### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

The Word tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:4 that our weapons are not carnal but MIGHTY in God for pulling down strongholds. And that's what we do with prayer. As much as this makes many Christians uncomfortable, spiritual warfare is essential in our walk with God. The truth is a spiritual realm does exist and in that realm there are demons that want to destroy us and our loved ones. We can battle against the demonic realm with God's Word and prayer. You can use the following prayer or pray something the Lord gives you.

### **PRAYER**

I cover and bind all demonic spirits and activities from my life, all watcher and listener spirits, blockers and scramblers, principalities and powers, rulers and dominions and all strongholds in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt 18:18, Eph 6:12, Esek 28:7-8)

I command all astral travelers to return to where they have come from, knowing only that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. (Luke 10:19)

I cut and negate all curses, voodoo, hexes, spells, magic, mantras, runes, incantations, rituals, ceremonies, chanting, oaths, predictions (especially those done using blood), psychic prayers, spoken words and thoughts, written and enacted against me and my family. This includes curses on relationships, of destruction and division, curses on health, of sickness and death, curses on our minds, of depression, fear and suicide, and curses on our finances of poverty, debt and robbing, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 54:17, Isaiah 17:12-14)

I sever myself from the source of these curses, whether they are from witchcraft, wizardry, voodoo, sorcery, New Age, satanism, psychics, chandlers, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist prayers, ancestral, aboriginal and freemasonry rituals, prayers from every other religious group or false Christian prayers. Also I negate all negative words spoken against me or against my family from any vow, oath or promise that has been made, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Deut 18:9-13)

I forgive all those who have come against me in this way and cut off ties and connections to them. I grind these ties into dust and throw them into the pit. I cover and bind all spirits that have come onto me through these activities or in any other way. I remove their protection and negate their assignments in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I bind the powers of all those coming against me, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt 5:44, Matt 16:17-19, Luke 21:22)

#### FOR PROTECTION

Lord, I claim Your promises. Your Word says: - that You will fight for me (Deut3:22)

- it will not be by might nor power but by Your Spirit (Zech 4:6)
- because of my weakness You will become strong in me. (Heb 11:34)
- that even the gates of Hades shall not prevail against me as part of Your church, (Matt 16-18)
- that through You we shall do valiantly, because it is You who treads down our enemies, (Psalm 108: 13)

Lord, I also ask You to send angels to do battle for me here on earth and in the heavenlies against every source of wickedness. (Heb 1:14, Psalm 103:20.)

I ask you Father to cover and surround me and my family, properties, cars, pets and material assets with the precious BLOOD of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev 12:11)

I ask that the precious BLOOD of the Lord Jesus Christ will also cover my body, soul and spirit as well as my mind, will, emotions and heart. (Heb 9:14.)

I am complete in Him, redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. (3 John 1:7) Therefore the devil has no place in me and no power over me. (Rom 16:20)

I ask You, Heavenly Father, to place Your hedge of protection around about me. (Job 1:10) Please hide me under the shadow of Your wings and surround me as with a shield and hold me in Your righteous right hand. (Psalm 91:4, Psalm 5:12, Psalm 108:6) (Prayers from Oz Challenge Inc.)

#### **BREAKING SOUL TIES**

God's people sometimes perish for a lack of knowledge. We end up in a cycle in our lives because we do not have the information that we need to be free from bondage and traps that the enemy has set for us.

Many are trapped in their past and are unable to move on even after coming to know the Lord. Christ died for our sins – past, present and future. It is our responsibility to continually seek Him and to do the things that will keep us free from sins of the past.

One such sin is ungodly soul ties. Soul ties can be dangerous to our future.

Let's illustrate what we mean by the phrase "Soul Ties". A man was created to by joined with one woman. The two shall become one Genesis 2:24: "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

Centuries ago there were no marriage contract, courthouse or judge to perform ceremonies so the act of two become one flesh is that of a sexual relationship. This is in essence what the marriage contract is – a sexual relationship. Therefore, everyone that has sex with another individual has joined themself to that person.

What happens when there is a divorce and then remarriage? Well, unless the soul tie is cut each of those individuals now enters a new relationship with their soul tied to someone else from the past. This goes on for generations and through several people.

There can be no wholeness in your marriage if you are still tied to others through past sexual relationships. This can cause an end to their new marriage.

This is just one example of a soul tie. They are not healthy and prevent us from living in the fullness of Christ and having healthy relationships. Soul Ties need to be broken in order for true healing and wholeness to take place. Prayer is a very powerful tool and when said from the heart and with sincerity the Holy Spirit will remove the ties thus freeing the person to be whole in their marriage.

Here are other examples of situations that could create bad soul ties:

- \* Sex sin: Sex unites people physically, emotionally and spiritually. If we have sex with people other than our spouse, we create soul ties that cause all kinds of problems (spiritual confusion, emotional confusion, sex addiction, compulsive behaviors, obsession, etc.).
  \* Looking at sex images, memories, objects and fetishes: These activities can establish a soul tie with an evil spirit. An example of this is found in Hosea 4:17 when Ephraim became joined with his idols. A tie may not be established in every instance, but it is certainly
- soul tie with an evil spirit. An example of this is found in Hosea 4:17 when Ephraim becam joined with his idols. A tie may not be established in every instance, but it is certainly possible. Example objects: a favorite porn depiction, a garment worn by a former lover, pictures of former lovers, a cherished sexual memory.
- \* Sexual abuse/molestation: This can result in soul ties between the perpetrator and the victim. If you have been involved in sexual abuse, please seek healing prayer and Christian counsel as you proceed in your journey to freedom.
- \* "Unhealthy" relationships: Examples include relationships characterized by manipulation, guilt, emotional abuse, co-dependency, unnatural affection, envy and/or lust.

You may not have had all of these things happen to you but if you have at least had one of these items happen in your life you may need to pray this prayer.

Here is a prayer for cutting soul ties:

"Father God, I thank you for saving me from destruction. I praise you for sending Jesus to die for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins against you. Specifically, I confess that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(details of the sin & names). I repent of that sin and renounce it now. Lord, please purify my heart from this sin, the memory of it and any associated fantasy I have entertained in my mind regarding it. In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of his blood shed on the cross, I cut myself free from any soul ties that may have been established with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name (s) or specific objects). I commit him/her/them to the care of Jesus Christ for him to do with as he wills. Satan, I rebuke you in all your works and ways. I rebuke any evil spirits that have a foothold in me. In the name of Jesus, I command you evil spirits to leave me and go directly to Jesus Christ. Father, please heal my soul of any wounds resulting from these soul ties. Please reintegrate any part of me that may have been detained through this/these soul ties and restore me to wholeness. I also ask that you will reintegrate any part of the person(s) I sinned with that has been detained in me, and restore them to wholeness. Thank you, Lord, for your healing power and your perfect love for me. May I glorify you with my life from this point forward. In Jesus' name, Amen."

### Another prayer:

I renounce all covenants, pacts, promises, curses and every other work of darkness to which I have been exposed or made liable by my own actions or by the actions of others. By the act and decision of my own free will, Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask You to go to the root and dig and cut, and loose me from every soul-tie and from every form of bondage of my soul and body to satan, or any of his agents rather in human form or demonic form or animal form. And Father, in the name of Jesus, I also, ask that You go to each of the above named, and at the root, dig, tear, cut and loose them from me. Take them out of me and detach me from their influence in Jesus name!

Father God, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank you for the authority of Your Word. In the name of Jesus:

I command every portion of my soul (my thoughts, my will, my emotions, my personality and mind) and heart, all of me: spirit, soul and body, that has been fragmented, torn or broken or cursed, to come back into its proper place; to be healed; every piece of my heart to be returned; my soul to be restored and every bondage and related soul-tie to be completely broken, destroyed and totally detached from me, in the name of Jesus! Father God, in the name of Jesus, I ask now, that You heal my heart and guard it by Your Power and Your Love, and keep my heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Make me whole in every area of my life. I desire to live in a manner that pleases You, and brings glory to Your name.

I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my Deliverer, My God, my strength in whom I trust. My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised so shall I be saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:1-3).

# **A Powerful Prayer Cover**

This is a powerful and effective prayer for binding the enemy and for using our authority over satan, which was given to us through Jesus Christ. There is power in the spoken word. Pray this covering out loud and pray it often.

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19 NKJ)

## \* When praying this prayer in a group use the plural, We/Our.

Heavenly Father, I pray this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit, by the authority of the written Word of God, and the victory of Jesus Christ's shed blood. Jesus destroyed the works of the devil and triumphed over him. In the name of Jesus Christ the anointed one and by His blood,

I BIND, REBUKE AND BRING TO NO EFFECT:

All division, discord and disunity

All rebellion and disobedience, confusion and disorder

All criticism, condemnation, vain glory, envying, jealousy and gossip

All slander, evil speaking, and filthy words coming from people's mouths

All lying, hindering spirits, all retaliatory spirits,

All deceiving and scorning spirits

All false teaching, false gifts, manifestations, and lying signs and wonders

I BIND, REBUKE AND BRING TO NO EFFECT:

All poverty, lack or want, and fear of lack

All fear and fear related spirits

All harassing and obscene spirits

All murmuring and complaining, seducing spirits, and spirits of the antichrist

All occult, and witchcraft spirits and I break all curses that have been placed against me, and break the power of negative words and attitudes coming out of the mouths of people.

I break all generational curses and diseases.

I break, and render useless all prayers not inspired by the Holy Spirit, whether psychic, soul

force, witchcraft, or counterfeit tongues that have been placed against me. I am free from all demonic forces for whom the son sets free is free indeed.

I am subject to God and I resist the devil and he flees from me in terror! For no weapon, no evil shall prosper against me, for I escape from the snare of the devil.

I put on the whole armor of God.

My steps are ordered of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit leads me into all truth.

I discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves Him not.

I take authority over this day, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, let it be prosperous for me, let me walk in Your love, and show forth Your glory in the earth.

I take authority over satan and all of his demons and those people who are influenced by them, and I declare satan is under my feet, and will remain there.

I plead the Blood of Jesus over every area of my life.

I am the righteousness of God, and I am saying so.

I have the God kind of faith, ever increasing, limitless faith.

I am God's property, so satan, get out of my life, my family, my mind, my job, my body, my home, my finances, and all that concerns me.

I pray for the ministry, You Lord have called me to be a part of.

I call in financial support so that we can do the work unhindered by lack.

I call in ministry of helps to assist in the work.

I call forth intercessors to, at all times, hold us up in prayer.

I pray that all who are involved are perfectly united in our common understanding, opinions and judgments. We stand firm in united spirit, and purpose, working side by side, centering in on the Gospel. We live in harmony and unity. We do nothing through strife or vain glory. We follow after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, and longsuffering. We draw near to God and God draws near to us.

I am called, anointed and equipped to accomplish all that God has called me to do.

I overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony.

I dispatch ministering angels to protect and assist me this day.

I rebuke any negative expectations.

I forgive all people.

I receive from the Lord for He is my provider.

I call forth divine appointments, open doors of opportunity, God ordained supernatural encounters, and ministry appointments and positions.

I declare it so in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord perfect that which concerns me. Amen

## **The Authority You Have As A Believer in Jesus Christ**

Satan and his cohorts (demons) were defeated at the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ. How did Jesus defeat the devil you may ask? He defeated the devil by becoming our substitute, by sacrificing himself on the cross. He took our sins upon himself and stripped the devil of his authority over humanity. Jesus had to die because Adam gave his authority over to satan. In the beginning, God gave the power to Adam over the entire earth but when he was deceived by satan and ate the forbidden fruit, Adam became a slave to satan and to

sin. Adam gave up his authority and dominion over the earth when he sinned. Then satan became the god of this world.

Unfortunately, Christians today are led to believe that they are fighting a greater being whose power is superior to ours and we can barely cope with him, but that is a lie of the devil. God's Word tells us, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12 NKJ)

Yes, satan does exist and the only power he has over us is DECEPTION. He can only come against you with lies and trickery. Satan doesn't have power to come against God and since you have Jesus Christ within you, he does not have power over you.

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross." (Colossians 2:13-15)

God had to send someone to overcome sin once and for all. Someone had to defeat satan, to conquer sin and to pay the price for all time. No sinful human could do that. God chose to pay that price Himself when He sent His Son to earth in human form. Jesus, the son of God, gave up His heavenly throne for a pile of straw in a manager, lived a sinless life on this earth for 33 years and had His own blood sprinkled on the Mercy Seat at the cross. Jesus triumphed over the devil at the cross and took back our authority. It's our responsibility to resist the devil. We now have control. We must put the devil under our feet. God is not going to do it for us.

"Look, I have given you **authority over ALL** the **power** of the **enemy**, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you." (Luke 10:19 NLT) [emphasis mine]

Every scripture in the New Testament that deals with the devil instructs US to do something about him. We are never told in God's Word to pray to God that HE do something about satan. James 4:7 tells us, "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Notice that it doesn't say God will do something about the devil, it's telling us that WE are to resist the devil and he will flee from us. To flee means to run away in terror! Can you imagine the devil running away from us in terror? Well that is exactly what happens when we use our authority over satan and his demons. Remember that greater is Jesus within you than the devil that's in the world.

Many things exist in the lives of God's children because they permit them to exist. They just don't do anything about the situation. Sometimes believers don't know that they can do anything to change the situation, but God's Word tells us that whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven. It is our responsibility to do something about our situations that we want changed.

Kenneth Hagin writes: "Authority is delegated power. Its value depends on the force behind the user. Jesus said, "I have given you authority." Who gave it? Jesus did. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God manifested in the flesh! That means that God said it. Therefore, God said "I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of

the enemy." (Serpents and scorpions represent demons and evil spirits and the power of the enemy.)

God Himself is the Power, the Force, behind this authority. The believer who is fully conscious of divine authority can therefore face the enemy without fear or hesitation.

Behind the authority possessed by the believer is a Power far greater than the power that backs our enemies. And those enemies are compelled to recognize that authority!"

"I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." (Matthew 18:18 NLT)

You have Jesus within you! Satan is absolutely powerless! So remember that you have authority over the power of satan and demon spirits. Go in Jesus name and take back your authority, use it against the devil and make him run away from you in terror!

"Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us." (Romans 8:37, Amplified)

## **Confessions**

I am a believer and Jesus Christ has given me authority over the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt me.

God Himself is the Power behind this authority.

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

I have been empowered with authority from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The authority in the Name of Jesus Christ that is above every name has been given to me. I have authority over all the power of the enemy.

When I hold up my hand and say, "In the name of Jesus Christ, stop right now and come no further," the devil stops in his tracks.

I stand my ground. I use my authority and the devil runs from me in terror!

## **Confessions with Scripture**

In the name of Jesus Christ, I resist the enemy, and I command every demonic spirit to flee. (James 4:7)

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that snakes, scorpions, and all the power of the enemy against me, my family or my ministry are null and void, the glory of God is sweeping them away! (Luke 10:19)

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that no weapon formed against me, my family or my ministry shall prosper and nothing by any means will harm me/us! (Isaiah 54:17; Luke 10:19)

For this purpose [Jesus Christ] was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Therefore, I declare that every work of the devil against me, my family or my ministry is destroyed. (1 John 3:8)

Whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and cast into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says." I speak to these mountains of \_\_\_\_, be removed and cast into the sea. I do not doubt in my heart, but I believe that what I say shall be done, in Jesus' name! (Mark 11:23)

And they overcame [satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. I declare and decree that I have overcome satan by the blood of Jesus Christ and by the word of my testimony. (Revelation 12:11)