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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Taking Down Personal Strongholds ***(Knowing your position in Christ)*** February 6, 2017

Please read your scripture prior to reading meditation. 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4

Each believer is given the Holy Spirit, not only as our means of living the Christian life in this age, but also as a guarantee that as God's possession we will participate in the glory of the age to come! There is no true Christian alive that has not been given the Holy Spirit. Most important of all, He has given us a heavenly citizenship – where we will be fellow heirs with the King of Kings! We live as strangers and exiles on this earth, far from our true home to come. We are ambassadors of God in a country not our own, but our heavenly home is assured and our inheritance is waiting, kept safe by God himself!

Christians are called to be overcomers. Because of who we are in Christ, we can overcome all strongholds! Unfortunately, most of us seldom act like overcomers. God "has given us everything we need for life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3), but most of us often seem to feel defeated by circumstances or by our own inadequacies. Part of the reason for this feeling is that some do not fully understand or accept their position in Christ.

One habit that every believer needs to develop is focusing on Ephesians 6:10–18 and "getting dressed" spiritually every day. Just this one act would go a long way to giving victory over the devil and his schemes. Here Paul states that, while we walk in the flesh (we are living and breathing in this human body), we do not war according to the flesh (we cannot fight spiritual battles with fleshly weapons). Instead, as we focus on the resources and weapons of spiritual strength, we will see God give us victory. No demonic stronghold can withstand praying Christians wearing the full armor of God, battling with the Word of God, and empowered by His Spirit.

So, what is a "Stronghold?" It is a mindset that accepts a situation as unchangeable, even though we know it is against God's will. It is something that captures your eye - you cannot see a way out!!! People want to be free, but have not figured out they are in a spiritual battle against demonic angels - not people! Examples of STRONGHOLDS include CO-DEPENDANCY, PARENTAL INFLUENCE, ABUSE, INCEST and RAPE. There are also PRIVATE STRONGHOLDS - DRUG ADDICTION and SEXUAL ADDICTION (pornography, pictures / videos). WE CAN OVERCOME THESE STRONGHOLD!!!!!!!

EPHESIANS 2:4-6 says (4) "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Now you have been elevated to a position in Christ who is now enthroned over the heavenly realm and that is where you are! In light of this - COLOSSIANS 3:1 - (1) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

We have too many earthly Christians and that is why we do not have more supernatural deliverance. If your mind is set on an earthly solution then you will not be able to get a heavenly response. Jesus is not down here! He has been raised and enthroned in heaven and therefore heaven must be the place where you access your solution.

Why? COLOSSIANS 2:9 (9) "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily".

Jesus is God and in Him you have been made complete. He is the head over all rule and authority! He oversees the angels good and bad. Jesus has already beaten the devil. Now, the devil and his angels are the source of our problems. If you are going to beat this evil environment - the source of our problem - you have to hook up with somebody who can whip them! And you and I cannot.

What does it mean to remember your position in Christ?

Here it is. Your position as a child of God in Jesus Christ (if you are truly saved) gives you legal authority over Satan. Jesus Christ has granted you legal authority and you can simply tell the angelic realm that attacks you, "You no longer have any rights over my life!" You have been legally set free by Christ. But this only happens as a result of you knowing your position. Satan does not want you to know or remember that you are elevated higher than him in Christ. You have legal rights in heavenly places! Therefore, remember your position!

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 25:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God wants "SOUL" custody, not a weekend visitation.