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Chapter Nine

The Army of God

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The war is already won, but it's not over. This statement sounds like a contradiction of terms. Yet, nevertheless, it is true. The war is for the world, for the eternal souls of mankind. No one will escape this war. There is no place to hide. Even if you managed to get through this life without being involved, you will be involved in life after death. But this life we live now is the only time we can make a decision to serve the Lord Jesus, King of all. It is the only time we can find our salvation. It's the only time we have **TO HELP HIM BUILD HIS TEMPLE.**

We know that God is a Spirit and in the beginning, God Almighty created the earth and man. The earth was created for man and man was given, by the creator, the legal owner, full dominion over all the earth and everything in the earth. When they ate of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, they had disobeyed God. They died spiritually and transferred their authority over to Satan.

From that time until the coming of Jesus, the second Adam, Satan lorded it over man and the earth. Man was under a curse. Mankind had no authority; no power against the works of Satan. Sin and separation from God entered into the earth. Satan hated man, who was created in the image of God. Satan was now called the prince of the earth.

Think of the irony of God's plan: for four thousand years, Satan lorded over man causing much pain and suffering. Now when Jesus comes, He takes back, legally, the authority of man in the earth. He was born of a woman and had the legal status of man for dominion of the earth. He defeated Satan as it is written in Col. 2:15, ***And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*** Jesus then takes this triumph and gives man the authority and power over Satan. Now suddenly, the tables are turned and man, through Jesus, can now put Satan and all principalities and powers under his feet. Luke 10:19 ***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. (20) Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the Spirits are subject to you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven. In verse 23 Jesus said to his Disciples, *Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see; For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.* This is delivered to us by the covenant of the Blood of the Lamb of God, The New Testament! Praise God forevermore.

The Covenant is made up of the laws of God, the will of God and the direction of God for His Kingdom. As the Army of God, we are to uphold and enforce His laws, His will and His direction. If this is true, and it is, then we as the Body of Christ, should be fighting for the offices of ministry appointed by God. **Slaying and persecuting Apostles and Prophets is in direct opposition to the Covenant that we are to live by and uphold in the earth. It is direct enmity with God, it is of the flesh, it is of the Devil.**

We could liken it, for the sake of understanding, *as the President meeting with Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lord meeting with His field commanders.* Why would this be so strange? Why would the King do away with His field commanders today? Why would the Lord do away with any of His ordained and appointed ministers?

In a war, only the enemy would want to kill off your field commanders first. If the enemy could reach the foot soldiers with enough propaganda (lies) to convince the foot soldiers to kill their commanders, the enemy would have a quick and painless victory. These foot soldiers, who in error killed off the commanders and lost the war, would be treated as traitors and found untrustworthy. They would not be blessed by the King; they would not be able to prosper in the land. Isn't this really what Satan has been doing in the Church?

Let's make this parallel perfectly understandable: Satan is the enemy of God. He is your enemy. Jesus is the King and you, as the Body of Christ, are His army in the earth. You are his soldiers. The enemy, Satan, has convinced the Church through wrong doctrine (propaganda) that there are no more Apostles. Therefore, everyone who calls themselves an Apostle must be the enemy and must be destroyed. But these men, who are called Apostles, in reality work for the Lord Jesus Christ like field commanders. They receive much of the directions and commands from the King to pass on to the soldiers of Christ. Satan knows that if he can destroy these men, the army will be weakened, scattered and will be easier to take captive and kill---or they will just wander around aimlessly. Do you want to be considered as a traitor by the King? Or do we seek to please the King and fulfill His Will?

The Lord has given me the analogies which are written in this book.

Jesus clearly tells HIS Church, whose names are written in Heaven, that they have authority over all the power of the enemy. He clearly states that devils are subject to them. Yet, Satan was allowed to remain in the earth where now man, whom he lorded over for so long, has the power to cast him out. Now man has the power to oppose his evil works in the earth. Yea, to destroy his works.

You better know that Satan is your enemy and he hates you. Satan does not want the sleeping Giant to awake. He can only deceive the nations of the earth to keep them from exercising their authority against him. As long as the people of the earth give him their authority in the earth, he remains in power. This is why he has worked so hard to plant doubt and unbelief in our midst. This is why he has worked so hard to plant false doctrines in the Church, so they would remain powerless to oppose him. The sleeping Giant is the Body of Christ! Some are not sleeping, some are. If you are sleeping, if you are complacent, you are out of Order. From the youngest to the oldest, from the weakest to the strongest, we are all called to this war to fight on the side of Christ our King.

When the entire body is awake and exercising its full authority in the earth, we will see more and more of God's Will prevail. This Body will not be whole with all its members until the last trump of God, on the Last Day, because members of the Body will be coming into the Body by God's grace till the last moment. But the members that are present already in the Kingdom of God must awaken to take their place in their God given destiny. The Body of Christ in the earth is now larger, richer, more educated and more equipped with technologies to help in the harvest than at any other time in history. Your being alive in the earth at this crucial time in history is no accident. God has placed you here at this time to be a part of the greatest army ever. You are a warrior of the Most High God in the end times.

In the Gospel of John Ch. 12: 31-32 Jesus said, ***Now is the judgment of this World: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*** Then in Matthew Ch. 28:18 Jesus said, ***All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

We know that it is the plan of God for His people to go like witnesses and tell the inhabitants of the earth what Jesus did for them. To tell them that they can now be saved and teach them what their authority and role in the earth is. We are to help them enter into the Kingdom of God through the new birth and the Holy Spirit, and to equip

them with the information and power they need to overcome. To let them know, as one example, that power has been given to them to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and that nothing shall by any means hurt them. This, in many missions of many denominations across the world, has not been done.

From my experience, I can tell you that much of the Church of Jesus Christ is sleeping and the priorities have been perverted by Satan.

When I returned back to the States from Saudi and Asia in 1986, after two years of being in third world countries, I would turn on Christian television and there was one ministry collecting millions of dollars for a Christian retreat. When I would try to watch this ministry, my spirit would grieve; I knew there was something wrong. I would feel in my spirit a righteous indignation. This was not from my own mind, even though with my mind I could understand why I was feeling this repulsion. This ministry fell hard. I would feel this repulsion before there was any evidence to the world that there was something wrong. And to this day, many think that the adulterous situation was the root problem of the fall. Many felt betrayed by ministers. Many lost their faith in ministries.

Oh, if only that money could have been used to tell the world that Jesus is their Savior and that they no longer needed to fear Satan. If only the people who gave had given to the true direction and will of God for the Gospel's sake and for Jesus' sake. That money could have been recompensed by the Lord, even multiplied a hundred fold and their treasure in heaven would be great. We must have the wisdom to contribute to the Kingdom of God. The wisdom of God is not to distrust ministers of the Gospel, but to use wisdom knowing what God is doing in the earth.

We were clearly warned in the book of 2nd Peter 2:3, ***And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*** In the New International Version it reads like this: ***In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.***

Unless we heed the warnings in the Bible and understand the Priority of this Age, men will be able to deceive the Church. Men who have a platform and pulpit on television have a large responsibility. That statement does not mean that they will all exercise proper responsibility. There are those who make up a work or cause for the purpose of getting money. These ministries will not win and will fall no matter how many support it financially and with prayer. God will take His hand off the work and then things like adulterous scandals will just be a symptom of the problem.

Every time we see a group trying to separate themselves from the world and build a hedge around themselves in the name of Jesus, they fall. It is not the direction of the Church to build retreats or to retreat when most of the world is perishing. To retreat when no retreat has been sounded, is treason or desertion. Many churches are acting as though they are a retreat or country club and they are not prospering in God. They do not concern themselves with the affairs of the Kingdom.

Jesus did not leave us alone and He did not leave us without direction. He has given us His Salvation, filled us with His Holy Spirit and then told us to go and tell the world. If we would be faithful to this direction, with the help of the Holy Ghost and the Angels of God, which are innumerable, there should be no division and no stopping the people of God.

Jesus said in John 8:44 to the Pharisees, ***Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*** In John 10:10 He says, ***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*** Satan is the thief.

The first thing Satan desires to steal from you is your God given authority on this earth. He does that by lying to you with false doctrines about who God is, who you are and what the word of God is saying. Then Satan will continue to lord it over you as though Jesus never came. I had trouble committing those words to print. But thank God, Jesus has come and He was victorious over death, hell and the grave.

Seeing the nature of Satan, I believe the system of government he would choose on the earth would be communism. Then he could oppress whole nations just using a few men to lord it over the people and keep those people from religion. That's exactly what we see in China, is it not?

The following article is from a Communist French Publication called the Paix Et Liberte. It is a comment from a communist years ago:

"The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy. All the same, it is we who will finally beat you; we are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his three hundred companions, you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists, and seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries and wage we keep only what is strictly necessary; we give up the rest for propaganda purposes; to this propaganda we also consecrate all of our free time and part of our

holidays. You however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither the time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that the social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands."

---From Paix Et Liberte, a French Communist Publication.

The reason I use this article in this writing is because it reveals some of the will of Satan. Here we see a man speaking forth a part of Satan's strategy. Here we see a people who have bought a lie and are willing to sacrifice everything for it. There is also a level of truth about us revealed in this article. I hope this article makes you angry, it should.

Let's take a look at this paragraph from the article: "You, however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither the time nor money for it?" Now remember, these words you have just read are not from a minister of the Gospel admonishing you. But rather from one who has bought into a lie of the devil. It is like the devil boasting. You have to understand what Satan's strategies are so that you can combat them in your own life, in your family, and for the world.

In John 14:6, ***Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*** This is the Truth. Unless men come to Jesus, they will not be able to come to the Father. If they come not to Jesus, there is no righteousness and they will perish. If we have been given the charge over taking this message to the inhabitants of the earth, shouldn't we take it to heart and let it be the principal direction of our faith? The answer is a definite YES. If the world saw the Church acting like it is a matter of life and death, they might heed the message more seriously.

It is a Matter of Life and Death on the Grandest Scale. You are of the Army that can liberate the inhabitants of the world from death and destruction. All life is sacred; there is the life we live in this body and the life of the spirit of man, the soul that is eternal. We Christians put a great value on life and so does God. But of the life of the body and the life of the soul, the soul is eternal and therefore, is of greater value to God.

We are the Army of God in the earth. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, ***For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not***

carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God.

In every war and in every army there are strategies for offensive action, defensive actions, and occupying. When we go forth taking the word of God, the salvation of our God, to the inhabitants of the earth we are moving offensively to take back these souls from the kingdom of Darkness. We then would be required to defend the new converts and teach them to occupy and then how to move on the offensive. In this manner, the Kingdom of God on the earth increases and the Kingdom of Darkness diminishes.

The Lord Jesus has called many to go. Jesus, the head of the Church, has the wisdom for each area of the world (the strategies). These strategies are imparted to these men by visions, dreams and the spoken commands of the Lord. If the Church was diligent to seek out those called by God for these purposes, and committed to get behind these works with their resources, prayer and physical effort, these men, to whom the directions have been given, should not have to travel this road alone. In my case, there is one brother who has followed our work for many years and is sure that God has called him alongside of the work. He and I have only met and talked for one hour. We have communicated by mail for a long time. But due to the lack of finances, he and his wife are not able to do that thing that is put in their hearts by God. For what the Lord has called me to do and shown me in many visions and commands, there is a need for many like this brother I've described to you. The Lord has also confirmed to me that this man is to work with us in this mission.

I have seen segments of the Church who are really afraid that someone might get a free ride in life working the ministry. I can assure you that this man, who God has called alongside of our ministry, would, in the worldly sense, be much better off keeping his job and staying in America. But he is not of this world. If he is able to join us, he will have to leave all that he is familiar with: comfort, cleanliness, order etc. He will be under a great persecution continually; his very life and his wife's, will at times, be in danger. He may be called upon to defend the new converts from the government officials who try very hard to intimidate their subjects into serving the Buddha and the Devil. Would what I write here convince him not to go? I don't think so. The Lord has spent many years convincing him to go. It is not a light thing. I write this from personal experience.

I can tell you that those who are only called to give and to pray have the best position in this Army. Their rewards are great and they don't have the physical suffering and danger. They will have the persecution. Satan, trying to stop the missions, will attack you to keep you from giving to that ministry. You will not escape the spiritual battle. But remember Mark 10:30, ***But he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time,***

houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

I remember a time in Thailand when I really just wanted to quit. I didn't want to go on. I must say this, the Lord has commanded me to tell you this. The greatest reason for me wanting to quit, I mean unto death, is that I was under constant persecution and attack for eight years. I was in a place where I could not earn our living and we had no help from the Church but rather, more persecution and judgment; it was not just the attacks of the devil or the Buddhists. If this doesn't fit the faith-hero image of the proud, please forgive me. The fact that I was able to sustain and work this ministry for over eight years is a miracle of God. The Lord would tell me to go to HIS People. He is not unrighteous; this is the way He has ordained for His work in the earth to be done. I remember asking the Lord, "Why didn't you just take me out of this world after you saved me?" His answer was immediate and firm: "**Because I have many just like you that I want to save. You are my witness.**"

After many years ministering in Asia, in places where the Gospel had not been preached before, I knew and understood what the Apostle Paul was saying in II Corinthians chapter 1:8-10, ***For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*** He began by saying he would not have you ignorant. Even now, there is a nationally known minister teaching that the only suffering is in resisting temptation. This will suggest that anyone suffering, even as the Apostle Paul suffered, must be in error and they deserve everything they get. Do you see how Satan slips in false doctrines and wrong thinking? I can remember Satan telling me several times that he would kill me there and I would never get out of there alive. This doctrine, 'God would never inconvenience a Christian' attitude, is as wrong as wrong can get. It is just another weapon designed to neutralize the saints.

We have a purpose in this world. We are His witnesses. We are the vessels, the instruments, to be used in His hands. Your level of commitment to the cause of Christ is directly related to your prosperity in God.

Right here, right now, while you are realizing the importance of our role in the earth as the Body of Christ, let me lead you in a prayer: Heavenly Father, I ask to come into your presence right now. I ask you to forgive me if I have not adequately considered the cause of Christ in my walk with you. I thank you for my own salvation and it is my desire, as it is your desire, to see the people of the world come to you so they might be saved. I do realize that this is a matter of life and death and is of extreme

importance. Help me day by day to remember this. Help me to think in terms of your world. From this day forward I would like to do all that I can do for the Gospel's sake and for Jesus' sake. I am asking you in advance for the hundred fold return on my giving and efforts for the Gospel's sake so that I might have more to give. Keep me in mind of this great opportunity to serve you and my fellow man. This day I become committed to the greatest work ever in Jesus Name. Lord Jesus, I know that you are the King and we must help those whom you have called for the Gospel's sake. Please send those that you want me to help, or send me if that be your will; tell me what your will is for me in this building of your Temple. In Jesus' name I pray.

I pray that if you have prayed this prayer with me, that you will be loosed from any weight that you may have been placed in by God. I pray that your prosperity will come quickly and overtake you. I pray that you will stand in heaven on the day of judgment and be glad that you understood the heart of God and put forth the effort to please Him. I pray that there will be much fruit there attributed to your account because you are numbered with the wise.

As the Army of God in the earth, we are called to enforce God's Word and His Will in the earth. The Word tells us that the thief cometh but to steal, kill and to destroy. There are many enemies in the earth that have this same design against Christians and the United States of America. The Body of Christ is the first line of defense against terrorism, destructive weather or anything that comes to steal, kill and destroy. We must take our position and defend against the wiles of the devil.

The Muslim countries are not slack towards their faith. They are zealously evangelizing the world. They are willing to give their life for Islam. They pray five times a day. And for many years now, they have been cursing America. Countries like Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Libya have passed the word to their faithful to curse The Great Satan, America. That is how they see America. We know that Satan has to have the will and words of men to be empowered in the earth.

We have seen terrorism increase against Israel and America. We have seen too many destructive storms across America to be natural. All this is designed to steal our resources and to destroy us. We must recognize that these attacks are brought against us by Satan using men's words, who have bought a lie, to speak it forth in the earth. We must rebuke these storms in the name of Jesus just like the Lord did on the Sea of Galilee. If you assume it is a judgment from God, you will not fight. Fight! We must bless those who curse us, but the weapons that are formed against us we must rebuke. If the American Christians will see and understand what I'm writing here and take diligent authority against these attacks, we will see a change from this violent weather that comes to Steal, Kill and to Destroy.

Terrorists fit the profile of the devil as well as anything we see. They cowardly sneak around like thieves to kill innocent people and believe that they are in the right for doing so. They feel justified because they think it is the only way to achieve their goals. They achieve nothing except the will of Satan. They are duped. But again, we are the First Line of Defense. We can and better pray that every attempt of terrorism will not prosper. We can ask God to send his Angels to thwart and reveal these attempts.

During the Gulf War, I was in my apartment in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. We were under a scud attack and the Lord spoke to me to pray that those scuds would explode on their launchers. In obedience to the Lord I did that. I could see nothing from the prayer. But a month later, I was reading a newspaper in Thailand and there was an article with this American pilot giving his account of how he went to attack these Scuds on their launching pads and they exploded before they were launched. I knew the Lord was letting me know that my prayers were not in vain. Our prayers will affect this world. We must be diligent. We must take our God given role in the earth.

Above all, we must support in every way possible, the Gospel going forth in the earth. Kingdom business must come first. Pray and intercede for the lost. Come against those powers and principalities that hinder and obstruct the cause of Christ, the Will of God.

In those Buddhist villages in Asia, the spiritual warfare against us was almost relentless. Let me give you an example: there was a man in our immediate village who was mentally retarded. I guess he could have been considered a village idiot. He could not take good care of himself and his clothes were full of holes and caked-on dirt. One evening, I called him into the house off the road. We had bought him a new suit of clothes. As he was sitting in the front room admiring his new clothes, I heard this breaking sound. It sounded like chicken bones being broken. Only these bones were much larger. They were human bones. It was a very loud sound.

Every time we would heard a bone snap, he would grab that part of his body and moan. Five times we heard the bones in his body being broken. It was not the sound that would come from a joint. The man was obviously in extreme pain. We were taken by surprise, it was happening so fast and all we could do was watch. After we heard the fifth bone break, the man went lifeless. His head was laid back, his eyes were open, his mouth was open and he was not breathing. We got up to check him out. As far as we could tell, he was dead.

I began to pray over his lifeless body. After a few minutes he came-to and rose from the chair, smiled at us, said good bye and walked out of the house like nothing had

happened. There were three of us who witnessed this. Whether he was dead or not, I don't know for sure, but he sure looked dead to us.

If Satan had managed to kill this man in my house while we were giving him new clothes, I would have been treated like a leper by the people of that region and my mission could have been stopped. I thank God that He always got me through every attack of the devil.

Three times since my salvation, I have been awakened in the middle of the night by very real hands around my throat trying to choke me to death. With all the strength I could muster under these attacks, I would speak the name of Jesus. Each time it would be almost inaudible and very strained. Each time, the name of Jesus even whispered from my lips, brought deliverance. At the first utterance, the grasp around my throat would loosen until it was broken. I knew the Lord was showing His protection and His power to protect me.

Another experience was a demon dog that grabbed onto my arm while I was sleeping. At first, I thought it was just a dream and I was trying with all my strength to shake it off my arm with no success. As I opened my eyes, I could see the demon dog. I continued for awhile to fight this dog with my own strength. I could not get it off of me. Then it occurred to me to speak the name of Jesus. At the name of Jesus, its power was broken and it let go and ran away.

In our own power and strength we cannot fight and win against the powers of darkness and we are not expected to by the Lord. If you can think of nothing else in a situation, just begin to speak the name that is above every name. The name of Jesus does invoke the covenant of God. The Angels hearken to it and the devils flee from it. You don't have to fear Satan.

I hope that this chapter gives you a real sense of who you are in Christ and how important you are in this world and the Kingdom of God.

The Lord has put upon us a great responsibility. It would seem too great for man. But God never intended that we should do it alone. As you move towards the impossible, the Lord will meet you there and cause it to be possible.

As the people of God in the earth, empowered with the Blood and Name of Jesus, we are the First Line of Defense for the Entire World. Should we take that as a light matter? Or should we be diligent to watch soberly, understanding who we are and who the enemy is **then taking our God-given position to stop the Enemy of God and man at every opportunity?**

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