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The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane

Chapter 7 - Rule In The Midst Of Your Enemies!

True peace does not come from extreme indifference, nor does it originate from becoming so “spiritual” that you fail to notice the world around you. Peace is the fruit of being confident in God’s love; it is born of the revelation that, regardless of the battle, “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). You are not self-assured, you are God-assured.

The God of Peace Will Crush Satan

To wage effective spiritual warfare, we must understand and use spiritual authority. Spiritual authority, however, is not forcing your will upon another person. When you have spiritual authority, you have established God’s peace in an area that once was full of conflict and oppression. Therefore, to truly be able to move in authority, we must first have peace.

The apostle Paul taught, “the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet” (Romans 16:20). When we maintain peace during warfare, it is a crushing deathblow to satanic oppression and fear. Our victory never comes from our emotions or our intellect. Our victory comes by refusing to judge by what our eyes see or our ears hear and by trusting that what God has promised will come to pass.

Satan’s arsenal consists of such things as fear, worry, doubt and self-pity. Every one of these weapons robs us of peace and leaves us troubled inside. Do you want to discern where the enemy is coming against you? In the network of your relationships, wherever you do not have peace, you have war. Conversely, wherever you have peace, you have victory. When Satan hurls his darts against you, the more peace you have during adversity, the more truly you are walking in Christ’s victory.

Paul tells us to be “in no way alarmed by your opponents - which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you” (Philippians 1:28). Your peace, your immovable stand upon the Word of God is a sign that you are positioned correctly in focused submission to the will of God. The very fact that you are “in no way alarmed” by your adversary is a sign that you have authority over him.

Peacemakers Are Sons of God

Peace is spirit power. Peace is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, and when you are walking in peace, you are walking in power. A peacemaker is not merely someone who protests against war; he is one who is inwardly so yielded to Christ in spirit and purpose that he can be called a son of God (see Matthew 5:9). Where he goes, God goes and where God goes, he goes. He is fearless, calm, and bold. Peace emanates from him the way light and heat radiate from fire. **In the battles of life, your peace is actually a weapon.**

Rest Before Rule

In the 23rd Psalm, David declared, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me” (v.4). There is a place of walking with God where you simply “fear no evil.” During his lifetime, David faced many enemies, including a lion, a bear and a giant. In this psalm he stood in the “shadow of death” itself, yet he feared no evil. David’s trust was in the Lord. He said, “You are with me.” Because God is with you, every adversity you face will unfold in victory as you maintain your faith in God. David continued, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies” (v.5). The battle you are in will soon become a meal to you, an experience that will nourish and build you up spiritually.

Before you go into warfare, recognize that it is not you that the devil is afraid of; it is Christ in you! We have been raised up and seated with Christ in heavenly places (see Ephesians 2:6). This is why the Holy Spirit continues to speak to us that worship of God is our first response in battle. Position yourself in the presence of God. Sit, at rest, in the knowledge that Christ has already made your enemies the footstool for your feet. From a position of rest, the Word of the Lord continues, “The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, ‘Rule in the midst of Your enemies’” (Psalm 110:2).

Rest precedes rule. Peace precedes power. Do not seek to rule over the devil until you are submitting to God’s rule over you. The focal point of all victory comes from seeking God until you find Him, and having found Him, allowing His presence to fill your spirit with His peace. From full assurance at His right hand, as you rest in His victory, so will you rule in the midst of your enemies.