The Other Side of Spiritual Warfare

“Federal agents don’t learn to spot counterfeit money by studying the counterfeits. They study genuine bills until they master the look of the real thing. Then when they see the bogus money they recognize it.” – John MacArthur

The ever-increasing push of evil into our societies has caused alarm in the church world, and rightly so. Every day we are fighting and warring in the spirit, and we consistently hear the prophecies and warnings of where this evil will take us. This has caused a large number of believers to come together in prayer meetings, conferences, and movements in an effort to fight against this evil conquest.

Prayer makes a difference, and without prayer our nations will fail. We bind the evil, and loose the good. We weep. We travail. We war. And…we wear out.

There’s another side to what we call “spiritual warfare” that is sadly neglected – that is, God. He is the warrior, and He fights for us; we weren’t meant to do all the fighting. God is light, and light dispels darkness; it’s always been that way. Often, He told His leaders to “stand still,” “be still,” “stand,” “trust,” “hold your peace.” The offensive weapon He gave us was simply His Word, the light to our path and our surroundings.

From the very beginning, Satan has wanted the focus on him. He has achieved that focus in some measure by diverting the attention of so many believers to what he is doing. We spend so much time warring and acknowledging evil that we have no time to just spend getting to know our God. We become despondent and weary. But there was never a heavy tilt in the Word of God toward the darkness. Even Jesus simply hushed or cast out demons instead of giving them His time or attention.

Counterfeit money is always changing. So is evil. Satan should not be the focus, nor ourselves. So, what if we were to get to know God so well that anything else but Him makes us immediately aware that a counterfeit (evil) is in our midst? What if we were to bind ourselves to His truth, His character, and His ways, and loosen ourselves from the lies and influence of the enemy? What if we stop willingly giving our attention to Satan, or how well we pray, and we put it on God, where it was meant to be? When God becomes the focus of our attention, then everything else about us is influenced by Him. Our faith grows. Our trust is founded. We aren’t worried. We are able to speak things into existence instead of just stating the obvious evil that exists. We allow God to fight on our behalf. We don’t quit praying; we just pray more effectively.

As you ponder this form of spiritual warfare, consider these Scriptures: Isaiah 42:13, 43:2, 45:2, 52:12, 59:19; Deuteronomy 3:21, 9:3; Exodus 14:14; Jeremiah 1:8; I Samuel 2:9; and Psalm 44:3.

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