



Don't take yourself too seriously, but make the devil take the Lord Jesus seriously!

[..\globe-explain.htm..\globe-explain.htm Warfare Prayer](#), and He transferred you out of the kingdom of darkness in order to be His, and only His! The only 'influence' He wishes to be upon you or in you or through you would be from His Spirit, and none others!

ABOUT DELIVERANCE: Note: we have NOT gone through this site very far. There is the risk that it may be 'way out' as one digs deeper. Remember not to become inappropriately obsessed with demons or demonology, nor give place to a permanent insecurity over one's freedom in Christ. This will lead to it's own kind of bondage to obsession/fear of the devil and superstition, as well as useless obsessive/compulsive ritual to solve that unnecessary fear. (2 Tim. 1:7; Ephesians 1:18-2:10)

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"In the beginning God..." With that one powerful line begins the incredible story of how God ordered the creation of the world and the universe and all that in them is. God is above all else a God of love and creativity. But as true as that is, it is also true that He is a God of order. Consider the Genesis account how ordered it is. Day follows night, ordered by God himself. The seasons are ordered, the natural ecosystem follows that seasonal order. And within the ecosystem there are sub systems of life that each follow an order, unwritten, but orderly nonetheless. All together it works well. Mess around with it, as man is want to do, and repercussions will follow.

Even in all the scriptures we see a divine order to things that God wants to do. We see prayer precedes action, humility precedes honor, repentance precedes forgiveness, infilling precedes power and so on. This morning as I spoke with Cress Lundstrom on the phone, our Lord illuminated something of the order or process by which He works when He is bringing revival to a community. I'll share this here as what soldiers would call an Order of Battle.

What He showed me was that we can actually pray ahead of God. We can get out of step with His way of doing things. We can make the terrible mistake of presuming we can pray for things that we are not yet fit to pray for. That we can be almost like the seven sons of Sceva who wanted to have the power Paul had.

Acts 19:11

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took it upon themselves to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

These jews were getting way ahead of themselves. Yes they prayed. Yes they commanded the devils to come out. But though they were able to get the devil to respond to their commands by using the same weaponry that Paul used they lacked something Paul possessed. A vital close holy relationship with Jesus Christ as the Lord of their entire lives, and thus they were badly defeated by the devil. The were out of the order God has prescribed for advancing His kingdom. If you think about it for a moment it only makes sense. We cannot pray for someone else to be saved until we ourselves are saved. Neither can we pray for God to come destroy the enemies in our land until we have Him destroy their strongholds in us first. And the timing means everything. Look what He told the armies of Israel when they were going in to possess the promised land.

Exodus 23: 20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive

them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

Oh how often we want to see Him conquer everything RIGHT NOW!! But no, He has an order to this. And yes we are going to have to exercise our faith to persevere in prayer believing that He is working even when we cannot at this very moment see one sign that He is. AND we are going to have to pray in the correct order of things. Even as Paul told us to.

2Corinthians 10:2

But I beseech you... For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

There we see the order of things again. We ourselves must first be in obedience before we can effectively pray against "every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, ". And we ourselves shall first have to have all of our own mind captivated into the obedience of Christ before we can effectively pray for God to bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" in other people. If we don't, we are no better than the seven sons of Sceva, presumptuously praying for God to conquer in areas where we ourselves are not conquered.

So in real practice we see the following. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee

1. First Front. We have to come before God in humility and let him clean up our own lives first. 2Chronicles 7:14 states we who are called christians must first turn from our wickednesses before He will hear and forgive and heal our land. Once we ourselves have fulfilled this obedience then, and only then, are we really fit to take the battle "little by little" to its next logical front.

2. Second Front. Since the majority of the christians in our communities are sadly ignorant of the desperate hour we are at, and really quite apathetic about diligently seeking God for more, for purity, for cleansing, for humility, etc. we shall have to pray for them. And our prayer needs to be that of Paul who so eloquently said, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; (things that keep people in bondage) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. A deep intimate knowledge most christians do not possess as they should.

3. Third Front. For us to proceed to pray for this third front, namely those bastions of occult, false churches, saloons, bingo halls, brothels and other spiritual wickedness in high places before the second front is conquered we will be getting ahead of the order of things. The scripture is positively accurate and specific. The world will believe, and the glory and power of God will be present, ONLY when God's people are well knit together (John 17). For us to fight the united forces of Satan when we ourselves are yet divided would be tantamount to entering a naval battle with a mutiny on board your own ship.

So in conclusion let me say this. We are praying our way forward into a spiritual land of promise. We are obliged therefore to be as ruthless with the enemies that possess that land as God's people were to be when they went in to their promised land. They faced literal physical enemies that they could see. We face enemies, many of which are unseen, but some of which hold ground in our own hearts, (self, pride, impatience, unbelief, status, reputation, ignorance, apathy, manipulation, heresy, false doctrine, religious traditions taught as doctrines) and we must be as ruthless with these enemies and utterly destroy them in us first lest they should be the continual thorn in our side and hindrance to our forward progress that Israel's enemies were who should never have been offered peace or concessions or even a place to hide. May we prayerfully be as ruthless in our dealings with our own wickednesses. Knowing that once we have fulfilled our own obedience we shall be an awesome sword in the hand of God against the Enemy of all souls in our communities.

Numbers 33: 51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it..... But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

Bye for now,

God bless you all

Don

On the other hand, denial of personal spiritual bondage and the influence of demons only leaves one in their bondage! Release from demons/demonic influence has been the testimony of many Christians as they walk out their freedom in Christ.



For a short study:

Below is a small excerpt of the Bible study outline taken from [..globe-explain.htm..globe-explain.htm](#) Derek Prince's Deliverance and Demonology tape series. The Bible study alone doesn't do the tape series justice, because there are also many testimonies in it. However, finding out what the Word says about spiritual warfare is paramount, since our fight is not against 'flesh and blood'. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

ACTIVITY of demons. Can be summed up in various verbs:

1. Entice (see James 1:14)
2. Deceive (see 1 Tim. 4:1-2)
3. Enslave (see Rom. 8:15)
4. Torment (see 2 Tim. 1:7; I John 4:18)
5. Drive, Compel (see Luke 8:29)
6. Defile (see Titus 1:15)

Demons fight against every aspect of peace:

1. inner personal harmony
2. peace of mind
3. physical well-being
4. harmonious relationships
5. harmonious adjustment to external circumstances

The great distinctive mark of demon activity: RESTLESSNESS

Demons operate from two alternative positions:

1. From OUTSIDE the body
2. From WITHIN the body

If they operate from OUTSIDE, we must RESIST them (see James 4:7; I Peter 5:8-9)

If they operate from WITHIN, they must be EXPELLED (see Matt. 8:16; Mark 1:39)