

Administrating Christ's Victory for Cities and Nations

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There are three elemental things that govern the victory of Christ and His kingdom in time and space. They are eternal things which must be brought to their completion—their full impact so to speak—in the created world for the victory which has been won in the incarnation, atoning sacrifice, resurrection, and ascension of Christ to be finished; then the end will come.

In Psalm 110, the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament, David portrays redemptive history revolving around the ascended Christ enthroned as Lord while those who are His subjects, the citizens of Zion, move into the world at large to administratively bring it under His dominion. So David writes, "The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.' The Lord will extend Your mighty scepter from Zion; You will rule in the midst of Your enemies. Your [people] troops will be willing on the day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn You shall receive the dew of Your youth [followers with the strength of youth]."

Here the picture of the throne of God is central to all of history, and the Christ of God is the central ruling factor of history. Here He is ruling through His ready and willing regiments of warrior/servant/governors until the war for the ascendancy of rule in this world is completed.

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From a heavenly standpoint, all of the created order is within this great King's courts, and every aspect is being brought under His government by the process of being placed under His footstool. Heaven is Christ's throne room and the earth is His foot-stool. (Is 66:1a) In the end, all of Christ's enemies—all other dominions, all other authorities, all other powers will be brought under His feet in this sense: the victor is the one who puts his foot on the head/neck of the vanquished foe. Through this act the victor makes peace; and, of course, we are talking about Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

This is the war we are in today. Every passage of scripture that alludes to war in any way is referring to this war in some way.

Every war is fought in an arena and with specific weapons. These two things more than any others (besides the opponents themselves) define the strategy, the tactics, and ultimately the victory of every conflict. The arena of this war at this time is this created world in which we live.

The weapons of our adversary are accusation, deception, theft, and destruction. He is a formidable foe to those who do not see him and/or the

"Then the end will come, when He hands over the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power: For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet"

—1 Corinthians 15:24, 25

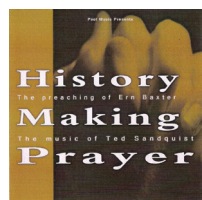
weapons he wields in the light of reality. He has millennia of experience and thus much practice in his war craft. He would have no power were he unable to steal it, and no strength were it not for those under his sway. His ends are always destruction, and that is what his own final state shall be, praise God!

The first of the three elements that govern Christ's victory is what I will call **the power of redemption**. I use the word element here to communicate something as fundamental to the order of things in this war as the elements are to the created order. Redemption is in the nature of God Himself and as such has been sown into the creation. Redemption was written into the plan for His creation as well as placed into that part of creation that was uniquely made in His image—man. I use the word "power" in my choice of terms to communicate the truth that God has not only accomplished redemption in Christ, but He is also providing it to His troops as a weapon of power in the war. It was so in the Old Covenant and is even more powerfully so in the New Covenant.

Satan's weapons—accusation, deception, theft, and destruction—are the best he could come up with as a created being who has deserted his appointed place in the order of God. His weapons have power only in darkness and against fallenness. God's weapons are of His own eternal nature. They are powerful to the pulling down of strongholds, the overcoming of gates, and the liberation of captives. These elemental, governing factors when taken up as weapons for victory in this war are to the enemy's sorry weaponry as atomic weapons to conventional weapons. There is no comparison in the arena of power.

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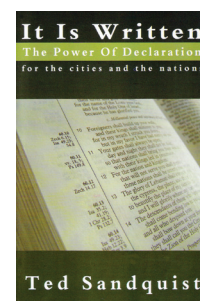
The second atomic weapon in our arsenal is what I call **the power of declaration**. The elemental substance here is the Word of God. Nothing can stand up to the Word of God. Once sown it will never return void. It will accomplish that for which it was sent. What makes the Word of God a weapon in any given battle is its use by those engaged in the war. It was made to be spoken in faith by the faithful in the face of confrontations of all sorts, just as Jesus did in the record we have in the fourth chapter of Matthew. Jesus was tempted in the arenas of the personal, the household of God, and the nations of the earth. His response was, "It is written ..." in each and every arena. The power is in what we declare and the dynamic of the spoken Word in faith. Each generation has territory to take back and the appropriate Word with which to do it.

The third weapon of which I speak is **the power of dedication**. By this time many of you are already relating these weapons to the passage

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from Revelation 12 where it is revealed that "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Those who love someone and something (his person, his rule, his victory, his ways) more than their own temporal existence have power—the power of dedication. This power is the power of the martyrs, but it is not limited to them. This is the power of the Spirit working in the wills of the people of God who are so connected to their Source that they see through to the eternities in the midst of the battle. This enables them to make self-sacrificing choices in the right time and at the right place. These people do not live for themselves, nor do they live by their own power. They do not create the power of dedication: they live in it just as they live in the Spirit.

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