

## **Spiritual Warfare Part 3**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. One of Christ's missions is to destroy the work of the devil.
- B. We must focus on the promises of God, the blood of Jesus and the importance of praise to counter the devil's works.

### II. The promises of God. (Matthew 3-4)

- A. Jesus did not go to a prior experience to counter the devil; He relied on the Word of God.
- B. We partake in the divine nature through the promises of God. (II Peter 1:3-4, I John 2:14)
- C. This demands more than memory—we must meditate on the Word and submit to God.

### III. The blood of Jesus.

- A. At some point God decided that the issue would be God.
- B. We are as righteous as Jesus is because of the blood of Jesus Christ.
- C. We have peace and sanctification through Christ's blood.

### IV. Praise.

- A. We defeat Satan when we praise.
- B. Spend time in the Psalms, the book of praise.
- C. Satan entered the universe when he refused to give God glory. (II Chronicles 20)
- D. When we praise we fulfill the purpose for which we were created.
- E. Praise preserves our focus on Jesus.

### **Application questions:**

1. How does an understanding of God's promises give us victory over Satan? Explain.

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2. What are some ways you can make praise a regular part of your day?

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3. Why is the blood of Jesus central to warding off Satan's attacks?

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