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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

42. How to Bind Satan, Part 2

This chapter continues teaching how to defeat Satan through prayer warfare. It argues the real battle is invisible and spiritual, won by faith, and then catalogs the God-given weapons a believer wields against demonic power. Illustrative stories show ordinary Christians—even a twelve-year-old boy—binding demons in Jesus' name.

Key takeaways

- The battle is fought first in the unseen spiritual realm; visible results follow, but sometimes only after time. Having done all, we stand.
- We attack the cause, not the effect—binding the invisible powers influencing people, as Jesus did.
- Jesus came to destroy the Devil's work; believers are His representatives, authorized to enforce that defeat with real weapons.
- The weapons: the name of Jesus; the blood of Jesus; the Word of God (the sword of the Spirit); the prayer/command of faith; and praise.

- The blood of Jesus torments Satan—it proclaims his defeat and doom and protects us like the Passover blood.
- The command of faith is firm and calm, not abusive railing (contrast 2 Pet. 2:11; Jude 9). We command, we don't shout tirades.
- Rebuking Satan can be part of it—Jesus rebuked wind, waves, and fever, which Satan was manipulating.
- Praise repels Satan and draws God's angels; Luther fought demons by singing.
- United prayer multiplies power—Matthew 18:18 (binding) is followed by 18:19 (two agreeing). Groups binding Satan together have seen strongholds fall.

Passages worth keeping

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”

The chapter's core claim: spiritual weapons are real and mighty (2 Cor. 10:4).

“Nothing frightens the Devil so much as when two or three Christians get together and sing, and are happy in the Lord.”

Luther on praise and unity as warfare.

How it connects

The unifying thread is authority: because Christ defeated Satan at the cross, the believer enforces that finished victory using His name, blood, Word, faith, and praise—alone or united with others.

Scripture referenced

- **Eph. 6:10-17** -- Stand firm; the armor and the sword of the Spirit (the Word)
- **2 Cor. 10:4** -- Weapons with divine power to demolish strongholds
- **1 John 3:8** -- Jesus came to destroy the Devil's work
- **1 Cor. 5:7** -- Christ our Passover—the blood as total protection
- **Heb. 11:33-34** -- Faith as the battle weapon of God's conquerors
- **Matt. 18:18-19** -- Binding on earth and two agreeing—basis for united attack