



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,
I welcome you to this new month and present to you August 2021 edition of —Watchman's Trumpet. This month, our theme is "Spiritual Warfare and Believers' victory"

Our key reference (Mathew 8:5-9, 13) described how a centurion, drawing illustration and inspiration from his authority and power within Roman Regiment received a word of authority from Christ that instantaneously healed his sick servant without any physical touch or contact. The centurion's role in the Roman army set him within the ranks of a chain of command. He was a man under authority of others, and he also was responsible for giving direction to those under his authority. This centurion realized that the spiritual world and more specifically, the kingdom of God was also structured and has chains of command. On the basis of this, he knew that Christ's authoritative command whether given in person or delegated, whether given in the vicinity of the one who requires it or at a distance it will work; his servant will be healed immediately. This understanding of the power of Christ and his confession of it worked for him. The same challenge comes to us today. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. What the centurion confessed about Jesus has not changes and will not change.

Life runs on principle. Spiritual scriptural principle will always yield spiritual result.

This centurion's faith and confession revealed a principle of God's operation and manifestation of Christ's power. This is what this month's magazine seeks to explore. The world within which the centurion operated and Christ's power worked for him remains geographically the same but its spiritual atmosphere keeps getting more and more tense and complex. But, our understanding of the dynamics of faith in such a world including our place and authority in it as the centurion did will make us receive the kind of blessing he received and more. We shall be healed, our beloved ones shall be healed and all our needs will be met. My prayer is that this will happen this month as will read this magazine and operate by the principle it expounded in Jesus name. Welcome!

PHYSICAL ILLUSTRATION OF SPIRITUAL REALITY

"And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me:



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and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour". Mathew 8:5-9, 13

Our text revealed how a centurion, drawing illustration and inspiration from his authority and power within Roman Regiment received a word of authority from Christ that instantaneously healed his sick servant without any physical touch or contact. Believers today have much to learn from this centurion and his interaction with Christ that brought deliverance to his servant. To understand his conviction regarding the Lord's authority which inspired his faith, we shall consider three subtopics:

1. Roman military command and hierarchy
 2. A centurion's place, power and privileges in Roman Army
 3. The centurion's faith in Christ's spiritual influence and power
- 1. Roman Military Command and Hierarchy**

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man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it". Mathew 8:8-9

Much of the worldwide influence of ancient empire of Rome was wielded through its military. Roman Army officers and the men they command in many places that they occupy perform both military and administrative roles. The army itself was made up of groups of soldiers called legions comprising of over 5,000men. Each legion has its own identification number, name, badge, and barracks called fortress. There were about 30 legions around the entire territories held by ancient Roman Empire. The legion itself has a Calvary unit of 120men and other support men including Doctors, Engineers and other workers to make up its full strength of about 6,000men. A legion consists of about 10cohort of 480 fighting men configured from 6Centuria. Each centuria commanded by a centurion has a total of 80 fighting men. These men can be further subdivided into 10contubenum of 8men each. These 8men camp together, fight together, work and march together. In the barracks, they share two rooms, in the field, they share a leather tent and a donkey who carry the tent and other ordinance required by the section during their march and warfare. It was the smallest fighting unit in the Roman Army.

2. Centurion's place, power and privileges in Roman Army

"Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him. So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee. And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly. But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for

him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee. And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor". Acts 23:17-18, 20-21, 23-24

In the Roman Army, the office of the centurion was the highest an ordinary soldier could achieve, most times through merit and hard work. He is subject to the authority of his cohort commander and the emperor. He himself have authority over 80men whom he can command as if it were Caesar himself who commanded them. Thus he knew how to obey and be obeyed. Discipline, authority, structures and teamwork meant a lot to Roman soldiers as it does to military men today. They are committed to putting the mission before comfort, their comrade before self and obedience to duty and command above personal opinion about the order they received. Their dedication to Rome and to one another should inspire believers today in our commitment to God.



The Centurion in our text most probably has his Barrack in Capernaum, the town that Christ make his base after departure from Nazareth as a result of persecution. Jewish leaders' testimony in Luke 7:5 that this centurion built a synagogue for the nation attested to his faith in God prior to his coming to Christ for help. He would have heard reports of several miracles performed by the Lord from eye witnesses or may have witnessed some himself. These testimonies would have convinced him of the power in Christ's word and authority in the spiritual realm.

3. The Centurion's faith in Christ's spiritual influence and authority

"... speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed". Mathew 8:8

"And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many". Mark 5:7-9

Like the general pattern of command structure in the Roman Army, the Centurion was obviously persuaded about the existence of a spiritual world in which unseen forces of good and evil, sickness and health are in continuous conflict. His experience in the acquisition and use of authority convinced him of Christ' place, power, influence; and use of authority in that world and realm. Hence, he believed that Christ's spoken word was sufficient to set his servant free from sickness; that was what happened. The understanding that Christ and his word has never and will never lose its potency should convince us that what the centurion received from the Lord through His spoken word, we can receive today and more as we put our faith in Christ and His word like the centurion did. We shall receive in Jesus name!





ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For August 2021

1. Thank God for the victory we have through the death and sacrifice of Christ
2. Thank God for the power of His Spirit working in all who truly believe
3. Pray for discernment and understanding in our battle against the hordes of hell
4. Pray for absolute surrender, for crucified life, increasing loyalty to God and dedication to His service
5. Pray that God’s authority will manifest in us as we preach His word
6. Pray that the devill will be subject to us and multitude will be converted
7. Pray for deliverance from the powers, works and agents of darkness
8. Deliverance for our family members, our businesses, our projects, our hopes and aspirations
9. Pray for courage to stand in authoriy against all activities and devices of the devil and his agents
10. Pray for triumph and victory in all battles of life

“ *men ought always to pray, and not to faint,*’ **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us live on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

For more info on the Mission, log on to: www.watchmanoutreachmission.org

SPIRITUAL WORLD & SPIRITUAL WARFARE

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”. Ephesians 6:11,12

When the centurion said *“...speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”*, he was by this statement expressing his faith in the existence of an unseen world within which Christ’s spoken word can without any physical contact remove diseases or heal sicknesses. New Testament scriptures revealed clearly that there are invisible forces and powers or spirits that makes people ill or sick and that such forces power or spirits respond to direct authoritative rebuke and expulsion command by Christ and His disciples. Thus, confirming the centurion’s conviction of the existence of a spiritual world in which spiritual warfare is continuously waged. We have in Both Old and New Testaments accounts of experiences that confirmed the reality of invisible warfare and its effect in our physical world.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Scriptural portrait of an unseen, incessant and real world war
2. Man’s admission by birth into a world of trouble
3. Impart of spiritual warfare in our physical world.

1. Scriptural portrait of an unseen, incessant and real world war

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out,

that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him”. Revelation 12:7-9

“So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes”. Job 2:7-8

Scripture’s testimony, human experiences and facts of history unite to confirm the fact that since the fall of Adam and Eve into sin in the garden of Eden by which they relinquish to the devil their God-given dominion and authority, a continuous warfare exists between the powers or forces of good and evils, falsehood and truth, light and darkness, godliness and corruption, grace and wickedness, God and His hosts, and the devil and his agents. For instance, behind Saul’s attempt to murder David was the influence and inspiration of a tormenting evil spirit. Satan and his agents were responsible for the woes which befell Job.

New Testament revealed that evil spirits are responsible for acts of uncleanness Luke 4:35, infirmities i.e weakness and sicknesses Luke 13:11, deafness and dumbness Mathew 9:32-33, divination Acts 16:16, disobedience Ephesians 2:2 and worldliness 1 Corinthians 2:2. The fact that these maladies and moral flaws are still present in the world, increasing and universal is the evidence that the conflicts that engineered them is still continuing. Indeed, in line with Paul’s inspired writings, the devil, like a roaring lion roams the world, seeking whom to devour. Through his agents, he continuously wreaks havoc in individual lives, in homes, communities and nations.

2. Man’s admission by birth into a world of trouble

“Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble”. Job 14:1

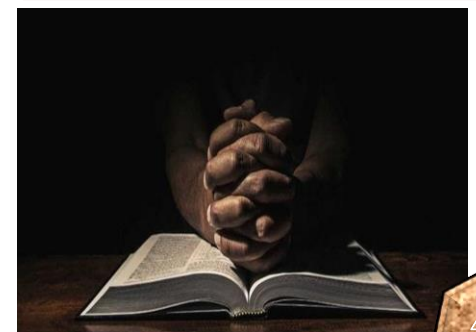
Every man born into this world is admitted into a world full of troubles. Job 14:1. The troubles and difficulties in the world does not discriminate among men. These every man at one time or the other will have to contend with. They are consequences of living in a damaged imperfect world. There are factors that

determines whether we will be ruined and damaged by them or not. These are what we know, whom we know and what we do about them. Jesus did not promise believers a trouble-free ride in the world. His promise was that in Him we will have rest because He is the overcomer. Through him and in Him, we are and we shall be more than conquerors. Life in Christ is always and will always be a winning life on earth, in eternity, and sometimes in both.

3. Impart of invisible spiritual warfare on our world

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

The operation and activities of Christ’s spoken word and the manner in which it restores health to the sick servant’s body like in all instances in which Christ carry out such healing in essentially invisible, attesting to the fact that many things happen in the spiritual realm which has direct bearing and impart on our real, visible physical world. It is clear from the scriptures for instance, that the madness of the demoniac of Gadarenes, hatred bitterness, jealousy, anger and rage of Saul the king against David, disaffection between the city of Shechem and Abimelech that led to the destruction of both, David’s census decision including the plague that killed 70,000 of his subjects, the death of the first born of Egyptians before exodus of Israelites from Egypt, unbelief, diversion and distraction in Paphos of proconsul Sergius Paulus when Paul was preaching to him, and so on, all have spiritual connection and undertone. They are physical manifestation and evidences of spiritual warfare waged against these individuals, which requires greater spiritual influences and authority to eliminate.



LIFE AND SERVICE IN WINNERS' REGIMENT

"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light". Mathew 11:27-30

The game changer in the centurion's experience is that he knew what to do and where to go when sickness threatened to abruptly terminate the life of his servant. When trouble comes, do you know what to do? As worrisome and terrifying as life's unending conflicts, trials and troubles are, there is life and service on a team and in a regiment that guarantees sustained and continuous victory now and eventually in eternity.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. God's authority in spiritual and physical realm
2. The necessity of spiritual life and divine relationship
3. Ordained pathway for winner's victory in God's army

1. God's authority in spiritual and physical realm

"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God". Psalm 62:11

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all". Psalm 103:19

"A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven". John 3:27

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand". John 3:35

Authority is a legal right to effectively deploy power to effect changes in things, circumstances and people. The supreme and ultimate dimension of such right resides only in God because He is the creator and owner of all things. All other possessors and users of such rights receive by delegation. God's authority when delegated could be exercised in the physical or in the spiritual or in both. For instance, Jesus manifested authority over all realms of nature - on men, angels, demons, on land, in the sky, on sea, and on animals because of the unique relationship He shares with God who made Him Lord over all things.

God ordained authority exists among men in relationship everywhere. It was granted by Him when He created the world and set up institutions. These include political authority, social authority, religious authority and even charismatic authority by which men influence one another when in relationship. In every relationship, there must be leadership and followership otherwise, the world will be a chaotic place. However, clear distinction exists between the mode of possession and use of spiritual authority as compared with physical authority. Possession and use of spiritual authority requires a well-defined relationship with God and consistent submission that enlists men into God's team and winning Regiment.

2. The necessity of spiritual life and divine relationship

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil". 1 John 3:8

" But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of



God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12

Spiritual life is God's kind of life in man. The opposite of this is spiritual death and fundamentally it means separation from God. Sin deprived Adam of such a life and its benefit of intimate relationship with God after his fall. Subsequently, this deprivation was passed to all men who inherited Adam's sinful and depraved nature. Sin makes men impotent and vulnerable. They are mostly victims of evil powers that continuously wage war against all God's interests in spiritual world and during spiritual conflicts. Repentance, forsaking of sin, and faith in Christ's atonement imparts spiritual life and restores all who come to Him into divine relationship. By this step we are adopted into God's family and are empowered to live as sons and daughters of God. This life and relationship places us on the winning team in the spiritual world, and brings us into God's regiment.

3. Ordained pathway for winners' victory in God's Army

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you". Jeremiah 7:23

There are ordained guidelines and established pathway that guarantees victory of believers who desires to receive help from Christ or help others during spiritual warfare and conflict.

They include:

1. Freedom from sin
2. Use of God's Armour
3. Consecration and consistent, continuous submission to God
4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
5. Obedience to the Great Commission
6. Prayer of faith in Jesus' name
7. Speaking the word of God in authority against all evils, their forces and all adversities
8. Loyalty and submission to authority
9. Operating within the boundaries defined by authority delegated to us.

**EFFECTIVE USE OF
SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY
AND BELIEVERS'
VICTORY IN SPIRITUAL
WARFARE**

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you".

Luke 10:19

A Roman Centurion's effectiveness and success in the use of his authority depended on his understanding of his position, the privileges, as well as obligations conferred by it including his loyalty and dedication to duty. Likewise, the believer's effective use of spiritual authority and victory in spiritual warfare depends on his understanding of his position and relationship with Christ as well as loyalty to God and dedication to duty. A man with authority must recognize that he has it. He must not only know how to use it; he must have the courage to use it. To succeed in spiritual warfare, power and authority must be deployed. Power makes things happen and authority grants legitimacy for its use. Not much can be done without both in the spiritual realm. Jesus possesses and gave both to early disciples when He sent them out on mission. They returned and testified that devils obey the command they issued in His name. The same can happen in our lives today. It will happen in Jesus name!

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Basis of believers' authority in the spiritual realm
2. The power of spoken word
3. Decisive and bold stand against the forces of wickedness and all evil

1. Basis of believers' authority in the spiritual realm

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven".

Luke 10:17-18

The Christian life need not be one of ceaseless misery and woes, of burdens, of slavery and oppression by evil spirits because the enemy

is defeated. God ordained life of faith in Christ to be one of continuous victory. Paul the apostle revealed three milestones that lines the road to believers' continuous victory against hordes of hell. According to Romans 6:1-14, the markers and the keywords include: "know!", "Reckon!" Yield!"

More precisely, our union and identification with Christ, living lives consistent with our identity, yielding and submission to God, more specifically, yielding the members of our bodies to God and their use as instruments of righteousness to run errands only for God and to accomplish His will, plan and purpose is the leading key to believers' victory. It is a scriptural fact, irrespective of feelings that repentance and salvation, and submission to the ordinances of water baptism after genuine conversion unites us with Christ and makes us partakers in His death, burial and resurrection. By it we receive a brand new life from God. Not a re-packaging of our old life but a brand new one. We are transferred from the kingdom of Satan into the Kingdom of God. Our past sins are forgiven and cleansed, we are freed from the dominion of sin; we are dead to sin. This imply that we are forever separated from domineering influence of sin by the power and Spirit of adoption which comes into us immediately we repented and surrender to Christ. We must acknowledge it, believe it and confess it daily. Beyond this, we must take practical steps to make it a reality in our lives by living lives of daily uninterrupted yielding or consecration of our entire bodies and its parts to God and use strictly for righteous purposes, this is spiritual victory; victory over self and self-life.



Most often, the part or area of our lives which we do not surrender to God, the devil will hijack and use against God, against his laws and words, and against His will and purpose. The areas in our lives where the devil occupies or hibernates is often that gap that separates between us and God. Once we close that gap, we are free to operate in continuous victory.

2. The power of spoken word

"... speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed". **Mathew 8:8**

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith". **Mark 11:23**

"Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways". **Job 22:28**

The centurion said *"... speak the word only and my servant shall be healed"*. Authority operates through the spoken word. Authority don't beg. Authority issues command that must be obeyed. This authority we have conferred on us by Christ especially as we continue to walk and work on the path of duty and obedience. The Great Commission Mark 16:18-20 and the anointing of the Holy Spirit confers on us both the authority and the power we need to continue to carry out God's mission on earth, which include preaching the gospel of salvation

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places".

Ephesians 6:11,12

By this we become the Lord's hands, His feet, mouthpieces and representatives.

Jesus commanded his disciples to heal the sick Luke 7:7, Mathew 10:8. There is nothing wrong with praying that God should heal the sick, however, we can also do so by the power and authority that Christ gave to us. By it we can command sicknesses to leave their victims, to depart and not come back, they will. Peter demonstrated this in Acts 3:6.

Actually, as the early disciples who became apostles step out in faith and obedience to the Great Commission using the authority Christ gave to them, Holy Spirit's power began to flow inside their body and like electric current, flows into others directly by touch or indirectly through materials that had been in contact with their bodies. The word they spoke against powers of darkness received the same response it would have produced if Jesus had spoken them. Jesus worked with them, confirming their words with signs followings as He promised. The same privilege is for us today. Many believers and ministers are enjoying it; you can too if you consecrate yourself to God. Exodus 32:29

3. Decisive stand against the forces of wickedness and all evil

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses". 1 Timothy 6:12

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand". Ephesians 6:10-13

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong". 1 Corinthians 16:13

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death". Revelation 12:11

God has given true believers victory. This victory we have through our Lord Jesus Christ. It was secured, sealed and delivered when He sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins, died and rose again. Life and intimate relationship with Him empowers us to effectively use His name in prayers of liberation both for ourselves and all others to whom God will be sending us from time to time. Satan is our arch enemy. He is the head of all forces of darkness and principalities and powers. He has spirits and human agents through whom he perpetrates his wicked acts in men and all over the world. But greater and more powerful are those that are with us than those who are against us. God is on our side, the same with Jesus and the Holy Ghost; we are secured by innumerable companies of God's holy Angels. His word endures forever and are like eternal decrees which cannot change



Faith in God overcomes the world and overcomes all things. A believing man is an unconquerable man. The blood of Jesus when applied by faith upon ourselves and all ours speaks; it is one of the greatest weapons against Satan and His agents; the same with testimonies of God's great and mighty acts in the past and today. The only hindrance to our victory is fear.

Many believers live defeated lives as a result of fear. They fail to acknowledge or recognize their authority. Fear and intimidation is often Satan's leading weapons against men. As a result of this many believers like sleeping giants give up without a fight. Rise up and fight today. Fight the good fight of faith.

The fight against the powers of darkness, fight for our promised inheritance, and fight for the rescue of souls, fight to possess our possessions and enter into the Promised Land is a good fight. A believer who is afraid of conflict, who flees at the slightest opposition by the devil or his agents cannot make heaven. If you are not looking for the devil, he is looking for you. It is as we submit to God and resist him as the Bible instructs us to do that we discover how powerless he is. He will flee from you. Every believer should be a prayer warrior. Leaders over the people of God should be warriors. Armed with appropriate weapons - the armour of God, we should be terror to the devil, to his kingdom and his agents. That is the purpose of Christ's coming into the world. He came to destroy the works of the devil. The only way He will love to do that today is through you; a true believer as you surrender yourselves and every part of your body and life to be used by Him in destroying the works of Satan and expanding His kingdom on earth. We have a lifetime calling and assignment of preaching the gospel, rescuing souls from hell and helping to establish one another in faith. As we go about doing that, if the devil or any of his agents opposes us, we must take a clear bold stand against them and fight and continue to fight until total victory is won. You can. We can. We all can. That is what the Lord expects from us. The grace to do so God will bestow upon every one of us today in Jesus name!



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MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

FATHER DANIEL NASH
1775 - 1831



In the battlefields of the spiritual world the true heroes are often the unseen by the world. These are the ones often touched by heaven, who breathe the rarified air of the secret place of the Most High. Such a one was **Daniel Nash** commonly known as **Father Nash**. He was a partner to the much better known evangelist Charles Finney during the Second Great Revival.

Father Daniel Nash was born on 27th November, 1775. His early years seem mostly lost from the records. At age forty, he had accepted the pastorate of the Stow's Square Congregational-Presbyterian Church, Lowville Township in upstate New York. It's said that he didn't trust in his own spoken words or cleverly-written sermons to change the hearts of listeners but knew that only prevailing prayer would summon the presence of the Holy Spirit to transform the culture of the day.

Unfortunately, at age forty-three, he was voted out of his church, by a vote of nine to three, because they were annoyed by his frequent travels to preach, and because the people said they wanted a younger pastor. But with a humble heart he continued to serve the people there, filling the pulpit when needed and seeing many people saved because of his fervent, prevailing prayer. It was noted that he was very damaged with pain by how he was treated and had little hope of doing much for the kingdom after, but God had a greater plan!

A few years later, at the age of forty-eight, God laid on his heart the need for a forerunner, to intercede before and during the revival meetings held by Evangelist Charles Finney. In fact, he would often go several days before the beginning of a revival, locate an out-of-the-way tiny, dark, damp space to rent, find two or three likeminded individuals, and begin to fast and pray, groaning in the

spirit for hours and days at a time.

Shortly before Nash died in 1831 he wrote:

I am now convinced, it is my duty and privilege, and the duty of every other Christian, to pray for as much of the Holy Spirit as came down on the day of Pentecost, and a great deal more....My body is in pain, but I am happy in my God.....I have only just begun to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

He entered glory on his knees on December 20, 1831, at the age of 56. His body was buried near where he pastored in that former church's graveyard. Today that parcel of land, owned by Dwelling Place Ministries of Lowville, NY has been set aside with great expectations for a future powerful revival move of God. The greatest legacy of father Nash is that by his prayer he ensured Christ is formed in the converts of revival.

Four months after Father Nash's death, Charles G. Finney left the evangelistic field to take a Church in New York City. His prayer partner in taking the enemy by storm was gone. He whose prayers had been the strength of the campaigns was now in his eternal home and the loss of power was felt.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you". Luke 10:19

SONG OF THE MONTH

CONQUERORS AND OVERCOMERS NOW ARE WE

1. Conquerors and overcomers now are we,
Thro' the precious blood of Christ we've victory,
If the Lord be for us, we can never fail;
Nothing 'gainst his mighty pow'r can e'er prevail.

Refrain:

Conquerors are we, thro' the blood,
thro' the blood;
God will give us victory, thro' the blood,
thro' the blood,
Thro' the Lamb for sinners slain,
Yet who lives and reigns again,
More than conquerors are we,
More than conquerors are we.

2. In the name of Israel's God we'll onward press,
Overcoming sin and all unrighteousness;
Not to us, but unto him the praise shall be,
For salvation and for blood-bought victory. [Refrain]
3. Unto him that overcometh shall be giv'n
Here to eat of hidden manna sent from heav'n;
Over yonder he the victor's palm shall bear,
And a robe of white, and golden crown shall wear. [Refrain]

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