

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Ephesians 6: 11; Put on your full armor of God so you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

CHRISTIANS BEWARE!

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Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for being our shield against the evil of the world. Teach us Lord, how to wrap Your full Armor of Righteousness around us. Father, teach us to be vigilant against the forces of evil and darkness in this world. Lord, help us to be strong in You, when the devil is knocking at our door. Father, help us not to waver in Your Presence when we are weakened by the spiritual warfare. Lord in times of trouble, may we always remember that greater are You that is in us, than he that is in the world. Father, I ask this prayer, in Christ Jesus.....Amen!

My brothers and sisters, I thank God for the all the grace, love, and mercy that helps inspire this ministry each day. However, the devil, who is a relentless force of evil, is on the move 24-7. Satan's only mission on this earth is to destroy all Christians. He try's to break the Spirit of God, that dwells within all born again children of God. Please try not to take this message lightly, because if we do, that is when the devil has the best opportunity to penetrate and destroy our souls. Please for the sake of your soul, do not underestimate his power. Satan and his demons are no match for God! As finite humans, we are defenseless against his power. The devil try's to make us believe that he does not exist! Reason being, he can take his time to fill us up with all his lies until finally he takes our legs out from under us. At that point, we become hopeless and defeated! Satan fights with lies, and sometimes his lies sound like truth; but only believers have God's Truth, which can defeat Satan's lies. The devil often attacks our heart-the seat of our emotions, self worth and trust. God's Righteousness is the breast plate that protects our hearts and ensures His approval. He approves of us because He loves us and sent His only Son Jesus to die for our sins. Satan wants us to think that telling others about the good news, is a worthless and hopeless path—the size of the task is too big and the negative responses are too much to handle. But He gives us the motivation to continue to proclaim the true peace that is available in God-news everyone needs to hear. What is crystal clear when you are a believer is that Satan's attacks come in the form of insults, setbacks, and temptations. But the shield of faith protects us from Satan's flaming arrows. With God's perspective, we can see beyond our circumstances and know that ultimate victory in Christ is ours. Satan also wants us to doubt God, Jesus and our salvation. His main goal is to build walls of doubt, and uncertainty, to keep people from finding God!

For believers, God protects our mind from doubting God's saving work for us. The only weapon and I mean the only real weapon of defense we have is God's Armor of Righteousness. There are going to be times in all believers walk with the Lord that we will need to go on the offensive, against Satan! When we are tempted by the devil, we need to trust in God's Word. Knowing and believing in God's Word, is the only way to protect ourselves. Hearing the Word of God and not believing in God's Word, is useless against Satan's attacks! **James 1:21-25:** tells us; Therefore get rid of all moral filth and evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not listen to what it says, is like a man who looks at his face in the mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-he will be blessed in what he does.

In my daily walk with the Lord, I run across a lot of people who have a different perspective when it comes to the devil. When I ask that million dollar question, do you believe in the devil, I hear some discouraging answers some times. Answers like I don't really know or I can't really be sure. Also the biggest disappointing answer is that there really is no devil, or he is something mystical that man has made up. When I hear answers like these, the first thing that comes to my mind is another one bites the dust. You see, this kind of thinking is perfect prey for the fangs of the devil. He salivates every time one of God's children gets caught up in that lie. One of Satan's greatest weapons is distraction. I believe today's distractions have never been greater than any other time in the history of mankind. With this new age of electronics and technologies, most people are too busy playing with their cell phones, play stations, internet, etc, to take some time out each day for the Lord. Satan loves technology, because technology today is one of life's greatest distractions. I look at the kids today, and I could almost cry thinking about how many of these poor children, are open game for the devil. You see, if you don't have the time to read the Bible, but have all the time in the world for everything but God, you become a target on Satan's hit list. Satan's plan against us goes like this. **DOUBT:** He makes us question God's Word and His goodness. **DISCOURAGEMENT:** He makes us look at our problems rather than God.

DIVERSION: He makes the wrong things attractive so that you will want them more than the right things. **DEFEAT**: He will make you feel like a failure so that you don't even try no more. **DELAY**: He will make you put off something so that it never gets done. In order to stop ourselves from free falling into the devils trap, we must stay real close to the Lord, to receive His spiritual insulation. God is the only chance anyone of us really have! The Lord said in 2 Chronicles 15:2; **The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, he will forsake you** That scripture is real easy to understand. God is simply saying to His people, if you don't have time for Me, I will not have time for you. Having time for God, is really hard when we are surrounded by distractions. When we get caught up in the evil ways of this world, it's real hard to shake the habit. How do I know, because I fight this battle every day myself. The only thing that helps me, is that I take the time daily to spend some time with the Lord through prayer and Bible study. One more thought. However, if you don't believe in the devil period or have your doubts about his presence, he will never bother you until it's too late to be rescued. Reason being, that the distractions of this world, and the choice we make to be part of it, is the eventual high price we may have to pay!!! Please note that the Lord does not want to see any of His children perish. Reason being, as hard as it might be to comprehend, God loves every one of us the same! The Lord is their 24-7 for all of us to access. If we have time to access the computer, we should have time, to access God through prayer. So my brothers and sisters, the choice is real simple. We either can go on being busy for the world and its lies, or we can pick up God's Armor of Righteousness, and fight the good fight for our eternal souls! We my brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus, that about does it for this month's inspired message. It is my hope that this month's inspired message, touches the hearts and minds of God's people..... Amen!!!



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JESUS CALLING *By Sarah Young*

COME TO ME with your plans held in abeyance. Worship Me in spirit and truth, allowing My Glory to permeate your entire being. Trust Me enough to let Me guide your entire day, accomplishing My Purpose in My timing.

Subordinate your myriad plans to My Master plan. I am sovereign over every aspect of your life!

The challenge before you is to trust Me and search for My way through each day. Do not blindly follow your habitual route, or you will miss what I have prepared for you. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

John 4:24; Isaiah 55;8-9 (NIV)



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands daily with this ministry and pray for; Sal Talama, Joe Lakes, Christine Palma, Dennis Palma, Anne Marie Hess, Janet Neil, Edward Young, Jonathan Baker and Family, Rose Robinson, Bill Schulpp, Denise Lathrop, Janelle Owens, Patty Palma, Anne Palma, Al Wilson and Family, Theresa Wade and Family, Joy Valeri.

Also a daily prayer for; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor is spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the brokenhearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the angry, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the unrest, the greed, the corruption, the prideful, the fornications, the selfishness, the coveting, etc.

Furthermore; A special prayer at this time for all the troops and missionaries around the world in harms way. A prayer for all the latest uprisings, hatred, and unrest around the world. A prayer for our Government and all the elected officials, to start working for the American people and not for themselves!

Well, I hope that this month's message will serve as a call for more awareness of the devil's presence. For we are all involved in spiritual warfare from time to time. May we all try and stay vigilant, of his evil presence! Amen! (If you enjoyed this months message, please pass it on.)

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