

SUPERNATURAL OR SUPERSTITION?

SPIRITUAL WARFARE OR SPIRITUAL WEIRD?

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Ephesians 6:11-13 "Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm."

Three Essential Keys for Victory in Spiritual Warfare

1. A Surrendered WILL.

James 4:7 "Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Acts 19:13-16 "A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, 'I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!' Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, 'I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?' Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered."

You will never have the authority of Jesus if you try to use the name of Jesus without possessing the nature of Jesus.

1 Samuel 15:23 "Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols."

God has no obligation to care for those who have no commitment to obey Him.

1 John 5:18 "We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him."

You can't disciple a demon, and you can't cast out the flesh.

Mark 1:22, 27 "The people were amazed at Jesus' teaching, for He taught with real authority - quite unlike the teachers of religious law. Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. 'What sort of new teaching is this?' they asked excitedly. 'It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey His orders!'"

2. A Life of WORSHIP.

Psalms 22:3 "He inhabits the praises of His people."

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 "The king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising Him for His holy splendor. This is what they sang: 'Give thanks to the Lord; His faithful love endures forever!' At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves."

Worship is spiritual warfare.

Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God."

NO GIMMICKS – JUST JESUS!

Acts 16:25–26 “Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!”

3. The Right WEAPONS.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5: “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

**Your greatest battle is not a power encounter.
Your greatest battle is a TRUTH encounter.**

Matthew 4:3–11 Jesus used truth to defeat the devil.

**You can't live a victorious life with a
defeated mind.**

Ephesians 6:14, “Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth.”

John 8:31–32 “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’”

God doesn't want you to act weird. He wants you to stand on His Word.

Ephesians 6:16-17 "In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Memory Verse: James 4:7 "Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

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