

CHAPTER 15

Overcoming Fear & Finishing Strong

ONE DEMON SPIRIT WE ALL MUST OVERCOME

“For God has not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7 KJVER).

⁷ “He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son (child). ⁹ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:7-8 KJVER).

Everyone of us as Believers have our own personal demons that we must overcome. Whether it be lying, lusting, anger, pride, greed, selfishness, self will (stubbornness), drunkenness, etc. etc. However, there is one demonic spirit that is a common foe to us all and it must be overcome. The late Dr. Morris Cerullo has stated that *“80 percent of the Christian Church is bound by fear”* and its effects are devastating. The spirit of fear (which is often yoked with unbelief) is one of, if not the most powerful weapon in Satan’s arsenal to control and manipulate the people of God. He uses it to cause us to draw back in fear from doing the Father’s will and to default into doing his will. If we allow it, he will use fear to usurp and destroy our divine destiny in Christ. Even more horrifying is that he will use it to destroy our eternal soul in the torment of the lake of fire as revealed above. Consequently, it is imperative that we face down every fear and stronghold of unbelief and overcome them by the power of His grace, His Word, and His love. The following is a list of some of the fears that satanic powers are using in our lives to control us and prevent us from doing God’s will:

- Fear of failure
- Fear of lack (not having enough)
- Fear of sickness and disease
- Fear of making mistakes
- Fear of death
- Fear of personal injury or harm
- Fear of speaking and sharing Jesus
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of abandonment
- Fear of inadequacy
- Fear of the unknown
- Fear of looking foolish ... etc.

The good news is that the Lord has given us the unlimited power of His spiritual weapons to overcome every fear. He has given us:

- 1) The power of His covenant grace purchased at the Cross
- 2) The power of His Holy Spirit that indwells us which includes His love
- 3) The power of His Word of truth to declare and defeat every demonic attack

God's grace is the unlimited power of God to overcome our fleshly tendencies to yield to fear or any other temptation. It is given to us so that we can rise up in the power of Holy Spirit and to boldly declare God's Word to defeat all satanic powers including fear. Jesus is our perfect example in this regard when He faced the direct temptation by Satan himself recorded in Matthew chapter 4 verses 1 to 11. Jesus' response to every attempt by Satan to pressure him to make a decision contrary to the Father's will was; ***"It is written ..."*** Jesus declared the Word of God in every instance and was able to overcome the temptation and defeat Satan's attack. In the same way we are given the same supernatural weapons to overcome every satanic temptation whether it be related to fear or otherwise. In fact, God's Word has promised us that we will never be tempted beyond our ability to overcome. That God will always provide a way of escape and victory:

¹³ *"No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, and He will not permit you to be tempted above what you can endure, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it"* (I Corinthians 10:13 MEV).

¹⁴ *"Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ and through us reveals the fragrance of His knowledge in every place"* (2 Corinthians 2:14 MEV).

PUTTING ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD TO DEFEAT SATANIC POWERS

It is vitally important that we know the truth, His promises and His provision for victory otherwise satanic powers can deceive and cause us to stumble. That is why Jesus directed His people to abide in His Word (i.e., to study, know, obey, declare and share it; John 8:31-32). If you are not strong in the knowledge and application of God's Word you can be victimized by evil powers. Part of our battle each day is with fallen angelic powers or demons. The Word of God reveals that we must be clothed in *"the whole armour of God"* in order to prevail and defeat these evil *"principalities"* and *"powers."*

¹¹ *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,*

against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:11-18 KJV).

The above passage reveals the critical importance of putting on this spiritual armour, but “*How do we do this?*” In putting on this armour we believe there is an element of declarative faith involved, but there is also a huge element of practical Holy Spirit led action and effort as well. Let’s look at each piece of this armour and then see what the Holy Spirit has revealed regarding what is practically involved in putting it on:

Portion of the Armour	Practical Spirit Led Application	Scripture Reference
1. Loins Girt About with Truth	Hearing the Word and walking in obedience to it.	Matthew 7:24-27
2. Breastplate of Righteousness	Hiding the Word in our hearts by meditating on and memorizing it to keep us from sin.	Psalm 119:9-11 Joshua 1:7-9
3. Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace	Always being prepared and ready to share the Word/Gospel with the unsaved as the Holy Spirit leads.	Mark 16:15-20 I Peter 3:15
4. The Shield of Faith	Listening to anointed preaching of the Word to build faith. Faith comes by hearing.	Psalm 91:4 Romans 10:17
5. The Helmet of Salvation	Studying the Word to cleanse and renew the mind.	2 Timothy 2:15 Romans 12:1-2
6. The Sword of the Spirit A)	Declaring the Word led by the Holy Spirit against temptations and lies of the enemy.	Matthew 4:1-11

7. The Sword of the Spirit B)	Praying the Word led by the Holy Spirit over self, family, others and circumstances	Ephesians 6:18
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When by the grace of God, we diligently implement these practical disciplines led by the Holy Spirit we will be strong in the LORD and in the power of His Word to defeat fear and every device of the enemy. Beloved you are called to be an overcomer in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit working with the Word as His *weapon of mass destruction* to the powers of darkness. Every day we need to humbly wait upon Him in worship and His Word asking Him for a fresh infilling of His Holy Spirit to do His will in victory. When we do this, we will also experience the flow of His love being “*shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit*” (Romans 5:5). It is God’s perfect love from His Spirit that has power to dispel the effects of fear in our hearts ¹⁸“*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love*” (I John 4:18 KJVER).

Thank God for His provision of everything we need to be overcomers of fear and every evil spiritual power and temptation including the spirits of lust, perversion, anger or whatever. Dear one, overcoming is not an option. It is imperative and absolutely critical. God died a very cruel death to provide everything we need to overcome our flesh, the devil and this satanically controlled world system. Therefore, He requires us by His grace to do it. If we allow our sinful nature, satanic temptation or the lust for this world’s pleasure to prevail we will perish. This is why Jesus made this very sober warning regarding the sin of lust:

²⁷ “*You have heard that it was said by the ancients, ‘You shall not commit adultery.* ²⁸ *But I say to you that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.* ²⁹ *And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away. For it is profitable that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body be thrown into hell.* ³⁰ *And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body be thrown into hell*” (Matthew 5:27-30 MEV).

Jesus was not advocating that you literally dismember yourself in order to overcome your sinful passions and to avoid hell. However, in no uncertain terms He was warning us of our need to be absolutely ruthless and radical in our efforts to overcome lust and every sinful passion we struggle with. We must not let lust, fear, self will, pride or anything to control us and cause us to disobey our Father’s will

and thus sin (Matthew 7:21-23). He paid the ultimate price for us to be overcomers and we need to embrace His grace and ruthlessly enforce His victory over every sinful passion and demonic power. *In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen!*

A WORLD RIFE WITH FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY

At the time of this writing COVID 19 is rising in an ugly second wave with the Media stoking fears of rising death tolls worldwide. At the same time the U.S. election results have been brought into question due to massive legal action related to suspected illegal mail-in ballots being used to steal the election from President Donald Trump. Democrat controlled swing states are attempting to block Republican Scrutineers from observing the remaining vote counts in what appears to be a cover up for this fraudulent activity. Tensions and fears are escalating as the flames for potential civil conflict and even civil war continue to be fanned. To the majority of people such scenarios are extremely unsettling and even frightening. However, for God's people this should not be the case if we keep our focus and trust upon the Lord. In this countdown to Jesus' soon return we as Believers must draw upon all those things referred to above that God has provided for us to overcome. Also, we need to unplug from ungodly media sources that constantly fuel such fears and to prayerfully tune into Godly sources that will help quell the fear factor. Today as I write Deb and I tuned into a YouTube presentation by Hank Kunneman a reliable and respected Pastor and prophetic voice to the USA and the nations. Most of God's prophets have sensed and prophesied that Donald J. Trump would be elected for a 2nd term as President, but not without a major battle and even potential assassination attempts. Pastor Hank shared that God had given him three words in light of the current situation; *Decisive, Delay* and *Defraud*. First of all, President Trump's ultimate election victory will be humbling and *Decisive*. Second, it will be *Delayed* in order to investigate and expose fraudulent activity in the election and to keep Pres. Trump humbly reliant upon the Lord both now and in the days moving ahead. Thirdly, that all efforts to *Defraud* the American people of an honest election and their chosen President (Donald J. Trump) would be revealed. Also, that those involved in the process would be exposed and brought to justice. Pastor Hank declared that God revealed that even if Joe Biden is ultimately declared the winner in the short term, that in the long term over the days following the election it will be overturned in favour of President Donald J. Trump. Joe Biden will not remain in the US Presidency with fraudulent mail-in ballots or other corrupt activity. Activity that includes:

- 1) Big Tech Internet bias in promotion of Biden while suppressing most Conservative efforts to get their information and stories out on the Net

- 2) Openly biased and dishonest Media outlets publishing a continual stream of false and damaging *news* items against the President and the Republican party and
- 3) The blatantly false polling numbers constantly being put forth to encourage the Democrat vote and to discourage and suppress the Republican vote. The Deep State fix is in, but their efforts to steal this election will be derailed by God as He wills. We are trusting God's prophets that God's man will ultimately stand in office.

As I'm writing on this Saturday, November 7th, 2020 Joe Biden has been proclaimed by the Media as the 46th President of the United States. However, Deb and I believe in what most prophets have declared that the 45th President of the United States will serve two terms. In the natural this looks impossible, but with God all things are possible. Often, listening to secular media is very convincing and encouraging us to believe that all is lost. We urge you to choose to listen to Christians and those speaking prophetically to encourage your faith in all situations you may face (2 Chronicles 20:20). Then there will arise hope for a different outcome. This election is a tremendous object lesson for each of us regarding the importance of unplugging from ungodly media and our need to plug into media voices that respect, hear and honour God.

NO FEAR AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO FINISH STRONG IN CHRIST

We don't fear by God's grace what is going to happen moving forward from this election. Obviously if Biden's election *win* is overturned the *Deep State* and their political puppets along with their anarchistic minions will have a violent *hissy fit* that will be destructive. Whatever, may come we need to prayerfully trust that God will always cause His people to triumph in Christ. God is sovereign over all matters moving forward for His people and we trust in His grace and benevolent care to work all things together for our good because we love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:8). The viral hatred and persecution of Christians is coming soon along with a worldwide economic collapse [i.e., the "*Black Horseman*" of the Apocalypse (Revelation 6:5-6)]. Regardless of what may come we must die to self, stay intimate with the Lord and embrace every spiritual weapon we need to be overcomers. Also, our practical preparations (i.e., clean water, non-perishable foods, medical and living items, precious metals and communities of refuge) may need to go into overdrive. Very importantly we must get our affections off this world system and get our affections on things above (Colossians 3:1-4). Getting ready to go *Home* to be with our beloved Master while at the same time reaching out and bringing in as many precious souls as possible into His eternal family (Matthew 28:18-20). Dear one, our beloved family natural and spiritual who have gone on before us are cheering us on in this final leg of the most important race of our lives

as revealed in Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1; ¹²“Therefore, since we are encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. ²Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and your hearts give up” (Hebrews 12:1-3 MEV).

As Believers we must not fail those who have gone before us nor those who we are called to reach and bring *Home* with us from along the route of our race. We must lay aside every weight and distraction and every secret sin so that we may run with endurance this vital leg of our race to the Harvest and eternity. Fixing our eyes on the prize which is our precious, priceless Saviour and Lord. He who gave His all that we by His grace may give our all to finish strong. That we may hear those words that all who love His appearing long to hear; ²¹“Well done thou good and faithful servant ... enter you into the joy of your Lord” (Matthew 25:21). Our prayer is that you will finish strong and we covet your prayers for us that we may finish strong and rejoice with you as each of us receive His victor’s crown on that day. One vital Scriptural truth that Deb and I are learning to declare regularly over our lives and we encourage you to do the same is that which Jesus revealed in Luke chapter 21 – ²¹“Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36 KJVER). Please pray that the Lord would grant you the grace to be faithfully occupying, watching and praying daily that you may be accounted worthy to escape death and coming wrath and stand before Him at the Rapture. What I have often told our youth I declare again; “I’m not going to die, but by God’s grace I’m going to fly out of here in Jesus’ Mighty Name. Amen!”

IN CONCLUSION:

Over six years ago after my brother David went to be with the Lord, I sensed a prompting of the Holy Spirit to begin writing this book. It has taken us much longer than I ever expected, but I believe it is now finished and it contains what the Lord desires to help you and every precious person who reads it. May you know His truth from His Word in a greater measure and be liberated from every satanic lie on all fronts. Whether you believe it or not this is the greatest gift we could ever give you, because it is the gift of truth shared in love as best we know how. You may not agree or understand all that we have shared in this book and that’s okay. We believe in time as you pray and fully examine these truths through the study of God’s Word

that much of what we've shared you will ultimately embrace. To every precious unbeliever, we're praying for you that Lord God Almighty would open the eyes of your heart to understand and believe. To every beloved Believer, may the truth contained herein help you to know Him more intimately and better equip you to become a vital part of His victorious Endtime Church. Also, our desire and hope is that it will better enable you to be prepared to face the storms that lie just ahead. In order that you may be an overcomer and be mobilized to be a fruitful part of His coming great Harvest.

Finally, and most incredibly that we as Believers will soon be together eternally as a loving family representing every nation. First, joyfully serving together worldwide in the Master's beautifully restored earthly Paradise for 1,000 years. Then after this, exploring, celebrating and enjoying the marvelous wonders and glory of the New Heavens, New Earth and New Jerusalem with our magnificent ever loving, ever creative Almighty FATHER, LORD, and COMFORTER. Perfectly united as one. Intimately serving in worship to His majesty and experiencing the unparalleled privilege of the unlimited ecstasy and joy in His presence and the pleasures at His right hand forevermore (Psalm 16:11). Truly, the Great and Awesome "I AM" will be our exceeding great reward ... forever! (Hallelujah!!! Amen")

God Bless You! With Love Forever! Michael & Deb LeClair ☺✝

P.S. If you have any questions regarding what we've shared in this book please feel free to contact us and Lord willing, we will respond as soon as we can. If you need prayer or if there is anything, we can do to help you on your spiritual journey please call, write, text or email us at the numbers and addresses noted below.

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