



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Wage War in Righteousness

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

God is always looking for the righteous to align with Him for the destiny of our lives and our nations. As much as *"the effective, fervent prayer of a righteousness man avails much"* Jas 5:16b, we face the adversary who seeks to block the destiny of our lives and nations. The devil is constantly looking for ground to curse us so that we are weakened and defeated.

SP warns us to not be ignorant of his three schemes namely, the *"anti-dikos"* (1 Pet 5:8) who brings a law-suit, the *"katagoros"* (Rev 12:10) who makes a complaint in the courts of heaven and the *"strong man"* with legal rights (Matt 12:29). We need to wage war against this enemy who is all out to block our destiny as he constantly seeks to steal, kill and destroy.

WAGE WAR IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. **Walk in righteousness.** SP emphasized that we can all pray, but only the prayers of a righteous man is effective (Jas 5:16b).

The righteous man:

- i) **knows he has right standing with God.** He is justified by faith and he has peace with God through the completed work of Christ on the cross (Rom 5:1 & 2 Cor 5:21). The gift of righteousness that he has received is one that can neither be worked for nor earned (Rom 5:17).
 - ii) **hears and does the Word of God.** He has the right believing and hence, the right living. He not merely hears, but applies the Word of God in daily living (Matt 7:24-25).
 - iii) **has a working knowledge of the spiritual weapons.** They include the name of Jesus, the blood of Christ and the sword of the Spirit. Fears, anxiety and stress (FAS) are from the devil. We can overcome the FAS of life by wielding such thoughts and lies with the sword of the Spirit.
 - iv) **does not fight with the weapons of the world.** *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh."* 2 Cor 10:3
2. **Walk in relational unity and agreement with those who know how to wield the keys of the Kingdom.** Such persons include those who are plugged in the body of Christ, the functional elders of the gates of the nation and the watchmen.

3. **Get judgement in righteousness.** Rev 19:11 reveals God as one who judges in righteousness.

How can we get judgment in righteousness?

- i) Like the persistent widow in Luk 18:1-8, we can **approach God as our judge** to seek justice for ourselves from our adversary. We need to get the Judge to dismiss the case against us.
- ii) **Know the finished works of Christ** on the cross. God alone justifies us and there is no sin that cannot be forgiven because Jesus has nailed it to the cross (Rom 8:31, 33; Col 2:13-15)
- iii) **Appropriate the finished works of Christ on the Cross** by confession and repentance of our sins to ask for forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9) so that Satan has no legal ground against us.

Primary Areas where Satan may have legal grounds against us: 1) Sin, transgression, iniquity 2) Our bloodline 3) Our own judgemental words 4) Words of those with Spiritual Authority 5) Words of those in positions of authority over you 6) Motives of the hearts	7) Failing to tithe 8) Unresolved relational conflicts 9) Failing to look after widows, orphans, aliens 10) Husbands failing to honour their wives 11) Failing to show mercy 12) Failing to forgive 13) Grieving the Holy Spirit 14) Quenching the Holy Spirit
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We also appropriate the blood to cleanse us from all defilement (2 Cor 7:1), and to cover the legal ground-foothold-doorway given to the evil one (Eph 4:27).

4. **Make war** (Rev 19:11) to claim back what the enemy has stolen by prophetic declaration of the Word of God. After seeking judgement from God, we can proceed to make war by declaring what the bible says in order to claim back what the enemy has stolen from us. Subsequently, we continue to walk out our victory by declaring what the Word says, appropriating the blood of Christ and praying continually.

CONCLUSION

We can render prayers that are unhindered and pray effectively only if we are righteous. We can only stand righteous before our God in the court of heaven when we overcome our enemy by waging war against him in righteousness. Other than walking in righteousness, in relational unity and agreement with those who know how to wield the keys of the Kingdom, we need to get judgment in righteousness so that Satan has no legal ground against us. It is only after having all cases against us dismissed in the court of heaven that we can make war against the enemy to claim back what has been stolen by prophetic declaration of the Word of God.

QUESTIONS

In what ways have you changed the way you have prayed after this series on Effective Prayer?

Identify the grounds you may have given to the enemy and what effects it has had in your life.

With a fellow cell-member, take turns to confess and appropriate the blood of Christ to cover the legal ground-foothold-doorway given to the evil one. Identify verses from God's word to speak forth and prophetically claim back what the enemy has stolen.