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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

37. Prayer Warfare Defeats Satan (Level Seven: Prayer Warfare)

This chapter describes the highest level of prevailing prayer: militant, prolonged intercession aimed at defeating Satan and advancing Christ's kingdom. It explains why Satan opposes God's people, lays out his four real limitations, and casts the whole Christian life as warfare fought and won on our knees.

Key takeaways

- Prayer warfare is intensified, militant intercession that includes all other forms of prayer and is coordinated by the Holy Spirit.
- Satan is the usurper who deceives, accuses, divides, and destroys — hating most those who follow Jesus, and above all opposing prayer, evangelism, and missions.
- If he cannot stop your salvation, Satan works to discourage you, keep you too busy to pray, divide your church, or even harm you physically.
- Satan is a defeated, created being — limited in authority, knowledge, power, and presence. He cannot touch you without God's permission and cannot be in two places at once; God's angels always outnumber the demons.

- Prayer is Satan's nemesis; he fears it more than a pure life or zealous witness because it can drive him out. His main tactic is to keep you from praying or make you quit before the answer comes.
- Christ now rules from an intercessory throne, enforcing Calvary's victory through the prayers of His people. Believers stand in the gap, using Jesus' name, the Word, and the blood as their weapons.
- Keep up the offensive: fasting, prayer burden, and wrestling prayer are the heavy artillery. Forward on your knees.

Passages worth keeping

“There is nothing on earth that Satan so fears as prayer.”

States the chapter's central claim about prayer's power against Satan.

“Enter into mighty prayer warfare, with the name of Jesus, the infallible Word of God, and the blood of Calvary your confidence and your invincible weapons.”

Names the three weapons of the believer's spiritual warfare.

How it connects

The chapter binds Christ's finished work at Calvary to the church's present duty: the victory is won but must be enforced through prayer until Christ returns.

Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 6:11-20** -- The armor of God and praying in the Spirit as the actual fighting
- **1 John 4:4** -- The One in you is greater than the one in the world
- **Job 1-2** -- Satan cannot touch a believer without God's permission
- **2 Corinthians 11:14** -- Satan masquerades as an angel of light
- **1 Peter 5:8** -- Satan roars like a lion to instill fear
- **Revelation 12:10** -- Satan as accuser of the brethren