

“PRAYER OUR MIGHTY WEAPON”
2 Corinthians 10:1-6

INTRODUCTION

In the last teaching Paul spoke about strongholds. They are the walls or forts defended by warriors. In the spiritual realm they are the unbiblical arguments or philosophies against the knowledge of God. They are in the mind. Paul stressed that our whole life has to bend to Jesus and His word. Behind the Judaizers was Satan. In our flesh we don't have a chance! Paul used the weapon of Christlikeness to diffuse the situation. Also available to Christians are the sword of the Spirit and prayer. **James 5:16, Eph. 6:18.**

WATCH AND BE SOBER

We are called to be sober. We need to care about serious things, be mature and get rid of our silliness and be watchful in prayer, **1 Corinthians 13:11**. A sense of humor is fine, but not everything is a joke. Don't we have enough entertainment in our lives? In **1 Peter 4:7** we are called to have disciplined life and be serious about prayer. Are we? Secular and carnal people view prayer in unbelief and mock it. We must *fight* in prayer! In **Acts 12** there was heavy persecution. During this time, they spent it in prayer, not with games and entertainment.

COURAGE

We must exhibit courage in our spiritual life. In **Matthew 26:47-53** Peter is afraid and acts in the flesh. Jesus was full of courage because He knew that He could pray to His Father. Few Christians actually get victory against Satan. Courage is something that is from the Lord. Look at David! Look at his Psalms! Praying puts what we face in the light of God, **Psalms 3:3**.

UNDER ATTACK

In **Matthew 26:36-41** in Gethsemane, Jesus was praying but the enemy was trying to stop it. Satan knows that prayer is powerful. Even now churches are attacked during prayer meetings, such as in South Carolina in 2015 where 9 people were killed. **Matthew 11:12 NKJV**, “**The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force**”. We are not of this world, but part of an invasion of love, healing, peace, honesty and reconciliation! Much comes against it. We can't give in to our flesh!

In **Matthew 26:41** it indicates that we need to watch and pray. While there are many who worship, we must have prayer warriors. The amount of sin in our lives is directly related to the amount of time that we do or don't spend in prayer.

CONSIDER

The prayer closet has room for many, **Matthew 6:9-13**. The devil is well organized, so the church must be as well. Prayer gets the focus off of each of us, and more on others. We must pray for His glory. It accomplishes what He wants, and cuts against our carnal desire for praise and credit. United prayer has even led to spiritual awakenings. *If we believe these things we will pray!*

PRAY.....

- * That the Lord would unite us in prayer for a spiritual awakening in New York State!
- * That our evening of Thanksgiving in November would be a true time of worship for our body.