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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

38. Strategies in Prayer Warfare, Part 1

This chapter teaches believers to fight spiritual battles through prevailing prayer. It walks through the full armor of God from Ephesians 6, then lays out an aggressive, offensive posture toward Satan. The core claim: the armor is preparation, but prayer itself is the actual warfare.

Key takeaways

- Put on all six pieces of God's armor: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel boots, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (God's Word). Most of these depend on Christlike character.
- The armor is only preparation — prayer is the real battle. Use Scripture militantly in prayer: phrases like 'thus says the Lord,' 'in the name of Jesus,' and 'by the blood of the Lamb.'
- Adopt a warrior spirit like David, who eagerly challenged his Goliath. You cannot be God's person with a passive spirit.
- Stand against Satan actively — resisting him is a command, not passive 'looking to the Lord.' Christ defeated Satan at Calvary and now depends on us to enforce that victory.

- Go on the offensive. Prayer is heavy artillery, not self-defense. Take the initiative of faith: unused weapons win no wars, and Satan holds ground only by our default.

Passages worth keeping

“All these are the armor and weapons of your warfare, but prayer is the actual warfare.”

The chapter's hinge — armor prepares you, but prayer is where the fight happens.

“Forward on your knees' should be the watch-cry of all believers.”

Sums up the call to aggressive, prayer-driven advance.

How it connects

The chapter frames the whole Christian life as enforcement of a victory already won at Calvary — echoing Christ's own silencing of Satan with Scripture in the wilderness temptation.

Scripture referenced

- **Eph. 6:11-18** -- The full armor of God and the call to pray it into action
- **2 Cor. 10:4-5** -- Weapons with divine power to demolish strongholds and arguments
- **James 4:7** -- Resist the devil and he will flee — command to take a stand

- **Acts 13:22** -- David, a man after God's own heart, model of the warrior spirit
- **2 Cor. 2:11** -- Being aware of Satan's schemes