak God's Word, it will be freighted with all the attributes of God (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). Yeshua was a channel to speak the Word of God. He said, "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak" (John 12:49). When satan moves and speaks, his words are freighted with his personality: death, lies, division, competition, hatred, and condemnation. When we believe satan's lies about the source or motivation of God's discipline, we get a duplicitous feeling about the Father. But we can divide between the truth and the lie. The Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, and it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). The words of life and truth are what counteract and tear down the lies of satan out of the realm of spirit. So there must be a speaking of the truth.



God's Words Are Creative

Yeshua said, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works” (John 14:10). It is interesting how Yeshua connects the idea of works and words. Why? Because God’s words are creative, and we must step into that anointing to do His works. But when you hear and believe satan’s accusations against God, it makes you feel like a victim: “I’m in this horrible circumstance; there’s nothing I can do about it.” That is satan’s lie to make the sons of God feel like victims. When you feel like a victim, you act and function like a victim. We know we have the victory, but we have to speak it. “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4). Likewise, Paul declared, “In all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:37).

In this end-time, men and women are going to speak the Word of the Lord—just as Yeshua was commanded by God in His day to speak the Words of the Father (John 8:26). God commands us to speak a living Word into the realm of spirit that creates the age to come. But if we believe the lie of the enemy, it stops us. First you accept the lie about God, next the lie about yourself, and then the lie about your brother. The devil is not creative, so it works the same way every time. God is creative. Every time God moves, it is a creative act. That is why the things of God always continue to unfold in multiple fulfillments of a Word from God.

However, satan is always doing the same thing over and over. You will always face the same pattern when he lies to you about God. As soon as satan starts lying to you about the Father, you go into doubt: “Well, if God is not going to move, then I’m really in trouble. I prayed, but satan says that God is not going to come through.” The lie always paints the Father out to be our enemy, our adversary, and the One who is failing us. Then we begin to see ourselves as failures. You are not a failure, but your success is in a Word from God (Joshua 1:8). That is who and what we are. That is what we do. We are here to be the mouthpiece of God. We are to speak His Word into existence and walk just as Yeshua walked. God’s Word is the war of the Kingdom because the Kingdom of God is a war of words. And either satan’s words and image about the Father win, or God’s Word and His truth win.



Speak the Word of the Lord

When Yeshua comes, He will slay the lawless one with the breath of His mouth (2 Thessalonians 2:8). The Word that we speak is that effective. Get out of your victim mentality. You are not a victim. And if you understand that it is really a war of words, then it will make sense to you what your response should be. When something negative is happening, you speak against it. But when you are under this lie about yourself, you are convinced that nothing good will happen because the circumstance seems to be rooted in something different than words. But it is not. Paul says, “The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses” (2 Corinthians 10:4). Our weapons are mighty through God to the tearing down of strongholds. Everything that satan builds by his word of lie, we have the ability to tear down by the Word of truth. Yeshua will slay the wicked one by the breath of His mouth and by the brightness of His appearance. I love that. Your words are mighty.

Read Matthew 13 about the Parable of the Sower and the parable of the Wheat and Tares. God by His Word is creating His Kingdom, and satan by his word is trying to create his kingdom. We know that God's Word works because He created the whole universe by a Word from God. He spoke and it happened. All satan can do is mimic God's highest principle—that of speaking a word. Yeshua said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). The Word of God will never pass away. It will always be creating and creating and creating. Throughout eternity, God's Word is going to create. It is the underlying creative force and foundation of everything that has existed, that exists today, and that will ever exist. The ages are framed by a Word from God, and we are to speak that Word (Hebrews 11:3).



Our Weapons Are Mighty Through God

When you look at the world today, it just seems like everything is too big and too scary because so much is going on. But it is a war of words. We must realize that we have this mighty instrument of speaking a Word from God. God's Word is the most powerful effective thing that exists. If we move into speaking it and really understand the principles behind how this works, then we will have the most powerful and effective method of tearing down the kingdom of satan and ushering in the Kingdom of God. We can change our personal circumstances and change the circumstances of this age that we live in. Our weapons are mighty through God. Father, convince us of that! Like Elisha prayed for his servant who was so sacred, I wish God would open our eyes to see how powerful it is to stand in this place of oneness and speak a Word from God (2 Kings 6:15–17). It works, has worked, does work, and will work.

We are going to stand and speak by prophetic proclamation with authority in oneness the Word that God has given us. That Word is the powerful weapon we have been given, and it has the ability to tear down every lie. So find Scriptures, speak an anointed Word, and start tearing down specific lies and accusations against God in this age and in our society. Because satan will use human instruments, we know that we have to move in love, and we cannot hate our enemy. We know satan is our enemy, but we do not even really contend with him. We speak God's Word. We execute the judgment written (Psalm 149:9). That Word of God tears down satan's words.

There are so many positive things right now that are happening in your life. Do not get into a wrestling match with the devil and do not hate people. They are driven and motivated by this lie and this satanic spirit. The only hope we have is to speak a Word from God that sets them free from the deception. We must break the lies that they are under, and we do not accomplish that by getting into a human level conflict. That will never work. Instead, I believe God has positioned us. We are ready to impact our community, our state, this nation, and the globe. So we are going to speak an anointed Word that will work—not because of us, but because we speak the Word of the Lord.

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