

# Kingdom Warfare, Part I

- **Great News: From One Kingdom Into Another!** Col. 1:13--“He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.”
- **Hebrews 2:3—“So Great A Salvation”**  
— His kingdom has come and will come!-- lavish, abundant, never-ending, all-encompassing, heaven to earth!

- **Matt. 25:34**—“Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”
- **James 2:5**—“heirs of the kingdom, which God has promised to those who love Him – kingdom now, and later in fullness— our promised inheritance—the age to come

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Kingdom To Come *fully in the age to come*-- Heb. 6:5—"tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come."

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Kingdom Here Now *partially In this present age*—the fallen world now in between Jesus' first and His second comings—"clash of kingdoms" era now:





- **We live now in “this present evil age”— 1 John 5:19--“We know that we are of God, and that the whole world (cosmos) around us lies under the power of the evil one.”**
- **Gal. 1:3-4—**“...the Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins, to deliver us from **the present evil age.**
- **1 Co. 2:6—**“the **wisdom of this age and the rulers of this age**” – these rulers are demonic beings using humans, or human beings hosting demons
- **Eph. 6:12—**“For our battle (fight/war) is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, rulers, “the cosmic powers **over this present darkness,**” against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies.”

- **Because of This Clash of Kingdoms, We Are in a Spiritual War!**  
**Let's be In it to Win it!**
- **2 Co. 10:3-4:** “Even though we live life in the body, we do not engage in war in the physical realm; for the weapons of the warfare we engage in are not of this world, but are powerful in God to destroy demonic strongholds.” – “strongholds” – armed camps of demonic power
- **We are at war** with the demonic rulers and their foot soldiers (terrestrial demons) who do their bidding—

**“Two “Fronts” in Kingdom Warfare” – Warfare against demons, not “flesh and blood”—Eph. 6: 12 “We do battle not against humans...”**

**Demons fight to: 1) defend their assigned territory in the kingdom of darkness; and 2) counter-attack Jesus-followers to regain whatever they have lost**

**Jesus-followers fight to: 1) attack and overcome demons in order to their territory; and we 2) defend against their attack on us to hold on to what has been taken from them**

- **God's Soldiers—We War by Engaging In:**
- **Our Offensive Warfare**—taking territory from the enemy by “binding” his demons’ authority and “loosing” what they have imprisoned/ruled
- **Key Scripture for Offensive Warfare: Luke 11:20-22** “But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. But when someone stronger than he is attacks him and overpowers him, the stronger one takes from him all his armor on which he had depended and takes all his possessions.”



**How We War Against Demons: Matt. 16:19**—“I give you (the keys to the kingdom. What you **bind** (imprison in chains; forbid) on earth shall have already been bound in heaven; and what you **loose** (permit; set free from chains) shall have already been loosed in heaven.” – authority in Christ to the church 1) to forbid the authority and power of demons, and 2) to loose captives by the power of the Spirit in the name of Jesus

- **Actions of Offensive Warfare Against Demons:**
- **Preaching the gospel/Evangelism/Witnessing/Worship**— the *evangel* is a weapon: Romans 1:16—“The gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe—first for the Jewish person, then to the Gentiles.” —Paul and the Philippian slave girl—Paul attacks, the enemy defends by trying to prevent...*satan*—opposer; one who stands in the way of
- **Expelling demons** – set prisoners free in Jesus’ name – “If I expel demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come into your midst.”
- **Healing the sick**—“the sick—those oppressed by the devil— scripture—Acts 10:38—“God gave Jesus of Nazareth the Holy Spirit and power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.”



- **Exercising Gifts of the Spirits** – Nine plus! Anointing breaks yokes!

- **Christ-Centered Acts of Compassion/Loving One's Neighbor**

1 John 4:18-- “Perfect love casts out fear” and other spirits; Les Miserables -- manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, Christlike character spreads the reality of the kingdom – changes spiritual atmospheres!



- **Prayer—Offensive praying—Upper Room/Revival Praying--** 10 Days of Prayer produced Pentecostal Outpouring & Evangelism
- **spiritual mapping:** targeting “strongholds” of terrestrial demons by name as discerned by the Spirit in us, dealing with them via authoritative prayer;
- **prayer walking**—Joshua 1:3; Deut. 11:24--“Wherever the soles of your feet step, I will give you that land.”
- **intercessory targeting** of “territorial/ruling spirits” by praying for God to remove them in Jesus’ name – avoid direct address except in the most exceptional of situations; in general, avoid “strategic warfare” **Daniel 10**—Daniel prays to God; God responds by removing ruling spirit (Prince of Persia) via angelic warfare



- **Planting Churches** – *Ecclesia*—a political assembly in ancient Greek states that gathered in order to govern – churches govern with spiritual authority; this is why they are important in the kingdom
- **churches should be** “governing authority centers for Jesus” and “armed camps” for Jesus – carrying out military operations for the kingdom
- -- Matt. 16:18--“On this rock I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will prevail against/conquer it.”
- – healing communities, compassion outreaches, power evangelism, deliverance centers, healing centers, prophecy centers, pro-life centers—heaven on earth!