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Our Weapons are Not Carnal

Derek Prince

To understand spiritual warfare, we need to understand our weapons and what we are fighting against. Scripture reveals that at the present time Satan's headquarters are in the heavenlies, and instructs that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV) Paul gives us a clear picture of this in his letter to the Ephesians: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12, KJV)

The King James Version, while quite familiar, does not give us the most accurate translation. Let's break this verse down into a more literal understanding of the Greek. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers..."

In Ephesians and other passages, the words principalities and powers are often joined closely together. The word principality is derived directly from the Greek word for ruler. The word power is the word for authority. So I prefer to say that our wrestling match as believers is not against flesh and blood, not against human beings, but against rulerships and the realms of their authority. It is also: "against the rulers of the darkness of this world..."

A more literal wording of this would be: "Against the world rulers of the present darkness." The darkness of this present age has a world headquarters, from which it is ruled. The headquarters is the mid-heaven and the ruler is Satan. In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air." He is, then, the ruler of the realm of authority that is defined by the air. Many people picture Satan living down in the bowels of the earth. He is not there; he is in the heavenlies.

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Derek Prince

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"Arise shine; for your light has come! For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you."

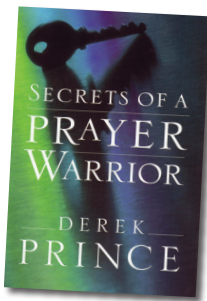
—Isaiah 60:1-2

Obviously he is not in the heaven that is God's dwelling; he was cast down from that. But neither is he on earth. Revelation 12:9 tells us that a time is coming when he will be cast down out of the heavenlies onto earth. Then it says he is going to make all the trouble he can in the short time that is left to him. But in the meanwhile, up to the fulfillment of that passage in Revelation 12, his headquarters are in the mid-heaven.

We also wrestle: "against spiritual wickedness in high places." The King James wording *high places* here is completely misleading. The same Greek word is used numerous times in Ephesians, and in each of these places it is correctly translated "heavenly." So, let's view our more literal translation of Ephesians 6:12: "Our wrestling match is not against flesh and blood, but against rulerships and the realms of their authority, against the world rulers of the present darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies."

This is the nature of our spiritual conflict. The book of Daniel gives us a vivid picture of such battles as they progress. Daniel, taken from Israel to Babylon as a youth, through a study of prophetic scriptures became aware of the Babylonian captivity coming to a close. (Daniel 9:2) Accordingly, Daniel entered into repentance and a 21-day period of prayer and partial fasting. (Daniel 9:2, 10:2-3)

Daniel saw what God had committed Himself to do and responded with this attitude: "God, I'm in this with You. Count me in." Protracted prayer coupled with fasting as a powerful component is part of our calling as disciples in the Last Days. It is through prevailing prayer, fasting, and obedience that satanic strongholds are dismantled and the purposes of God brought to fulfillment.



FIRST FRIDAY February 5 PRAYER FOCUS

REPENTANCE / FAITH

"As the Church goes, so goes a nation." (See Page 3) Offer thanksgiving for the public stand being taken by more than 300,000 local church leaders and members for sanctity of life, traditional marriage, religious freedom, obedience to the Word of God, and sound doctrine (Acts 2:42, 6:4) which this represents. (www.ManhattanDeclaration.org) Intercede that the Holy Spirit will convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and will grant grace for "godly sorrow," true repentance, and "overcoming" to ruling elders and pastors, seminary teachers, all church leaders, and to individual believers. (Jn 16:8; 2 Cor 7:9,10; 1 Jn 5:2-4)

Intercede that millions of U.S. Christians will repent, read the Bible, seek the face of God, experience personal revival, and earnestly pray for spiritual awakening, effective evangelism, and church planting in their states, cities, and residential areas during the Forty Days to Palm Sunday, February 17 – March 28. (See Page 4)

NATIONAL SECURITY OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Offer thanksgiving for divine intervention which averted a terrorist attack on Christmas Day, and for the strategic review and debate over National Security. Intercede for more integrated and effective communication between all Intelligence, Homeland Security, and law enforcement agencies. Affirm the supremacy of Christ over the Obama administration, all diplomats, and U.S. embassies and consulates, the Pentagon, and military, the second session of the 111th Congress, the Supreme Court, and the 2.5 million federal workers. (Col 1:12-19) Intercede for exposure and cleansing from corruption and bribery at all federal, state, and local levels. Intercede as the Lord leads for matters before the Congress and the Supreme Court. (Ps 94:20,21)

WATER SUPPLIES

Crises and disputations over adequate water supplies are increasing. Offer thanksgiving to the Lord for granting inspiration for the invention of devices to desalinate sea water; pray that such advances be multiplied. (See Page 4) Intercede that legal cases over "water rights" between U.S. states such as Colorado and California be justly resolved. Intercede that the Lord show mercy and grant wisdom to all officials in charge of maintaining adequate supplies of water for humans, livestock, and agriculture, both in the U.S. and around the world. (Ps 24:1,2)



Lessons from the Life of Daniel

David Kubal

If anybody understood politics and the rise and fall of administrations, it was Daniel. His initial experiences were with Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Babylonians from 605-561 B.C. You probably know the story. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and Daniel interpreted it. Daniel and his three friends got promoted, but next there was a plot against them. Daniel's three friends were thrown into a blazing furnace. They were supernaturally delivered and even Nebuchadnezzar praised the God of the Hebrews. Nebuchadnezzar's son, Belshazzar, assumed the throne and threw a big party. The finger of God miraculously appeared and wrote on the wall. Daniel interpreted the words. The message predicted Belshazzar's demise, which brought Darius the Mede to the throne. Shortly after this we find Daniel in the lion's den. Daniel's deliverance in the lion's den caused Darius to honor God. The story continues ...

Ups and downs. Successes and failures. But a pattern emerges: God's chosen are in trouble, God supernaturally moves in the life of the King, the King honors God, God's chosen are spared, people around the King are jealous, God's chosen are in trouble once more and it starts again.

It is in Daniel, chapter 9 that we gain tremendous insight into the character of Daniel and how he handles the roller coaster of political leadership. Here are a few aspects of Daniel's life that act as examples to us:

He was a man of faith: "Then I set my face to the Lord God to make my request by prayer and supplication with fasting, sackcloth and ashes." (Dan 9: 3) Daniel was not a young man at this point and with all the ups and downs, he was still full of faith. He remained willing to fight for God's purposes to be brought to earth. He easily could have given up many times before, but yet he expectantly interceded for his people. Daniel knew that at any point the King could receive a vision, a message, or writing "could appear" on the wall.

He carried a burden for the sins of his people: "... we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments." (Dan 9:5) Even though Daniel himself walked uprightly with God, his heart was pained that his fellow Jews did not. To the American mind this seems preposterous, but it is a great lesson for us—to accept a greater responsibility through prayer and discipleship for how fellow believers walk with God.

He understood the connection between faith and reality: "... the Lord has kept the disaster in mind and brought it upon us ..." (Dan 9:14, 16) In Daniel's mind there was an obvious connection between disasters and people's sins. To him it appears that God, though long suffering, is not a God who will forever permit people to behave the way they desire. As with individuals, God has the ability to corporately guide a nation's actions by the retributions and calamities He permits them to experience. After national disasters it is suddenly acceptable to say "our thoughts and prayers are with you." The rest of the time there are ongoing efforts to eliminate public prayer.

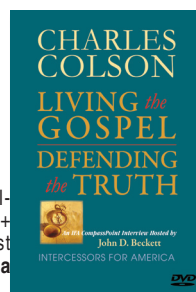
We can learn much from Daniel. We have seen many political ups and downs in recent days. While the present seems particularly dark, we must remain people of expectant faith. With "fasting, sackcloth and ashes," we must continue to intercede for our country. At any point God's finger could write on the wall of the Oval Office and deliver words that could transform many things in short order. We also must surrender our self-centered individuality in order to carry a burden for the righteousness of all the followers of Christ. We need to be pained at the things that pain God's heart.

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How to Ascertain The Will of God

George Mueller

I NEVER REMEMBER, in all my Christian course, a period now (in March 1895) of sixty-nine years and four months, that I ever SINCERELY and PATIENTLY sought to know the will of God by the teaching of *the Holy Ghost*, through the instrumentality of the Word of God, but I have been ALWAYS directed rightly.

But if honesty of heart and uprightness before God were lacking, or if I did not patiently wait upon God for instruction, or if I preferred the counsel of my fellow men to the declarations of the Word of the living God, I made great mistakes.

I SEEK at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

1—Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

2—I seek the Will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

3—Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's Will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

4—I ask God in prayer to reveal His Will to me aright.

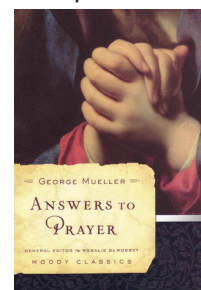
5—Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

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AS THE CHURCH GOES, SO GOES A NATION

Derek Prince

My theme is that in any nation where the church is established, God holds the church accountable for the condition of that nation. This is a sobering and far reaching thought.

Ultimately, what we want to do is reach and impact America. If I had to reach America directly today, this gathering would be the wrong place for me because all or nearly all of you are committed believers. But, to effectively reach America, anyone concerned has to reach the church. It is through the church that God reaches and impacts a nation. God also judges the church in a nation partly by the condition of the nation for which he holds the church accountable.

I don't know about you, but I am a little tired of that word revival. It is often wrongly applied to evangelistic church meetings. But in 1904 in the country of Wales in the British Isles, there was a genuine revival and it shook the whole nation. It affected everybody, everywhere. Wales was a nation of coal miners and the coal miners were wicked, foul-mouthed people. But when the revival hit the coal miners, it upset the whole of the coal mining operations. The mines used pit ponies to haul coal and the pit ponies were used to moving only when they were sworn at. When the miners no longer swore, the pit ponies didn't move. That gives you a little glimpse of the impact which a revival can have, a genuine revival.

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When God used Charles Finney (1792-1875) to foster revival which swept across cities in this nation, the power of God was so powerful that people walked into the city, not knowing what to expect, and some fell to their knees on the sidewalk and began to cry to God for mercy. Others sensed the manifest presence of God and avoided entering the city. That is a revival. It's not just a few people getting saved.

Finney often pointed out that the word revival means "bringing back to life." Evangelism is not revival. I thank God for evangelism, and my whole heart is in it, but what the church needs in this hour is not evangelism; it needs revival by the Holy Spirit. The church has been dead and needs to be brought back to life. Any national reformation must begin with revival and restoration in the church. That's where the action starts.

I believe that's what America needs. I believe there is no alternative. We have no other hope, but that God will respond to the prayers of His people and move in such a way that he will sovereignly touch millions of people.

Let's explore the two phrases found at the end of Ephesians, chapter 1—the body and the church. The church is the body of Christ. Christ is the head; the church is the body. An obvious fact, clear to all of us from our experience, is that my head cannot get anything done without the willing cooperation of my body. If I want to go through

"He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

—Ephesians 1:22,23

a door, my head may make the decision, but my feet have to take me through the door. If I want to pick up my Bible, my head makes the decision, but my hands have to lift the Bible. That is how it is with Christ as the head of the church. He has plans, desires and directives, but He cannot carry them out unless each member of the body cooperates.

You might say that Christ could set the body aside and just go ahead and do things Himself. Well, he won't. I've learned and experienced over the years that when God tells us to do something, He will never do it for us. You might contend that since Jesus told us to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations more than 20 centuries ago, and there are still many national groups that have never been reached, He might be tired of waiting and will come down and do it Himself. He will never do it. The job will not be done until the church does it.

Christ declares in Matthew 24:14 that He will not return until this primary mandate is completed: "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end shall come." Who is responsible for proclaiming the Gospel in all the world to all the nations? The church is. We are. Could you say, I am ("I am") jointly responsible ("jointly responsible") with all the rest of the body ("with all the rest of the body")? Jesus is not going to step down from heaven to take over. He's waiting. I think He's waiting patiently, but in another sense impatiently. How many other things have we permitted to take priority over this priority? A revived believer, a revived church, will earnestly endeavor to obey God in all things.

A related aspect is a little more complicated. The English word "church" is a very unfortunate word. Church obscures the real meaning of the New Testament Greek word for church, which is "*Ecclesia*"—from which we get such words as ecclesiastical. *Ecclesia* had a specific meaning in the Greek language in the time of Christ. It was the word for the governing body of a Greek city-state. Greece was basically made up of small city-states like Athens or Corinth. Each city-state had a governing body, which was called the *ecclesia*.

The word *ecclesia* is derived from a Greek verb meaning "to call out." Accordingly, the church is a body of people called out from the world to represent God and demonstrate His government. Here lies the problem with this

word church: it gives no indication of the fact that we are God's governing body in the earth. The most accurate English word is "assembly," but that too does not really do the job. In studying to catch up on American history, I found that at one time the Commonwealth of Virginia was governed by an "assembly of burgesses." In Colonial days assembly would have better connoted a governing body.

So what is the church? The *Ecclesia* is Christ's governing body on earth. We are responsible to heed His statutes, exercise "vice-regency," and administrate His government. You can see that this is a totally strange concept to the majority of churchgoers today. Yet, the Word of God is settled, and therefore Christ holds us accountable for the way we do it, or do not do it.

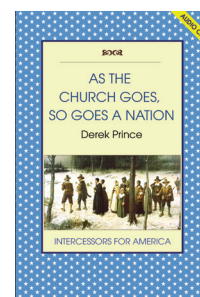
When we look at post-modern America and say "It's a mess; these people are awful," Jesus looks at us, the church, and asks "What are you doing about it? I hold you accountable in many respects, not all respects, for what your nation has become."

"Bend the church and bow the world."

Summing up—what God will do in America depends largely on what the church will do. Did you hear that? Should I say it again? What God will do in America depends largely on what the church will do. I'll give you one familiar scripture which is the number one scripture for all intercessors, 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people . . . I will heal their land." I've left out all of the middle, but what it means is that if God is to heal our land, His people will have to do something. If his people do not do it, He will not heal the land.

This is the bottom-line situation as I see it. I open and share this with you because if we want to change the nation, we have to start by praying for revival and changing the church. In the Welsh revival I referenced, God used a man named Evan Roberts. He had a slogan, "Bend the church and bow the world." If the church will bend, the world will bow. If the church will not bend to the Lord, the world will not bow. So in many ways, not in every respect, the destiny of America is in the hands of the church, people like us. Do we realize our responsibility? It is a very solemn responsibility.

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PRE-BORN PERSONHOOD MOVE GROWING

★ ARVADA, CO – As 2010 began, the Personhood USA movement entered its final six-week stretch in both Mississippi and Colorado to gather signatures to place constitutional amendments to protect the pre-born on their respective ballots. Pro-abortion “elites” are so angered by this one-year-old effort that in three states, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU teamed up and began to file lawsuits to stop personhood efforts before they are initiated! NARAL Pro-Choice America awarded Personhood USA as one of the top four threats to abortion in the country. For more information visit www.PersonhoodUSA.com. (ONN 1/5/10)

ABORTION IS NOT HEALTH CARE

★ WASHINGTON, DC – An “Abortion is Not Health Care” campaign was initiated in August and swept across the nation during the fall of 2009. It mobilized public prayer vigils, rallies, lobbying, demonstrations and prophetic pro-life witness on Capitol Hill. The main points of the collaborative effort were: 1) Not one dime of public money to pay for abortions. 2) A “Conscience Clause” to be retained to protect health providers that decline to perform abortions. 3) No federal mandate requiring health plans to cover abortions. 4) No state law restricting abortion would be invalidated. 5) Planned Parenthood never becomes an “essential community health provider.” “Abortion is Not Health Care” was spearheaded by the Christian Defense Coalition and other national pro-life organizations. (OR 8/6/09)

SCHLAFLY DOCUMENTS MONSTROSITY OF OBAMACARE

★ WASHINGTON, DC – Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly, founder of Eagle Forum (www.EagleForum.org) and a veteran leader of the pro-family movement since 1972, published “Ten New Reasons Why Obamacare Can Still Be Killed” on the first day of 2010. Documenting bribery, forced coverage, tax-funded abortion, rationing of care, new bloated bureaucracies and increased taxation, her astute outline became an envisioning rally cry before the 111th Congress convened for its second session to consider the Health Care Reform “monstrosity.”

Mrs. Schlafly is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington University, received her J.D. from Washington University Law School, and received her Master’s in Political Science from Harvard University. A mother of six, she was named one of the 100 most important women of the 20th century by the Ladies’ Home Journal. Her monthly newsletter called The Phyllis Schlafly Report is now in its 43rd year. A syndicated column appears in 100 newspapers. Eagle Forum radio commentaries are heard daily on 500 stations, and her radio talk show on education called “Eagle Forum Live” is heard weekly on 75 stations. (EF 1/1/10)

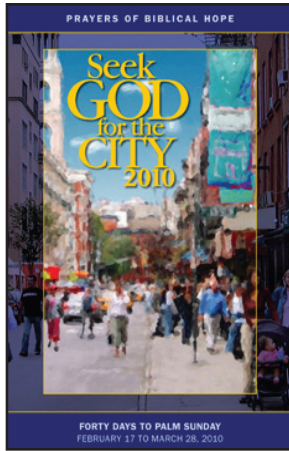
BILL INTRODUCED WOULD HELP GAYS FILL ADOPTION VACUUM

PHOENIX, AZ – Adoption, one of the social ministries most central to Christian theology, is facing political battles that could complicate and hinder the work of Christian agencies. As homosexual activists work to redefine marriage, they are also redefining adoption and adoption laws.

Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) has introduced the “Every Child Deserves a Family Act.” The Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance maintains that the proposed law could run “roughshod over the convictions of many faith-based adoption agencies” and “require every state to forbid every agency that it licenses from preferring mother-father families over gay families or single parents.”

Kay Ekstrom of the National Association of Christian Child and Family Agencies shares deep concern over the tens of thousands of children who remain stuck in foster care as Christians fail to step up to the challenge. “If every Christian church in America produced one adopting family, we could wipe out the list of waiting children,” says Ekstrom. “And if God’s people were responding to this need, the issue of adopting by gay people wouldn’t be an issue. All the children would have homes.” For information visit www.naccfa.org. (CT Jan 2010)

In America Today...



SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY FEB 17-MAR 28

★ AUSTIN, TX – “Before God acts, He wants to be asked.” With difficult days upon us, it is easy to become absorbed in personal needs and even fears. This annual Forty Days to Palm Sunday vigil fosters individual and congregational revival, imparts vision, and renews hope. An attractive

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NATIONAL CRIME RATES DROP

★ WASHINGTON, DC – National crime rates for the first half of 2009 dropped to the lowest in four decades according to the FBI. The national murder rate dropped 10 percent, despite high unemployment and a bad economy. Car thefts declined 19 percent, while violent and property crime fell by lower rates. New York City’s crime rates dropped to the lowest since record keeping began in 1963. The homicide rate in both Washington, DC and Los Angeles also fell by about 20 percent. (W NCPC 1/16/10)

HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR FLIERS FROM “TERROR PRONE” LANDS

★ WASHINGTON, DC – All travelers flying to the United States from other countries will face increased random screening, and all passengers from more than a dozen “terrorism-prone” nations will be patted down and have their carry-on bags searched, under new rules which went into effect on Monday, January 4. TSA officials declined to name all the “countries of interest,” but confirmed that the directive applies to the State Department’s list of state sponsors of terrorism. The State Department’s Web site lists Cuba, Iran, Sudan, and Syria as state sponsors of terrorism. A senior administration official identified the following as terrorism-prone nations or countries of interest to U.S. intelligence agencies: Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, and Yemen. (WP 1/4/10)

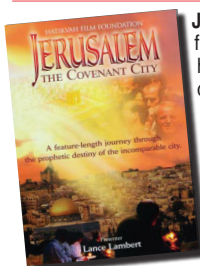
NEWS ANCHOR POINTS TIGER WOODS TO CHRIST; TAKES VIRULENT CRITICISM

★ NEW YORK, NY – FOX News senior analyst Brit Hume pointed golfer Tiger Woods to restoration in Christ. Hume said: “He’s said to be a Buddhist. I don’t think that faith offers the kind of forgiveness and redemption that is offered by the Christian faith.... Tiger, turn to the Christian faith and you can make a total recovery.”

Hume immediately began catching major flak. The Ben left came out in full force to attack his comments. Steve Benan at The Washington Monthly said: “I was taken aback.... How many high-profile Christians have had damaging sex scandals of late? Why is Buddhism deemed inadequate for those with family problems? Why is a senior political analyst for a so-called “news” network proselytizing on the air?” MSNBC’s David Shuster tweeted: “Brit Hume on O’Reilly tonight left no doubt he intended to proselytize with his comments about Tiger Woods. Truly embarrassing.” Homosexual journalist Andrew Sullivan at The Daily Dish lamented “the pure sectarianism” of Hume’s remarks and talked about “the slow morphing of Fox News into The 700 Club.”

Interestingly, as the venting against Hume subsided, the blogosphere began carrying some intelligent conversations about Christ’s atonement for mankind’s sins, the nature of Christian redemption, how Christians fall short of perfection, sin, find forgiveness in Christ, and grow and mature spiritually. (AFA 1/5/10)

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“Then He said to His servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’” —Matthew 22:8-9