

Chapter 1

Assaulting the Enemy

"The spiritual life does not void any enjoyment to the person himself; it is instead a life of daily fighting. To remove warfare from spiritual life is to render it unspiritual. Life in the spirit is a suffering way, filled with watching and laboring, burdened by weariness and trial, punctuated by heartbreak and conflict.

"It is a life utterly outpoured entirely for the Kingdom of God and lived in complete disregard for one's personal happiness. When a Christian is carnal he lives towards himself and for his own 'spiritual' enjoyment. Of little real value is he in God's hands. Only as he dies to sin and to his personal life shall he be able to be used by God.

"A Spiritual life is one of spiritual usefulness because it is lived to mount assault upon assault against God's spiritual enemy. We ought to be zealous for God, relentlessly attacking the enemy and never allowing this most useful spirit of ours to sink into passivity."

The Spiritual Man by Watchman Nee, Vol. II, p. 68

Chapter 2

Attack! Attack! Attack!

The need for a dedicated and fearless army of deliverers grows more apparent as we move further into all-out warfare with the demonic legions of Satan. We have a "power of attorney." We are authorized to use the name of Jesus Christ and the position His shed blood and resurrection victory have won for us.

Away with laziness, ignorance, and superficial remedies which fail to correct the critical situation. We must gird ourselves for battle and come to grips with the unbelievably strong inroads evil spirits have made.

Their sneering, proud boasts must be stopped by real and smashing victories won by triumphant Christians armed with the truth. We must have as much determination and persistence as the enemies have shown in their campaign to overturn and establish their claims to the "land." God has always planned for His people to win. There is to be an active, not a passive role in the battle. Defensive tactics will never win. We must pray that God will raise up fearless leaders, men and women, and young people who will encourage and lead a wholesale onslaught on the satanic hosts. The prison walls must be breached. Fling the doors open wide and proclaim the glad news that there is a way of freedom and victory for the prisoners of demonic bondage.

Believers armed with knowledge and authority must no longer crouch in the trenches and pillboxes but must abandon their defensive position, fix bayonets and charge the enemy! We must hit him hard, pulling down strongholds in body, mind and soul and throw the armies of the evil one back in utter confusion and defeat before the Name of Jesus Christ.

This fight is not for the fainthearted but for those who are committed to follow the Lord Jesus, even unto death if need be (**Revelation 12:11**). The call to all-out sacrifice for the sake of God's will and purpose is all but lost in our careless world. Much which is spoken and written today indicates that God is some sort of supermarket; that the Holy Spirit is a glorified errand boy. His main job is to gratify our every whim and flood us with material blessings. Many folk pray often and loudly cry to be filled with the power of God. In mercy God does not grant this. We pray "Fill me, fill me, Oh please fill me Lord." God answers, "Cut your ground wires and I will." We are grounded to the things of the world. We are captivated by our houses, automobiles and other material possessions; our families; ambitions; etc.

A sideshow performer may pass thousands of volts of electricity through his body. He is able to perform many astounding feats without harming himself because his platform is completely insulated. A single ground wire touching the earth would cause him to be burned to a crisp.

In the same way much that God wishes to do in and through us is hindered or stopped by the presence of ground wires. We are bound to the world in many ways. We have forgotten or ignored the Biblical admonition to *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."* (**I John 2:15**)

To enable them to carry great charges of electrical power, high tension lines are insulated from all other wires as well as the poles. In like manner, isolation is a form of insulation God uses in our lives in order to prepare us to carry great spiritual power. Those who purpose to be greatly used of God must brace themselves for separation and isolation. Nothing can make you feel more alone than to have those closest to you misunderstand what you are seeking to do.

Our pattern, the Lord Jesus, was the most misunderstood person who ever walked on the earth. He repeatedly explained to them what He was doing and why. In spite of this his closest associates continually misunderstood and misinterpreted practically everything. Because He paid such a tremendous price, you and I will never be as lonely as He was. Our Lord is a God of war and has made provision for all of us to become warriors. Unfortunately, we live in a day where the slogan of most churches is, *"For we wrestle NOT"* Period! God seeks those who will finish the verse; those unafraid to wrestle with principalities, powers, thrones, dominions, world rulers, kings and princes, and defeat them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 6:12**).

Our armor is designed to stand up under the most savage attacks of the enemy. Our battle weapons are infinitely superior to those of the foe. We must have basic and advanced training to learn how to defeat the enemy in the fierce war raging in the heavenlies. Take heart beleaguered saint for we are certainly not alone.

Multiplied millions of God's warrior angels are already engaging the enemy on earth and in the heavenlies. Massive reserves are awaiting the call into the battle in the name of Jesus (**Matthew 18:18; Hebrews 1:7,14**). God also still has His own 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal, although we may not know where they are (**I Kings 19:18**).

Satan and his forces are neither invincible nor unbeatable. We must become careful students of God's Word and learn what the Spirit is saying to the Body of Christ. This is the end-time windup of the battle, on the earth and in the heavenlies. It is a vicious war with quarter neither given nor asked. The stakes are tremendous for the souls and the lives of millions will be determined by the outcome of this fiercely raging conflict.

Deliverance will assume an increasingly critical importance in the days ahead. God has moved to cleanse and purge the Church from Satan's deadly fifth column within them. This will enable them to function at full capacity in witnessing, holy living, warfare, and the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Stubbornness is equated with iniquity, idolatry and rebellion with witchcraft in I Samuel 15:23. These two serious sins are largely responsible for the massive refusal of Christian leaders across the land to accept and become involved in the deliverance ministry. Often they refuse to investigate the Scriptures. Stubbornly (**if perhaps unknowingly**) they refuse to concede that they or their group may have overlooked a vital truth in the Word of God. Rebellion is often the reaction when people press for an explanation of the manifestations and changed lives as a result of casting out of evil spirits. Slashing attacks against deliverance workers and the entire ministry result as embarrassed leaders attempt to cover their own fears and confusion about the matter.

After all, if Christians are really not immune to demonic attack and infestation, then the leaders themselves might need to submit to deliverance also! Suppose followers begin to wonder if some of the peculiarities and problems in the leadership could be more than just manifestations of the flesh. This would destroy an entire section of religious pride and haughtiness which heretofore escaped detection! How many wars are fought to defend pride in a life.

The word used for rebellion is sometimes defined as *"the gateway to the temple."* This is indeed an interesting concept, for we are plainly told that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit on the earth (**I Corinthians 6:19**). Is it possible that a spirit of rebellion is indeed

"the gate of the temple," here to open the way for legal grounds and holds for him and other demons can enter and operate?

What a frightening prospect, when you consider that all sin is rooted in pride and rebellion. Even Lucifer, the super angel, was lifted up by pride and rebellion in his heart which led to his sin and fall (**Isaiah 14**).

Rebellion comes when we become convinced that our human rationalization justifies disregarding what God has plainly commanded or forbidden. This may be one of the most dangerous openings for evil spirits to infiltrate. Usually those caught up in pride leading to rebellion are almost totally unaware it until the enemy has established beach-head.¹

Chapter 3

God's Plan for Leadership

When the God-called leader Moses held up his arms over the valley, the battle went for God's people (**Exodus 17**). Aaron and Hur were not appointed to take over, replace, or even advise Moses in the course of action that he was to take. They were to help him do what God had ordered him to do. Their job was supporting the leader's arms to insure victory for those under his authority. Unlike many today, Aaron and Hur were quite content to play a supplementary role to Moses. Because they were satisfied with less than being the leader themselves, the war was won. Imagine the upset if they, as a committee of two, had decided to set aside the prophet and leader of God's choice! Victory was promised, not if Aaron and Hur stretched forth their hands, but only if Moses' hands were stretched. See Numbers 12 for a good example of what happens when God's appointed leader and order are set aside. Because Aaron and Miriam presumed to tamper with God's divine order they were smitten with leprosy. An example of man-made substitution for the divinely appointed leadership came when Moses was on the mountain. By popular consent, Aaron took over. He then constructed the golden calf and permitted the people to lapse into drunken debauchery and idolatry. His permissiveness is typical of those NOT called by God to be responsible for the flock. This lapse led to the moral breakdown and the death of many. (**Exodus 32**) Korah and his fellow rebels stood against Moses. Brazenly they accused him of nepotism in setting up the rules for the priesthood. God exacted a terrible price for their presumption that they knew more than God's appointed leader. When they moved to set him and his leadership aside, they ran into a storm of wrath from God which obliterated them and their families (**Numbers 16**).

They used the standard procedure of accusing Moses of presumption and pride--THEIR SIN. These people resent and resist the doctrines of God's Word which teach judgment upon all evil doers. **Jude 11** holds up these evil men up as examples to avoid. They made the common mistake of failing to understand that God reveals to HIS appointed leaders (**fathers, husbands and God-called preachers**) special insight and wisdom not given to others.

No human leader is above listening to counsel and weighing it prayerfully. However, this NEVER replaces God's leadership for His chosen leaders. When God wants a job done he calls a man to do it. It is far more important to be in absolute submission to God than to any human authority. Paul remarked on one occasion, *"Immediately I conferred NOT with flesh and blood."* Of the apostles and leaders at Jerusalem he said, "...they added nothing to me..." He did NOT go to Jerusalem to receive approval (**Galatians 1:16,17**). His commission was not from his apostolic peers but from God. The Holy Spirit sent out Barnabus and Paul (**Acts 13:13**).

Paul was forbidden of God to preach in Asia (**Acts 16:6**). In **Acts 21:12,13**, he was warned against going to Jerusalem. He disregarded the local church workers and apostles and went on as the Lord had shown HIM. These friends and peers were sincere, but mistaken in trying to interfere.

Peter went independently to visit Cornelius in response to the direct prompting of the Lord (**Acts 10:11**). Had he submitted the matter to the church and apostles for approval, it

would have doubtless been turned down! When Paul was called to Macedonia (**Acts 16:9**), he did not send a runner to Jerusalem to see if Peter or the others of his peer group would approve this venture. Instead he moved swiftly and decisively to obey the voice of the Lord. God-called men must be free to move quickly and directly to do the will of God in any given situation.

Had Paul been a novice, he doubtless would have sought some signal confirmation for such a radical departure from the accepted channels and inclinations of his own mind and heart about the matter. Peer counseling and guidance must always be cooperative and never coercive. God's people must remain free, at liberty, but not operating in license.

God never calls a committee, always a man, to do his bidding. This avoids bickering and indecisiveness and enables God's program to move with speed and accuracy. The more people who become involved in a decision making process, the more slippage and margin for error of human wisdom is inserted. A God-called pastor is able to guide his flock by love and example. He will need men around him to lean upon but they serve under his leadership. To assume equality with him in position would be the sheerest presumption. At all times he is the pastor and God will work primarily through him to provide leadership for the people in his flock.

A pastor who has caught the vision of being a true under shepherd (**1 Peter 5:3**) will lead by his example of *laying down his life for the flock*. This will create in true sheep a desire to emulate the shepherd as he emulates Christ (**Philippians 3:8-17**). This is a wholly voluntary following and can never become demanding or domineering. The urge to drive and dominate is not a godly quality, but involves witchcraft and manipulation, which are forbidden in Scripture.

While it is true that loving and tender compassion be expressed toward an erring sheep, this does not mean that anything goes or that there must be peace at any price. A shepherd must love enough to stand firm on Biblical principles, *even if it leads to expelling erring ones from the fellowship of the flock* (**1 Corinthians 5**). Those who continue to rebel after being approached and urged to repent must not be permitted to continue to pollute the body.

Surgery, as drastic and severe as it seems, is preferable to permitting the poison of rebellion and stubbornness to permeate the entire group. Many men are too permissive to do this and thus are disqualified from ever being shepherds. Jesus was kind and tenderhearted toward sinners who were groping to understand their needs. However, with the hypocritical and self-righteous, He was very stern, abrupt and sharp.

Both Peter and Paul admonished the younger to be subject to and respectful toward their elders. *"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all [of you] be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."* (**1 Peter 5:5**) *"Rebuke not an elder, but intreat [him] as a father; [and] the younger men as brethren;"* (**1 Timothy 5:1**)

There may be occasions when older men fail God. In this event, the younger must step from under his yoke and, in love and respect, move on with the Lord. Be careful of attitudes here, for the impatience of youth often causes them to see things in a less than mature framework.

In **Exodus 18:13,25**, Moses chose the elders and they were directly responsible to him. There were no co-elders, but all were under his supervision. Elders were not even equal among themselves for they were given jobs of varying size and importance (**Deuteronomy 29:10**). Any church with co-elders is headed straight for trouble. A two-headed creature in nature is a monstrosity, as is a family with two husbands (**heads**). Elders are appointed to work under a head, not to be the head.

Equality of all the elders is a fallacy which has often been advocated. A master carpenter is certainly not co-equal with a young apprentice, although they both bear the title of carpenter. However, their training, background and the products of their labor are all vastly different. No matter how much potential the younger may have, he can never be classed as an equal of one, who by virtue of *hard work, experience and training* has earned

his position. Elders were set in the church by the apostles (**Titus 1:5**). Certainly every pastor needs such older men around him for counsel and encouragement as the flock begins to grow. They must remember however, that he as pastor is like an apostle over them. They are therefore subject to him and his appointment. He is in his office by the call of God, they in theirs by appointment. There is a difference. (**Isaiah 55:5**) God ordained that his flock be led by a pastor shepherd, not run by a board. Down through history God has followed the same plan of calling a man and giving him a vision. He then equips and empowers the man to carry it out. Boards and committees almost always come after, not before the ministry. These must only implement, not lead nor direct the work. In both Old and New Testaments the pattern is the same. There is a God-called and anointed man selected to spearhead and lead the work God wants to do.

After a work for God begins to gain momentum, the man of God will draw to himself other men to become involved. As the supporting network appears, the most subtle danger also comes. There is a move to remove the work from the leader's hands and begin to dictate and restructure the whole program. Human reason and planning attempt to replace the divine leadership. This is always a disastrous development for such presumption grieves the Holy Spirit. This effectively removes the direction of the work from the hands of the one commissioned of God to do it. Almost always the motives seem to be good, but the product of human reasoning produces interference and trouble. If this persists and the encroachments are not renounced, God will write **Ichabod (the glory departed)** over the heads of the usurpers. The Lord then moves the vision to another place (**1 Samuel 4:21**). Like those who foolishly thought they were supposed to steady the Ark of the Covenant, men presuming to change God's plan work woe to themselves (**1 Chronicles 13:9**).

For example, a pastor, called and commissioned of the Lord is given the vision for a work. He toils, travails and sacrifices until at last the work is birthed. Eagerly he shares and invites others to come join with him to further implement the vision, which is dearer than life to him. Men gather to share what has been wrought by one man's sacrificial *labor of love*. So often at this point a dreadful thing happens. Whereas before the followers became involved, they were totally ignorant concerning this work and were humble and teachable; now suddenly they become haughty and critical and demanding. Soon they disagree with the tried, proven policies and procedures which have built the strong and thriving work of God. Many times they assume such control and direction so as to push the pastor to the side, convinced that they know better how to care for this work than he does. A downward spiral begins. Selfish, ignorant men, void of the leadership of the Holy Spirit systematically ravage the work wrought at such terrible cost to the founder. Seemingly they are completely blind to the damage they are doing.

It is amazing how many people, neither trained for or called to the ministry, will nevertheless speak out with great authority on how to run a church and the program of the Lord. *Uncalled, unequipped and totally inexperienced*, they often are the most vocal in a group and the first with critical demands for drastic changes. Only in the Lord's work would such idle prattle and such impudence be allowed a voice at all. In other circles, such unintelligent interference would not be tolerated. Novices often fall into this kind of snare. "*Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.*" (**1 Tim 3:6**)

A man qualified to be the pastor of the flock is entitled to loyal allegiance and support from each member. They should support him and protect him both spiritually and financially. If people are committed to a work, their money WILL follow, and no one in authority under the pastor should be tolerated who refuses to give whole hearted support of the work with his presence, money and enthusiastic backing of the man of God.

It is unfortunate that ambitious people, frustrated, clawing and striving for recognition will introduce this into the church. Certainly there is no anointing of the Holy Spirit as they move in soulish power to build their own little kingdoms. Often they want the pastor to use his gifts, abilities and fundraising potential to build up the body, pay off debts.

After the hard work is done, they are ready to stop in and run him off so they can take charge. This pattern has repeated so often as to be sickening. Selfish, grasping people seek to install their families and friends in places of responsibilities in order to control and direct the work of the Lord.

The result will be obvious to all, for there will be a withdrawal of God's power and blessing as the work withers away. The insensitive persons who engineered the power-grab will be unaware of the change for a time. They do not operate in the realm of the Holy Spirit, but in what the soulish power of man can accomplish.

As Oswald Smith, founder of the People's Church in Canada said: *"If God favors your group by giving you a chosen and anointed servant, a true leader, follow him. Give him rein and when you cannot understand, trust. God has him in hand and will see him through."*

A real leader makes mistakes but these will be used to humble, chastize and teach him. Better a man who blunders occasionally but moves consistently ahead, than the one who never makes a mistake because he does nothing. Leadership is a priceless commodity money cannot buy or compensate for. The ox who treads out the grain should not be muzzled however, and the leader producing the drive and direction for the church should not be forced to grovel for his just wages. Woe to the congregation who is generous with everyone except their pastor-shepherd. True, God will supply for him from other sources, but it saddens the pastor's heart to see the stinginess of his people. Often, the shepherd knows the deep hurt which caused Jesus to ask: *"Were there not ten lepers cleansed, but where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17)*

So often those who absorb the most time and energy from the leader become his severest critics and most vicious opponents. Sad commentary on the ingratitude of the human heart. God will certainly send leanness into the souls of all who are responsible for withholding a just recompense from the one He has set in the position of leadership. God often moves a man with a vision from a stingy congregation to one with a more generous outlook. Only the shock of losing such leadership will cause some to realize what they once had.

Chapter 4

How I Came to Speak in Tongues

Early in 1971, I spoke in tongues. With my pedigree of twenty-four years in Southern Baptist pastorates, eighteen months at Dallas Seminary, two college degrees and extensive additional graduate work, I was perhaps one of the least likely candidates for this experience.

Reared in the Methodist church, I was converted and joined a Southern Baptist church at seventeen. In the years that followed I investigated many churches where supernatural gifts, including tongues were claimed. Unfortunately there were also present patently unscriptural practices and these made me suspicious of the whole thing.

Called to preach, I entered a successful ministry, pastoring, singing, evangelism and work with children and youth groups as well. A study of the Word and seeking a deeper walk produced thrilling experiences and satisfying growth and fruit.

In rural East Texas, many times in the wee hours, going over my Bible, I often would be filled with such exhilaration, I felt I would explode. Hastily I would steal out of the sleeping household and dart down the deserted moonlit highway. When I had gotten far from any house, I would run and leap and shout praises of joy to the Lord.

Late in 1970, I was precipitated into a deliverance ministry which was to expand far beyond our tiny church in Chicago. The excitement of the new dimension of ministry greatly enlarged my appreciation and understanding of Scripture and a new dimensions of the power of Jesus name.

A young college student who had previously received help from me decided to visit the church for a weekend. He had told me of his conversion in Viet Nam and how later he had been *"baptized in the Holy Spirit."* I had quickly changed the subject, mentally deploring the fact that some *"tongue talker"* had gotten hold of this spiritual baby. As I drove to the train

station to pick him up, I mulled over the situation. He needed more help--perhaps I would have an opportunity to "*straighten him out*" on this tongues issue. Certainly he was sincere.

What a shock it was when the Lord spoke to me: "*Have that boy lay hands on you and pray for you to speak in tongues.*" I was jolted and sure I had not heard correctly, but it was repeated. I felt somewhat as Peter must have when the Lord told him kill and eat (**Acts 10**). I recoiled in protest. I had never touched anything **unclean** either! Finally the Lord **asked** firmly, "*Are you going to obey Me or not?*" Miserably I conceded that I would.

Picking up my passenger, I steered the conversation gingerly to his "*tongues*" experience. He was not reluctant to talk about it at all. I was interested in his description and his answers to my questions, especially when he stated he could pray in his new language anytime he chose. In the past, people had assured me that you needed to get on a religious emotional "*high*" in order to speak out. With forty hours of psychology behind me, I was not impressed by anything so contrived.

Finally, I blurted out, "*Well, don't you want to lay hands on me and pray for me to receive tongues?*" His reaction was a surprise. He began to weep like a 23 year old baby and began to explain. While he waited at the station, the Holy Spirit had instructed him to lay hands on me and pray for the baptism. He had been fearful, reminding the Lord that he was only a babe and was coming to me for spiritual help. Nevertheless the Spirit insisted, and he had not known how to proceed.

He prayed, and nothing seemed to happen. I was a bit disappointed, however in the days which followed I found that I had a burning desire to speak in tongues--and this was new. Although I had not totally rejected the idea that God could give tongues, I certainly was not seeking it and viewed it as a rather unnecessary spiritual appendage.

I read Sherrill's *They Speak With Other Tongues* and Christenson's *Speaking in Tongues* and my theological fences were crumbling. I reminded the Lord daily that I was ready and asked Him repeatedly for this experience. One day when I was semi-complaining about the matter, God spoke clearly, "*I know you are ready, but I am not ready: My son, for many years you disdained one of my gifts. You must learn not to disdain any of My gifts. You will wait until I am ready.*" Realizing the truth of what was said, I knew I would have to wait on the Lord.

About five or six **weeks** after asking for the baptism, I was kneeling at a pew in a prayer service. As someone else led out in prayer, I was quietly bringing several needs before the Lord. In the midst of a sentence several strange syllables tumbled out. I stopped, breathless. Could this be it--at long last? I started again, and again out came strange words. I was excited and experimented. Sure enough, I could switch from English to the new language at will and with ease.

I was like a boy with a new girl friend who at first wants to keep her for himself alone and share her with no one. I told no one about this new experience. I used the new language privately and was fascinated as the vocabulary steadily increased. My wife, graduate of a very conservative Bible College could be a problem, I knew. She was far more closed to the experience than I.

It was over two weeks before I broached the subject to her. Her reaction was predictable, cool and annoyed that I had gotten involved in such a thing. Probably because of her initial hostility, nearly a year passed before she was able to receive the baptism herself. It was a thoroughly humbling experience for her.

One by one people at the church heard about it and came to me privately to receive the baptism. Soon the church was bubbling with a fresh and vibrant Spirit and the deliverance ministry was widened and deepened. The outreach has continued to develop. A number of my former colleagues in the Southern Baptist ranks have come to me and received the baptism at my hands.

Looking back, my experience with tongues was not the highest peak of my spiritual experiences, although it is a deeply satisfying and edifying gift. Definitely a help, tongues are a tool to be used to "*weed the garden.*" How wonderfully does our Lord provide all the power and gifts we need for victorious living. ³

Following God's Leaders

Those who have placed themselves under the authority of God's commissioned leaders often have difficulty giving them their wholehearted support. I do not refer to those leaders who claim to be of God but in reality are not, for they are false leaders and bogus prophets.

Obviously or covertly they do not have the interests of the flock at heart but are out to gain their own selfish goals, which often include power and position. Those following such leaders will be in trouble, for God refuses to bless such leaders or the people who follow them (**Jeremiah 14:4-16**).

Fear, arrogance, pride and misunderstandings often hinder a person from wholeheartedly following the leader. When Moses led the people to the promised land, they were often in doubt and feared that their decision to follow him was wrong. Many discouragements and apparent setbacks along the way caused them to long to return to Egypt.

Following only a promise and vision, which to the natural eye held no assurance of security, they were beset with misgivings. In Egypt they knew what to expect and looking back could remember only good things. Overlooked and forgotten were the conditions of their horrible slavery.

Still today fear hinders a flock from following a leader without dragging their feet, murmuring and looking back to the "*good old days*." In reality these were not good at all but were crammed with bondages, either to the world or a religious system which offered "*security*" in its ritualistic approach to God. Fears such as this can be based on the insecurity of being uncertain where that vision or promise will lead them.

Remember that *God cannot be maneuvered to conform to our ideas of how He should move or work*. It is essential to develop individual sensitivity to His leadings. Part of this will come from a knowledge of the Word of God. God will bless those who are intelligently ready and willing to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads through His appointed leader.

Those not accustomed to walking with God moment by moment can learn from proven leaders who do so as a way of life. Remember that those greatest in God's sight serve the most. We are challenged to outdo each other in service. Arrogance and pride have no place in the work of God. Those blessed of God with many gifts of the Holy Spirit, or with exceptional mental and/or physical assets can easily slip into this trap. They must guard against this.

In the group led by Moses, there were power-grabbing attempts by the elders whom Moses himself had appointed. Usually this occurred when Moses was away on the Lord's business. The result was always much harm befalling many innocent people. We must be careful which leaders we follow. God Himself struck with death and plagues those involved in attempts to overthrow His chosen leader.

The stubbornness and blindness of men who would continue to try and overturn God's authority structure in light of the judgments is incredible to see. Today, as then, the chief complaints are that the leader really does not know what he is doing. He is said to be the real cause for all of their hardships and trials; to continue following him would result only in further unnecessary trials and "*wilderness wanderings*."

According to this reasoning, the self-appointed "*doctors*" can rescue the floundering program with their own substitutes. Primarily, secretly or openly, they maneuver to usurp authority and leadership and to exalt themselves and their human plans and reasoning.

Obviously these elders were never given any personal revelation of the vision which God had given to Moses. Their spiritual dullness blocked their understanding. They also had no concept of how God leads through His own chosen vessel, in spite of the many signs God had performed to confirm it. Because of spiritual blindness such usurpers are limited to ambitious, brilliant, practical and rational schemes by which a group can be manipulated and driven. They know little or nothing of dependence upon God.

When the *Illuminati* was created, part of the theory behind it was that the masses are mentally incompetent to manage government. Only those with exceptionally brilliant minds are qualified to lead. The Illuminati program includes a plan to select outstanding college students with good backgrounds to become part of their organization and be groomed for leadership. Highly gifted minds dedicated to the goals of the organization determine leadership role assignments and long and short range goals.

By contrast, God often chooses those who are least likely to succeed in terms of human thinking. He uses the weak to confound the mighty, and has little regard for human brilliance, talents or background when He makes His choice (**1 Corinthians 1:27**).

Arrogant pride seen in today's churches is a deadly, dangerous and extremely destructive disease, and is often hidden in many disguises. When people experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts begin to flow there is a danger of feeling superior to those who have not experienced these. When persons have been given many gifts, spiritual pride can mislead them. Some are caused to believe they must step into situations to correct or to "help out," even when no help has been solicited.

Dependency upon one's own gifts from God instead of a focus upon the vision of God's overall plan and the Spirit's moving in a group can cause serious mistakes. When spiritual pride leads a person to believe he has more understanding of God's plan than those in authority over him, he may leave. Usually he seeks a place where he will be given the authority and recognition he feels is merited by his many gifts.

On the other hand, he may remain with the group but overtly or covertly work to usurp and bypass the authority over him. Sincerely feeling that things are not going the right direction he often feels compelled to help those in leadership to get back on the track. After all, he believes that God has given him a more profound understanding of the situation than those in charge? God simply failed to put him at the head, but he sets about to rectify that omission.

When such a member remains in the flock and is rebuffed for his attempts to usurp authority, he will only become more determined. Time and again when thwarted his pride will keep him from seeing that his efforts have not been blessed because he is out of order. Instead, the rebel will begin to feel that he is being ignored because of jealousy of his great revelations and gifts. This makes it quite easy to place the blame for his own failures upon the leadership which he envies and opposes.

Soon he will begin to speak against the leaders to whoever will listen. If enough people can be convinced that he is right and the leader is wrong, this results in rebellion. This type of situation causes most of the church splits today. The upset is miserable for every one, especially those who love and cherish their leader and have no interest in such rebellion. Many innocent people are harmed through other's rebellion. This is clearly illustrated in the accounts of the rebellion against Moses which caused plagues to befall the entire nation.

When God has a special commission for a church, Satan is especially active there to cause dissension among the members in order to paralyze it. They must be aware of this and be careful to keep their own spirits right before the Lord. Pride must not be allowed to infiltrate. The more spiritual gifts a person receives, the closer he must draw to the Lord in order to escape the trap of spiritual and religious pride.

Misunderstandings can also cause difficulty in following the leaders. In a typical congregation there are great varieties of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, educational and life experiences. Therefore, what is communicated from the pulpit will be understood in various ways.

Knowledge and understanding of the Word of God will determine the extent of help the messages will bring. The believers' ability and willingness to apply the truth determines its practicality to him. It takes the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit to give a message validity and value when heard and received at various levels of understanding by such a assortment of people.

When a person is presented with a concept new to his experience, understanding or knowledge of the Scriptures, misunderstandings can occur. Those with some maturity will seek further clarification if they feel uncomfortable, confused or apprehensive about the ideas presented. If they cannot immediately grasp such new material they will then assume a “wait and see” attitude until such time as it can be clarified. Those less mature tend to become alarmed--especially if the idea involves a new leading of the Holy Spirit. This is particularly true if they feel it to be a threat to their security, accustomed lifestyle or own their ideas.

Often the problem of understanding the pastor's presentation is simply a need to have a translation into terms and terminology with which a person can feel comfortable. Sometimes a foreigner does not understand the language used. This does not connote a lack of perception on his part or imply that he is less capable of understanding what was said than others. He merely needs a translation into a language he can understand.

Rather than to take issue with a concept presented by a leader and allow that to cause a build-up of harbored doubts and fears it is far better to seek clarification and understanding of exactly what was said and meant.

Misunderstandings also occur between the members of a congregation, threatening the unity of the body. Here, focus on the Lord Jesus and viewing each member through His eyes is very important. Evil spirits seek to emphasize a human failings and cause needless spiritual conflicts. We must not play into their hands but rather let the agape love and wisdom from the Lord result.

Suspicion of other members is a powerful weapon used by the enemy to create dissent. In time, God deals with all our faults in His own way. He does not need the help of a group of overzealous “fruit inspectors.”

The gift of discerning of spirits must be used in conjunction with the gift of wisdom and much love to avoid wrong attitudes toward others. Many things are revealed for prayer, not discussion. It is a great mistake to assume that everything discernment reveals is to be broadcast or even discussed with the individual involved. Of course the demons can also reveal things which create problems if we are not wise in handling such knowledge and information.

Misunderstandings can lead to rumors, gossip and backbiting among believers and foster formation of little cliques. This will prevent or hinder total unity and love between the members and serve to discourage many who are seeking to follow the vision God gave their leader. The children of Israel were discouraged from entering Canaan by the bad report given by the spies. Thousands died and forty years of wilderness wandering and delay was the result (**Numbers 13:27-33, 14:2, 32:7-15**).

Leadership cannot function efficiently if all its time is spent settling disputes or listening to complaints of the members against one another. Our role as disciples of Jesus Christ in this day and age should be carried out in such maturity as to relieve the leadership of such unnecessary burdens, not place additional ones upon them.

God expected us to wholeheartedly support our leadership in whatever way possible, much as Timothy was a support and a blessing to the Apostle Paul in his day. If Paul had to stop his ministry to take time to stop rebellions, settle minor disputes and pat people on the head, he would not have had much time left to carry the message of the Gospel to those who lived in spiritual deserts, nor to see new churches established which would carry on his vision from God.

Chapter 6

Prayer Confession for Your Pastor

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; “For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1,2)

"Father, in the Name of Jesus, we pray and confess that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon **(Pastor)**; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; and the spirit of knowledge.

"We pray that as Your Spirit rests upon **(Pastor)** it will make him of quick understanding because You, Lord, have anointed and qualified him to preach the Gospel to the meek, the poor, the wealthy, the afflicted.

"You have sent (Pastor) to bind up and heal the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives, and the opening of the eyes and of the prison for those who are bound (Pastor) shall be called the priest of the Lord....people will speak of him as a minister of God and he shall eat the wealth of the nations and the glory shall be the Lord's.

"We pray and believe that no weapon which is formed against **(Pastor)** shall prosper and that any tongue that rises against him in judgment shall be shown to be in the wrong. We pray that You prosper **(Pastor)** abundantly, Lord--spiritually, physically and financially.

"We confess that **(Pastor)** holds fast and follows the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching, in all faith and love which is for us in Christ Jesus; that **(Pastor)** guards and keeps with the greatest love, the precious and excellently adapted Truth which has been entrusted to him by the Holy Spirit, who makes His home in **(Pastor)**.

"Lord, we pray and believe that, each and every day, freedom of utterance is given **(Pastor)**, that he will open his mouth boldly and courageously as he ought to do, to get the Gospel to the people. Thank you, Lord, for the added strength which comes superhumanly, that You have given him.

*"We hereby confess that we shall stand behind (Pastor) and undergird him in prayer. We will say only that good thing that will edify (Pastor). We will not allow ourselves to judge him, but will continue to intercede for him and speak and pray blessings upon him, in the Name of Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, for the answers. Hallelujah!"*⁴

Chapter 7

Provide Proper Spiritual Covering

Many seeking leadership positions do not realize the heavy responsibility which comes with it (**James 3:1**). It is equally true that man seekers are not qualified to assume it because of emotional, chronological and/or spiritual immaturity. Motivation for desiring leadership roles is crucially important. Anything less than a pure desire to help bring the body of Christ into maturity (**Ephesians 4:13**) by being used of God to provide spiritual assistance to babes is a wrong one.

Assuming a leadership position before God has worked such a maturity in one's spirit is doomed to failure. The assumption that one can learn what is necessary and grow to maturity by taking the responsibilities of the position is fallacious. While it is true that some growth comes this way, the damage that novices do through immature leadership in the process can be serious.

When a person has been chosen and assigned by God to be a leader, he immediately becomes an example to whom people will look. Charisma will cause followers to emulate him, embrace his theology and teachings. Behavior must be above reproach--both in ministering and outside the church; in business dealings and home life. The eyes of the congregation focus constantly upon him, expecting him to perform his role as a man of God should. Such heavy responsibility is not to be taken lightly and obviously one must be groomed and prepared by the Lord for the job to earn the respect of those he leads.

To think that one can be placed in a position of authority and yet lead a double life is an indication that the maturity necessary to assume the responsibilities of leadership is not present. Although the path is rough, for those willing to be shaped and formed into God's leader it brings great reward.

Being a leader under God's commission of authority brings with it a spiritual covering by God upon that person, and he in turn provides a covering to his flock. This is a spiritual

phenomena, an anointing of God which is seen and felt in the spirit realm. It affords special protection against Satanic attack to those who are in submission to his authority.

Many attacks of the enemy aimed at the flock will be absorbed entirely or weakened because of the covering of the leader. This emphasizes the absolute necessity to pray for the leader. By so doing one's own covering is strengthened and reinforced. Those who rebel and leave the covering of a godly authority because of stubbornness and willfulness, will find themselves open to much demonic attack. It is also true that if the commissioned leader steps from under the Lord's covering, the entire body may be exposed to attack.

Spiritual warfare is no game, nor are attacks from Satan and his demons. If a man is not commissioned of God, but merely appointed by men, they will not have this covering of God to give to his flock. The covering by God upon the leader for the flock is not limited to the times the congregation meets together. He is their spiritual covering 24 hours a day, and as such must be on guard that his own spirit remains right before the Lord.

Any openings he himself gives the devil to enter his life will be felt by those he is charged to protect. The more dependent a person is on him for spiritual protection, the harder that one will be hit by the enemy through such openings. Obviously the younger and immature will suffer most.

If God's chosen leader of a group becomes careless in his Christian walk so as to open his flock to attack, those who depend on his covering may be forced to seek adequate protection elsewhere. If the leader repeatedly fails his flock the Lord often transfers them to a new leader.

Some may feel that such a responsibility is unfair to the leader, who has human faults and failings. If demanding such a close, careful walk with God seems too much to ask, all that is demonstrated is an inability to assume such a responsibility, and a lack of understanding of what such a commission from God entails.

Keeping a right spirit before God is of prime importance, as is a right spirit toward each and every member of the congregation. Each person must be viewed in the spirit and not in the flesh, a difficult feat. Faith and the ability to love even the most unlovable is critical in a leader. Like Jesus they must be able to lift the most dreadful of sinners out of their sins.

If a pastor holds something in his heart against someone it will be noted in the spirit realm. In extreme cases, when a leader constantly entertains wrong thoughts toward someone, they may be crippled by self-condemnation.

To many, their pastor, as God's representative, symbolizes God's feelings towards them. If they find themselves under the authority of a pastor with a condemning, judgmental attitude, it is easy to become discouraged and even walk away from the Lord entirely.

The shepherding movement in some of today's churches falls far short of actually providing spiritual covering to the flock. Too often it is composed of immature men with ambitions to attain position and exert authority over those assigned to them, but who lack the seasoning and love necessary to provide spiritual protection and leadership.

In a ministry where much time is spent demanding submission of the people to them, an unhealthy dependency upon leaders instead of God will be created. Often they replace the Lord in the eyes of those they "*shepherd*" by urging or requiring the people to seek a "*Word of God*" for their lives. This type of leadership does not encourage looking to the Lord.⁵

Chapter 8

The Spirit of Absalom

Absalom was the son of King David, extremely handsome, and was praised for his beauty by all of Israel (**II Samuel 14:25**). He arranged the murder of his half-brother after Amnon raped Absalom's sister Tamar. Fearing the wrath of his father because of this deed, Absalom fled and dwelt two years in exile.

When Absalom wished to return home, his father refused to even see him. Finally King David relented and received him with a kiss (**II Samuel 14:33**). Instead of walking in

humility and love after his restoration, Absalom revealed his real character. Involved in the spirit of Absalom is a vicious combination of Rebellion, Pride, Deception, Seduction and Treachery.

In **II Samuel 15:1-6** an incident exposed what was truly in Absalom's heart and why David was wise to have been so reticent about receiving him back. *"And Absalom rose up early and stood by the way of the gate..."* Spirits that plan evil often begin their work while most people are sleeping spiritually--certainly before they know what is happening to them. The gate was the place where people gathered to consult with the judges of Israel.

"When any man had a controversy and came to the asking for judgment, then Absalom called unto him..." Although men were coming to consult with the King, Absalom stood at the gate, waylaid and turned them aside from seeking counsel from the true authority of God.

"And Absalom said unto him, see they matters are good and right..." **(This was a direct appeal to their pride and vanity)** *"but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee."* This statement was a direct slur, implying that David had failed to delegate authority properly, making the King guilty of carelessness and negligence.

This Spirit of Absalom still operates in those who oppose the God-ordained authority and chain of command. A common complaint is that the man in authority should have delegated his God given authority to others. Kings, priests, and other leaders in the Bible did not delegate their authority although they did delegate their responsibilities. Authority is given by God to an individual. Any God-called man who gives away his authority to others will find that, rather than strengthening the work, this will bring weakness, confusion and cause a loss of direction.

"...Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge...I would do him justice." This voice of Pride can be recognized because Absalom emphasized himself as the deliverer and the just one. Pride always points to oneself, not the Lord Jesus Christ or to the proper authority. Had Absalom been submissive and loyal to his father, the King, he would have encouraged the people to seek counsel of their true and proper authority in God's chain of command. Rather than do this he usurped that authority to himself, while piously cloaking this grab for position with a false concern for justice.

"...When any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance (pay him homage), he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him" Again this is typical tactics employed by those attempting to lead people away from their proper authority. Actually this is the Spirit of Seduction at work. Satan never appears as the monster he is, but rather smiles sweetly, extends his hand, feigns love and concern, urging, *"Come on, come on."* Like sheep being led to the slaughter, many are deceived by his deceptively sweet countenance and soft lying words. They trot off, following into a trap which ultimately leads to their own judgment. *"And in this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."* Satan's program is to steal, kill and destroy, and this is exactly what happened after Absalom stole the hearts of the people away from their true leader, King David. The results were havoc, destruction, death, and the rending of an entire nation. He so succeeded in turning the hearts of the people away from the leader **(and the Lord)** that even all the elders of Israel were in agreement with him that David should be killed (**II Samuel 17:4**). Absalom set himself up as king, but because he was not God's choice, eventually he himself was killed.

How could one man influence so many people to follow him and his ways? An extremely powerful spirit of Rebellion combined with spirits of Witchcraft, Deceit, Vanity, Pride and Seduction **(probably stemming from his original rejection by his father)** transferred to all those who followed him. They became of his spirit as they listened to his lies and were deceived and seduced by his flattering words.

Satan's program to stop God's work has not changed. First he creates unrest, by manufacturing problems where none exist. Next he points to his dupes as the ones who can solve the very problems he himself created; thirdly he appeals to the pride and vanity of those he is seeking to undermine.

Commonly this can be accomplished by telling the sheep that they are indeed spiritual and have many gifts from God and that the Lord could use them if only their hands were not tied. Their seasoned leader is not in tune with God and is preventing them from being used of God in the manifestation of these gifts is a popular approach.

People who heed these flattering lies are pulled under the influence of false spirits. Because of this, any true gifts which may be present will become twisted and perverted and false.

*"Woe to the rebellious children saith the Lord, and **(them)** that cover with a covering but not of my spirit, that they may add to sin; that walk to go down into Egypt **(bondage)** and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion" (Isaiah 30:1-3).*

Those who snap greedily at the bait of pride and vanity, following the counsel of men instead of the Lord Jesus Christ will be selling their spirits to these men for their covering. Having left the guidance and protection of the Lord's covering, they trade truth for deception. Because their own wills are committed to deception, the Lord will give them over to it.

It takes years to make a leader, and much time in the Word and practice to attain a spiritual walk. Those who by reason of impatience with the moving of the Lord upon their lives will be snared. They desire instant spirituality instead of slow, steady growth into maturity, and dash off after the promise of great, easy spiritual blessings. The end of such foolishness is the trap of carnality and perversion, spiritually and often physically as well.

Many are babes who do not truly discern the difference between the moving of God and the moving of another spirit in their lives (**of Galatians**). Anxious to please God, they end up striving to please men and substitute another spirit for the spirit of the Lord, blinded, they are unable to distinguish between doors that God opens for them and those that are opened by men. Lust for position, acceptance and attention leads them off the hard, straight and narrow path into the realm of commercialism--selling the gifts of God and their testimonies to any who wish to purchase. The Scriptures say, *"Buy the truth and sell it not."* Finally, the enemy employs another tactic of the spirit of Absalom--that of discredit and slander. Appealing to pride and vanity would not in itself be sufficient to tear away from the flock the more mature who are more aware of the moving of the Lord. Therefore, the reputation of the leader and those closet to him must be slandered. This is done maliciously and openly in some instances, more covertly in others, depending on what the victims will bear and believe. Sins and mistakes of the past are regurgitated, and outright lies are perpetuated and repeated.

It takes a strong person to withstand these tactics and not become deceived by the Spirit of Absalom. Only people with the spirit of Elijah can stand up against the witchcraft (**and rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**), rejecting lies and refusing to become a party to gossip and slander. They alone can resist the seduction and see the calculated viciousness and greed which motivates such power grabs. Jesus stated long ago that the one who aspires to be great in the spiritual realm must be the most sacrificial servant of all. ⁶

Chapter 9

Buying the Preacher

In the Diary section of *Battling the Hosts of Hell*, I told of the first attempt Satan made to buy me off and stop the deliverance ministry. However, there were at least fifteen other times when I was also propositioned by the enemy in an attempt to stop the ministry. These incidents would occur when I was dealing with a demon in a person and the demon making the offer would always be at least a prince in rank (**lesser demons are not permitted to bargain with mortals**). These attempts to bargain with me happened in the

presence of other workers. Each time the pitch was pretty much the same. Although I was “*making waves*” and causing considerable trouble, I would eventually be defeated and shot down by the demonic hordes because of their control of great numbers of preachers and Christians everywhere. These people they promised to goad into bitter opposition to me and the ministry, denouncing and attacking me on every front. The harassment they promised would be so severe that it would keep the work from ever being accepted widely. Also, they would remind me that I had a price on my head and that Satan had, in the beginning of the ministry, assigned twenty-five of his most vicious Princes to trail me and to kill me at the first opportunity. According to them, it was quite useless to resist them.

They reasoned that the sensible thing for me was to bargain with them to get what I could while they were willing to deal with me. The only “*logical*” thing to do was to come to terms with Satan who was “*reasonable*” and willing to buy me off. “*You are causing a great deal of trouble now and will cause more if you keep on, and when that damned book comes out, all hell is going to break loose.*” **(They always shuddered when speaking of the book and the damage it would do.)** They promised to attack everyone who picked up the book to read it, telling them that I was crazy, that it was all lies, etc.

Offers constantly upped the ante in an attempt to catch my interest. Repeatedly they pointed out what a fool I was for not coming to terms with Satan. Many others had done so, they assured me. Once I was offered Anton LeVey’s position as the high priest of Satan. When I told the demon that I was insulted to think that he imagined that I would be tempted by such a degrading offer, he became very conciliatory and cajoling. “*Okay, okay, Worley, don’t get all bent out of shape. I just thought you might be interested. We’ll talk about something else.*” Another time I was offered a golden throne with a crown and people who would come and bow down to me and worship!

The last of the offers I received came a few months before the first book was printed. It was definitely the most insidious and frightening offer I ever got from the enemy. Always I had been assured that I did not have to stop preaching, but that I would preach to wealthy churches and rallies involving stadiums filled with people. I would no longer preach to “*handfuls*” and would be handsomely compensated for my services. They promised world-wide fame and that I would be on radio, TV and all the news media. They would permit no opposition to hinder me and guaranteed great success.

Again this last time I was quickly assured that I would not have to stop preaching and then the usual promises of unlimited funds, sex, power, fame and world-wide travel. Next the prince smilingly dropped his bombshell, “*Why, Worley, you won’t even have to stop doing deliverance. You will only have to let us tell you which ones. It will look and sound the same as before. No one will know the difference. Also you will have to stop fooling around with that Holy Spirit! The demons will come out just as before. You will become quite famous for you will only have to speak and they will obey. Think of it Worley, you can be rich, popular and famous.*”

I decided to play along with him to see how far he would go with this bargaining. I pretended hesitancy and uncertainty and told him that I was not too sure that this would be the thing to do. When he asked why, I reminded him that hundreds of fierce and vicious spirits had left people vowing to pounce upon me at the first opportunity. “*If you ever get out from under that cover and protection you have Worley, we’ll get you and tear you to shreds.*” I had heard this so many times I had it memorized. I pointed out that if I sacrificed my covering to change sides, I would have no protection from the ones pledged to my extinction. Excitedly and eagerly he urged me, with a straight face, that all would be well if I just cooperated with them. They would then have no reason to hurt me in any way.

I shivered inside as I realized the implications of his offer. How many other men who had started down the road to the deliverance ministry had ended up tormented, stymied by the enemy? To strike an agreement with the devil to satisfy the flesh at the expense of victory in Christ is an awful price to pay. Sadly, I realized that many, blocked, harassed and attacked constantly, had tried to take the easy way out. No wonder so many preachers

hit the skids? He continued to press what he believed to be his advantage, for Satan had offered a high premium as a reward for the demon who could bring me to terms. Enthusiastically he assured me I had a blank check. Satan was reasonable, willing to give me anything I desired in return for calling off the attack created by the deliverance ministry.

I dropped my air of interest, grinned, looked straight at him and said firmly. *"Well,...I guess not...come out of him now in Jesus' name!"* The demon was flabbergasted and stunned by my sudden thrust. As he realized that he had been fooled, he went white with rage and began to storm and rant, screaming and cursing. *"You _____ bastard, you were putting me on all the time, you were never really interested at all. No wonder everyone hates you so!"* He sobbed in fury and frustration. I answered with a smile, *"That's right, you've found one preacher you cannot buy."* He cursed me, calling me everything in his considerable vocabulary of obscenities.

More recently I was dealing with another prince in a person and asked him if he did not wish to make me some sort of offer. He snarled and snapped peevishly, *"No, Worley! Satan has given orders not to give you any more offers because you won't accept them anyway. You just use them to ridicule us from the pulpit and make us look foolish. The orders now are to harass you as much as possible and kill you at the first opportunity."*⁷

Chapter 10

A Special Word to the Women

In **I Corinthians 11:10**, Paul states that a wife should be subject to **(literally, come under the protection of)** her own husband, and *"for this cause ought the woman to have power on her head, because of the angels."* The Phillips translation: *"she ought to bear on her head an outward sign of man's authority for all the angels to see."* Revised Standard: *"...a woman ought to have a veil on her head..."* New English Bible *"...it is a woman's duty to have a sign of authority on her head..."* Today's English: *"...a woman should have a covering over her head to show that she is under her husband's authority..."* Amplified: *"...she should be subject to his (her husband's) authority, and should have a covering on her head as a token, a symbol of her submission to authority, because of the angels."*

Since the angels of God are ministering spirits to the believers, they are evidently not in view in this passage. They protect and help the saints of God. The angels referred to have to be the fallen ones (**demons**) who are ever seeking an opportunity to do harm to human beings. Because, like Eve, women are particularly susceptible to deception in the spiritual realm, God has, in love, made a provision of protection for them in this vulnerable area. Those who take advantage of it are sheltered and blessed; those who arrogantly demand their *"rights"* and equality with men, lay themselves open to many hurtful and harmful delusions and even destruction.

The protection God has ordained is through the shield of a male authority over the woman. In the case of an unmarried girl this is through her father. A married woman has her husband as a cover. In the case of a woman or girl who does not fit into these categories, the pastor, elders and men of the local church can serve as a spiritual cover and protection for the woman.

This cover is effective only if it represents a heart attitude of submission and obedience coupled with the meek and quiet spirit which God finds so highly desirable in a woman (**I Peter 3:1-6**). No amount of head covering on the outside can replace the inner attitudes it is to represent in token. This explains **I Timothy 2:12-14** which forbids women to teach or have authority over men, and to keep silent. Sadly, many of the cults have originated in the manipulations of a sincere but deceived and misguided woman.

Women operating under scriptural authority and cover can be a tremendous blessing in teaching other women and children and can pray and prophesy in teaching other women and children, and can pray and prophesy in public (**Joel 2:28,29; I Corinthians 11:5**). However, they are specifically excluded from leadership in the home and church

where God has ordained that men lead and bear the load and responsibility. Because of this, and because she can never be the husband of one wife, nor “*rule his own house well,*” she is automatically excluded from preaching or pastoring. When operating under bible guidelines, a woman can contribute much but it is not hers to lead nor assume the authority which God has reserved for men.

To say women are not fitted by God for leadership is not to say they are inferior. A dump truck and a pick up truck are not the same. But to say that because the pick up would break down under the loads for which a dump truck is designed is not to say the smaller vehicle is inferior. It is designed and built for a different purpose. In like manner, women break down under loads designed for men to carry. It is always wise to follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Chapter 11

Testimony About a Woman's Head Covering

After a prayer meeting at my sister's home, I began to get a migraine headache, so I asked for prayer. As they prayed, a demon manifested and began to yell and scream, fighting angrily. A scarf was placed over my head and the fight was really on!

I felt as though 3,000 pounds of bricks were on my head, yet it was a chiffon scarf, weighing next to nothing. The demon fought savagely, kicking and scratching, in an attempt to rip the scarf from my head and break free. When this failed he blustered and threatened all present with terrible things if they did not take “*that damned rag off of her head.*” When the women refused and continued to pound him with prayer and the name of Jesus, he began to beg piteously for the head covering to be removed. He offered all kinds of rewards to the people if they would just take it off. The haggling and bargaining and struggling continued for a long time and the pressure on my head kept mounting until it felt as if it was in a vice being crushed. Suddenly, with horrible screaming, a spirit of Rebellion convulsed my entire body and left. With him went the migraine he was causing. I now know that the Scripture teaches a woman to wear a covering on her head when praying or prophesying as a token of submission to her husband. I have been careful to observe this rule ever since that night. Praise God for His wonderful love and provisions for us.⁸

Chapter 12

Evidences of Deliverance in Early Church History

Casting out demons or evil spirits was routinely practiced in the early church. Irenaeus Against Heresies, Book II, 32:4 (190 A.D.) “*For some (Christians) do certainly and truly drive out devils, so that those who have thus been cleansed from evil spirits frequently both believe and join themselves to the church.*” Deliverance is also implied to be done by Christians in Book II, 31:2.

Justin Martyr, *Second Apology*, Ch. 8 (153 A.D.) This apology was addressed to the Roman Senate. “*And they (demons), having been shut up in eternal fire, shall suffer their just punishment and penalty. For if they are even now overthrown by men through the Name of Jesus Christ, this is an intimation of the punishment in eternal for which is to be inflicted on themselves and those who serve them.*”

Second Apology, Ch. 6, “*And now you (Roman Senate) can learn this from what is under your own observation. For numberless demoniacs throughout the whole world, and in your city, many of our Christian men exercising them in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius*

Pilate, have healed and do heal, rendering helpless and driving the demons out of the men, though they could not be cured by all the other exorcists, and those who used incantations and drugs."

Justin Martyr, Dialogue With Trypho, a Jew, Ch. 30 (150 A.D.) "For we call Him (Jesus) Helper and Redeemer, the power of whose name even the demons do fear, and at this day, when they are exorcized in the Name of Jesus Christ, they are overcome."

Dialogue With Trypho, Ch. 76. "And now we, who believe on our Lord Jesus, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, when we exorcise all demons and evil spirits, have them subjected to us."

Dialogue With Trypho, Ch. 85, "For every demon, when exorcised in the Name of this very Son of God...is overcome and subdued. But though you exorcise any demon in the name of any of those who were amongst you--with kings, or righteous men, or prophets, or patriarchs--it will not be subject to you. Now assuredly your (Jewish) exorcists. I have said, make use of craft when they exorcise, even as the Gentiles do, and employ fumigations and incantations."

Tatian, Address of Tatian to the Greeks, Ch 16 (160 A.D.), "Sometimes they themselves (demons) disturb the habit of the body by a tempest of folly; but, being smitten by the Word of God, they depart in terror, and the sick man is healed."

Theophilus, Theophilus to Autolycus, Book II, 8 (160-180 A.D.), Theophilus is refuting the false teachings of Homer and Hesiod who were famous Greek poets."... And this clearly appears from the fact, that even to the day the demonized are sometimes exorcised in the Name of the living and true God and these spirits of error themselves confess that they are demons who also formerly inspired these writers (Homer and Hesiod)."

Tertullian, Apology, Ch. 23, (197 A.D.), "Let a person be brought before your tribunals, who is plainly under demonic possession. The wicked spirit, bidden to speak by a follower of Christ, will as readily make the truthful confession that he is a demon, as elsewhere he has falsely asserted that he is a god."

Tertullian, Apology, Ch. 37, "Who would save you (Roman Rulers), I mean, from the attacks of those spirits of evil, which without reward or hire we (Christians) exorcise?"

Tertullian, To Scapula, Ch. 4, "The clerk of one of the courts who was liable to be thrown upon the ground by an evil spirit, was set free from his affliction (by Christians); as was also the relative of another, and the little boy of a third. How many men of rank (to say nothing of common people) have been delivered from demons, and healed of diseases?"

Minucius Felix, The Octavius of Minicius Felix, (210 A.D.). "A great many, even some of your own people, know all those things that the demons themselves confess concerning themselves, as often as they are driven by us (Christians) from bodies by the torments of our words and by the fires of our prayers." (The Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. IV, p. 190).

Origen, Against Celsus, Book I, 46 (230-254 A.D.), "And there are still preserved among Christians traces of that Holy Spirit which appeared in the form of a dove. The Christians expel evil spirits, and perform many cures, and foresee certain events, according to the will of the Logos."

Against Celsus, Book I, 67, "And the Name of Jesus can still remove distractions from the minds of men, and expel demons, and also take away diseases and produce a complete change of character..."

Lactantius, The Divine Institutes, Book II, 16 (250-320 A.D.), "But they (demons) fear the righteous, that is, the worshipers of God, adored by whose name they depart from the bodies (of people); for, being lashed by the Christians' words, they not only confess to be demons, but even utter their own names." Also deliverance is mentioned in Book V, 22, and in The Epitome of the Divine Institutes, Ch. 51.

Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lecturer, 16:12 (350-375 A.D.), "For He (Holy Spirit) employs the tongue of one man for wisdom; the soul of another He enlightens by prophecy, to another He gives power to drive away demons..."

The Divine Institutes, Book V, 22, "For these (demons), as long as there is peace among the people of God, flee from the righteous, and fear them; and when they seize upon the bodies of men, and house their souls, they are adjured by the Christians, and at the Name of the true God are put to flight. For when the demons hear this name they tremble, cry out, and assert that they are branded and beaten; and being asked who they are, whence they are come, and how they have insinuated themselves into a man, confess it. thus, being tortured and excruciated by the power of the divine name, they come out of the man." Lactantius, The Epitome of the Divine Institutes, Ch. 51, "But of what great weight the cross is, and what power it has is evident, since all the hosts of demons are expelled and put to flight by it. And as He Himself before His passion put to

confusion demons by His word and command, so now, by the name and sign of the same passion, unclean spirits, having insinuated themselves into the bodies of men, are driven out, when racked and tormented, and confessing themselves to be demons, they yield themselves to God, who harasses them.

"What therefore can the Greeks expect from their superstitions and with their wisdom, when they see that their gods, whom they do not deny to be demons also, are subdued by men through the cross?"

Time Chart

Approximate Dates

30 A.D. Resurrection of Jesus Christ

65 A.D. Death of Paul, Peter

95 A.D. The Book of Revelation written by John, Death of John the Apostle

110 A.D. Ignatius of Antioch, Clement of Rome, Diadache

150-180 A.D. Justin Martyr, Tatian, Theophilus

190-210 A.D. Irenaeus, Melito of Sardis, Tertullian, Minocius Felix

230-300 A.D. Origen, Lactantius

325 A.D. Eusebius

375 A.D. Cyril of Jerusalem ⁹

God Wants You to Know That...

1. You are a sinner and cannot save yourself.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (*Romans 3:23*)

2. Acceptance or refusal determines your destiny.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him (*John 3:36*)

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." (*Hebrews 2:3*)

3. You must repent of your sins, confess them and forsake them.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (*1 John 1:9*)

"Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them {his sins} shall obtain mercy." (*Proverbs 28:13*)

4. Jesus Christ has already provided the way of salvation.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (*John 3:16*)

"For Christ also hath once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (*1 Peter 3:18*)

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Deliverance

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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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