

The Strongest Weapons

II Corinthians 10:3-5,

„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.“

1) Prayer:

Now, along this journey He's promised to supply everything that we have need of: *"Whatsoever you will ask the Father in My Name, that will I do. Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive it, you shall have it"* (Mark 11:24). Now, **He gave us the strongest weapon that there is in all the world, and that's prayer. Prayer is what changes things. The Christian doesn't realize what a force he has when he kneels on his knees before Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ.** He doesn't realize what power that is. If the people could only realize that what is given right unto them, anything that you ask for will be given **if you can appropriate the faith to believe it.** For God's Word is true. [1]

What man calls great, God calls foolish. And what man calls foolish, God calls great. So what we've got to do is **get back into the program of God and find out, after all, what God wants us to do. And the only way I know to do it is prayer. Prayer is the key.** That's the answer. Prayer changes things. **Prayer is the most powerful weapon that was ever put in the control of human beings.** There's no atomic bomb, or no hydrogen bomb as powerful as prayer. Prayer will change the mind of God. Did you know that? It did do it one time.

A prophet was sent up to the king in the chamber, and said go up and tell him, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's not coming off the bed, he's going to die right where he's at." Isaiah went up and told Hezekiah that. And I can imagine all the celebrity at the gate, the peasants out at the outer courts, when they went in said, "Oh, prophet of God, what will become of our king?"

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to die." (II Kings 20:1-7).

Went out to the soldiers, "Oh, great prophet, what does the Lord say about our king?" - "THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to die." And that was right; the Lord told him that. Goes on down, gets in his little hut somewhere back in the wilderness.

And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly, and said, "Lord God, I beseech you to consider me; I walked before you with a perfect heart. I need fifteen years longer to get my kingdom in condition." And you know, looks like that God would've wanted to say anything, He'd have told him while he was talking to him. **But God has ways of doing things. You have to come God's ways and God's means of doing things. As long as we try to get in it**

ourselves, then it won't work. And we just can't pattern after one another; we've got to live individually before God.

Now, the greatest man in the land, of course, was the king. **The greatest Person in heaven was God.** There was the greatest man on earth talking to the greatest Man in heaven, and yet the great powers of heaven couldn't talk back to the king. Because he wasn't meant to be that; he was just a king. And then He talked to Isaiah (That was His prophet.) and said, "Go tell him that I've heard his prayers and I'm going to spare him them fifteen years." Now, how do you think that prophet must've been embarrassed coming right back, "What are you coming back for, prophet?" [2] Could you imagine Isaiah coming back through that crowd?

And then God told him, said, "Go right back and tell him that he's not going to die." What happened? **Prayer. Most powerful weapon that was ever put on anybody.**

I can see Isaiah walking back saying, "Pardon me, he's going to live. THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to live. THUS SAITH THE LORD." What has done it? [3] What changed it? **Prayer.**

That's the secret. Prayer opens the door: prayer. "Whatsoever you ask in prayer with faith believing, you shall receive it. Ask abundantly that your joys may be full." [2]

So therefore that's the reason, said, "*The prayer of faith shall save the sick,*" that individual prayer. "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*" (James 5:16). Oh, if you only knew, that in your hand **Christ gave us the authority with His Name** by being Christians, **the most powerful weapon the world has ever known: Prayer, it even changes everything.** It'll change the mind of God. It did do it. [4]

Read *Ephesians 5:18-20, Romans 15:30-32 and II Thessalonians 3:1-2.*

2) Committal and confession:

God's Word will defeat Satan anywhere, any place, any time. Now, when Jesus was here on earth, I believe He was Emmanuel. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself (*II Cor. 5:19*). So all the great qualities of the Father were in Christ Jesus the Son when He was here on earth. All the Father has was His. **And all the fine gifts that's in God, and all that was, was in Christ. But when He met Satan, He never used any of those gifts.** He, just to be your example. He brought it to where the very weakest of Christians... Now, He had the power right then to rebuke Satan and send Him away. But what He did, He never referred to any of His power. [1]

Just some people are ashamed. After they accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour, **they go out and they're ashamed to confess Him.** Many times they accept Him as their Healer, and they go out and are ashamed to confess Him. You should never be ashamed of Him. You should be right up... No matter what takes place, you should be right up in front to stand on your testimony.

For God can only save you as you testify. He can only heal you as you testify. He is setting at the right hand of the Father today **to make intercession**

upon your profession. It isn't how loud you cry, how hard you beat the altar, how many good deeds you do; **it's your faith that saves you.**

And if you'll confess it with your lips and coming from your heart, He goes to work as a High Priest setting at the right hand of the Father to make intercessions upon your confession (*Hebrews 3:1*). **He cannot do one thing for you until first you believe it and accept and confess it to be so.**

And the people today, they'll go out, say, "Well, I felt better last night, but today I'm so bad I just can't hardly stand it." That's just exactly when you lose your confession and drop right down. No matter who you are, how saintly, how godly you are, you're a minister, clergyman, or you're a deacon, **or whatever you are, or you've been a Christian for fifty years, if you go out of here tomorrow and lose faith that you're a Christian and start telling people you're not a Christian anymore, you're backslid. You're gone.**

Only by your confession can you be saved. That's the most powerful weapon that God put in the hand of man, is a committal (*Psalms 37:5; Psalm 55:22*) **and a confession** (*Heb. 3:1-2 and Heb. 4:14-16*). It'll do it every time, if you'll believe it, accept it on that basis, and believe it and stay with it. **Keep confessing it.** When you confess it... (*Matt. 10:32*).

You know what a lot of people look at symptoms. They always go around say, "Well now, I don't feel any better." That doesn't have one thing to do with it. **It's what you believe, not what you feel.** [5]

3) The baptism of the Holy Spirit into our hearts:

Men and women, what we need today is not our names on a church book..., **but we need to pick up that powerful weapon of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, which changes our innermost beings, and makes us new creatures in Christ Jesus** (*II Cor. 5:17*), and fights the way through the sinful world **by the righteousness and power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.** That's what we need. That's what the church needs, not a face-lifting or a bunch of new members, but revive that what we've got, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and set out to fight the enemy, to pray for the sick, heal the sick, cast out devils. Freely you receive; freely give. These signs shall follow them that believe (*Mark 16:17-18*). **Christ put into the hand of man the strongest weapon that was ever put to human beings, was the baptism of the Holy Spirit: a new heart, a new spirit. "And I'll put my Spirit in there"** (*Ezek. 36:26-27*). **And then fight with what's in you until death shall set you free.**

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He sent back on the day of Pentecost to Adam's fallen race **the baptism of the Holy Ghost**, saying, "**Take up this** and do the best you can to fight away ignorance and superstitions, sin and sickness." Men who claim to have kissed the rim of the cup of blessings of God, how can we hold our peace in such a time when God has given us the most powerful weapon that man ever placed in man's hands to fight against sin, and sicknesses, and ignorance, and superstitions and isms. **It's a real sky full of the genuine baptism of the Holy Spirit. God wants a hero. Could you be one?** [7]

4) Love of God:

We've still never come to the real kernel. It's Jesus Christ the love of God, that God wants us to see. What a pity. **Love is the greatest, most powerful weapon that this world has ever seen or knowed of.** The love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit, God's love to us (*Romans 5:5*). [8]

I've got a slogan: "Do right; it's your duty to God. **Think right; that's your duty to yourself.** And you've got to come out right." And if you'll try to practice the right thing, it'll grow around you just like a vine; it'll hug you into it. And if you can't love your enemy just as much as you love those who love you, there's something wrong somewhere.

Now, just think: "It's my duty to love my enemy." You've got to really love him. But let me tell you a little secret. The most powerful force in the world isn't speaking with tongues, or interpreting tongues, or being honored by God to be a minister, or to be an evangelist, or to be a prophet; **the most powerful weapon that I've ever found in my life, is love.** The phileo love, which the Greek word comes from friendship, like you have for your wife. There's a difference between phileo and agapao love. Phileo will make a mother for that baby, run through a blazing fire. Her life means nothing. That's phileo. **What will agapao do, the godly love?**

We must love, divine love one another. Then you don't see your brother's mistake (*I John 2:10; Prov. 17:9*). If he does make a mistake, you never, you look over the top of it, and you love him anyhow. See? That's it. Love those that love you. Then does not the sinner do the same thing? **But love those who don't love you.** That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you, 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy (*Rom. 5:6-8*). And He loved you. And that Spirit's in you, it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend (*Matt. 5:43-48*). [9]

Evil spirits are not cast out by cruel indifferent living. **The most powerful weapon there is in the world is love** (*I Cor. 13:1-13; II Cor. 5:14*).

Put me beneath the veil, under the Blood of the Lord Jesus. Take all your gifts that you have in the Scripture. The devil can impersonate every one of them; but he can't impersonate love, 'cause love is genuine. The devil can't love. That's one thing he can't do. And when you get to a place that you love one another, and all the world is dead... (*John 13:34-35*). [10]

Romans 15:30, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."

Reference: [1] "My Angel Shall Go Before Thee" (53-0216), par. 7-8 / [2] "Expectation" (61-0207), par. 9-10 / [3] "Resurrection Of Jairus' Daughter" (54-0302), par. 49 / [4] "Believing God" (52-0224), par. 107 / [5] "At Thy Word, Lord" (54-1207), par. 46-48 / [6] "Impersonation Of Christianity" (57-0127A), par. 66 / [7] "Hear Ye Him" (58-0301E), par. 63 / [8] "Hear Ye Him" (57-0322), par. 51 / [9] "From That Time" (61-0415B), par. 25-27 / [10] "Why Are People So Tossed About" (56-0101), pg. 28+30

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]