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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

39. Strategies in Prayer Warfare, Part 2 (Strategies 6-10)

This chapter lays out five more strategies for prayer warfare. The core claim is that Christ already won a total, final victory over Satan at the cross, so believers do not fight for victory but from a position of victory that they must now enforce through prayer.

Key takeaways

- Battle from victory (6): Christ defeated and disarmed Satan at the cross. Satan is a doomed, chained rebel who bluffs on within limits God sets. You are already seated with Christ and fight from His throne, enforcing His victory.
- Win the invisible war first (7): Every visible obstacle rests on invisible demonic opposition. Bind Satan in the unseen realm and the visible change follows. This is real spiritual conflict, not fiction.
- Pray in the Spirit (8): Only Spirit-filled prayer prevails in warfare. The Spirit supplies the love, power, and help for our weakness that make prayer effective.

- Concentrate on targets one by one (9): Pray not just for blessing but against Satan's kingdom. Like the early church and missionary pioneers, claim people and places for Christ, stronghold by stronghold.
- Cover past victories with prayer (10): Satan counterattacks even after defeat. Won victories must be held with persistent 'occupying prayer,' or ground is lost again.

Passages worth keeping

"We go into battle not from the perspective of our circumstance here on earth, but from our position above in Christ."

Stuart Holden; sums up the 'battle from victory' stance.

"Brother, if you are to win that province you must go forward on your knees."

Hudson Taylor to Jonathan Goforth; every stronghold is taken in prayer.

How it connects

The chapter frames the Christian's whole prayer life as occupying enemy-held territory that Christ has already legally reclaimed — Joshua's conquest (Josh. 1:3, 5) becomes the pattern for advancing the gospel today.

Scripture referenced

- **Col. 2:15** -- Christ disarmed and publicly defeated Satan's powers at the cross

- **Eph. 2:6** -- Believers seated with Christ in the heavenly realms
- **Eph. 6:12** -- the struggle is against unseen spiritual forces, not flesh and blood
- **Eph. 6:18** -- command to pray in the Spirit on all occasions
- **Judg. 3:2** -- God leaves enemies to teach warfare — a model for training saints in prayer
- **Exod. 17:8-16** -- Moses' lifted hands at Rephidim; victory must be sustained by continual prayer