

***Building and Fighting—the Need to Engage in Spiritual Warfare for the Building of the Church*****Monday 5/29****Related Verses****Neh. 4:14, 16, 4-6, 8-9**

**14** And when I saw the situation, I rose up and said to the nobles and the rulers and the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them; remember the great and awesome Lord, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.

**16** And from that day half of my servants labored in the work, and half of them held the spears and the shields and the bows and the armor; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

**4** Hear, O our God, for we are despised; and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them as spoil in the land of captivity;

**5** And do not cover their iniquity and do not let their sin be blotted out before You, for they made provocations before the builders.

**6** So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a heart to work.

**8** And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and cause confusion in it.

**9** But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

**Psa. 51:18**

**18** Do good in Your good pleasure unto Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

**Rev. 21:12**

**12** It had a great and high wall and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel:

**Related Reading**

Nehemiah 3 is a record of the building of the wall in consecutive sections by all the children of Israel with the priests and Levites...Chapter 4 describes the frustration of the enemy.

The enemies became angry and greatly enraged, and again they mocked the Jews and despised their building (vv. 1-3).

The Jews prayed to their God, and under Nehemiah's instruction and direction set a watch against the enemy day and night, ready to fight with weapons under the encouragement of Nehemiah, who instructed them to remember the great and awesome Lord and fight for their families. Half of Nehemiah's servants labored in the work, and half of them held weapons, ready to fight. (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, p. 4)

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Some built the wall and some carried burdens, taking the loads with one hand doing the work and with the other hand holding a weapon. The one who would sound the trumpet was beside Nehemiah, to gather them to fight, trusting that their God would fight for them. This indicates that, as the commander-in-chief, Nehemiah took the lead to watch. Thus, they labored and half of them held spears from the start of dawn until the stars came out, and Nehemiah and his brothers, servants, and the men of the guard, none of them took off their clothes. Each had his weapon at his right hand (Neh. 4:9-23). (*Life-study of Nehemiah*, pp. 4-5)

Satan, the devil, with all his wiles and tactics, his temptations and corruptions, has only one goal in mind—to fight against God's building in order to frustrate, withstand, damage, and destroy it.

Those who love the Lord with a pure heart and who know something about God's eternal purpose in their spirit experience a kind of spiritual warfare. They realize from the depth of their being that every step of God's recovery involves His enemy, and every step requires warfare. Yet very few have seen that there is the need of spiritual warfare in order to realize the divine building.

Why would the Bible record such a small thing as "each had his weapon at his right hand" [Neh. 4:23b]?...The American Standard Version says, "Every one went with his weapon to the water." Even

when they were going for water, the builders did not leave their weapons behind. This shows that there is warfare even in the smallest matters of our daily life.

While Nehemiah was building the wall, others apparently were not opposing him, yet they were actually pouring cold water on his work (Neh. 4:1-3). When they heard that the wall was finished, they sent men to meet with Nehemiah. Outwardly, it was to help him, but actually, it was to kill him (6:1-10). In order to arrive at our goal, every step of the way we need to fight.

Christianity is with us, and it affects us constantly. This "custom of the nations" is constantly frustrating us. This is what happened to Nehemiah when he rebuilt the city; Sanballat constantly opposed him (Neh. 2:19; 4:1-8; 6:1-9). This requires all of us to rise up to see this light and to struggle to fight...We must have an attitude of fighting. Even if we hold a job, we need to be for the Lord. If we do this, the Lord will bless us and our career. We are the Lord's recovery. If the Lord does not bless us, whom will He bless? (*CWWL*, 1986, vol. 2, "Crucial Words of Leading in the Lord's Recovery, Book 1: The Vision and Definite Steps for the Practice of the New Way," pp. 234-235, 243, 249)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Nehemiah*, msg. 1

**Tuesday 5/30****Related Verses****Neh. 4:17, 21**

**17** Those who built the wall and those who carried burdens took the loads with one hand doing the work and with the other holding a weapon.

**21** So we labored in the work; and half of them held spears from the start of dawn until the stars came out.

**Eph. 2:21-22**

**21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

**22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

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**16** Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

**Matt. 16:18-19**

**18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**19** I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

**Related Reading**

At the completion of the seventy years of captivity, God brought His people back once again. He brought them back for the purpose of rebuilding the temple and the city...During the rebuilding of the temple, Nehemiah 4:15-23 shows that the entire process was a warfare...Half of the Israelites were working, and half of them were fighting [v. 16]...Without warfare and without a spirit of fighting, there is no building. (*CWWL*, 1986, vol. 2, “Crucial Words of Leading in the Lord’s Recovery, Book 1: The Vision and Definite Steps for the Practice of the New Way,” pp. 237-238)

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Once we touch the building, the enemy will come to attack and frustrate...We need to have fighting prayer for the building...The enemy tried a thousand schemes to frustrate and falsely incriminate [the Israelites] so that their hands might be weakened. When Nehemiah saw the situation, he immediately went to pray before God. As soon as he prayed, he became clear inwardly...He and his brothers carried out the rebuilding work with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon (Neh. 4:17). This is to build on the one hand and to fight on the other.

In Ephesians, a book on the building of the church, the matter of spiritual warfare is also emphatically

mentioned. Ephesians 4 speaks about building, and chapter 6 speaks about warfare. We cannot merely have the building; we must also have the warfare to guard against the attack of the enemy.

From the book of Nehemiah we can see that there are three aspects of the attack of the enemy. The first aspect is the enemy’s mocking. This is his stratagem from the outside. The enemy said, “What are these feeble Jews doing?” (4:2). “Even their stone wall that they are building, if a fox were to go up on it, he would breach it” (v. 3). This kind of mocking may cause us to despise the work that we ought to do. The second aspect of the enemy’s attack is to set up plots. The enemy sent word to Nehemiah, saying, “Come; let us meet together” (6:2). If Nehemiah had gone, however, the work would have been delayed, and he would have fallen into their trap. The third aspect of the enemy’s attack is to cause there to be weakness among the children of Israel and to cause some to speak discouraging words.

We must have fighting prayer. Whenever we encounter a problem, we have to come back to pray before the Lord. When people say that what we are doing is of no significance, we have to bring this word before the Lord and tell Him about it. If people try to harm us with some scheme, we must bring this scheme before the Lord. If the brothers and sisters are suspicious of each other and if they are jealous of each other, we also have to bring this before the Lord. Even when we are weak in ourselves, we have to bring it to the Lord as well...We must reject these things and deal with them by our fighting prayer.

If the brothers and sisters in a locality all exercise their functions, if the co-workers and responsible brothers and sisters do not replace the saints but rather perfect them to serve together with them, if all those with a ministry are for the building of the church, and if all the saints are holding weapons, fighting a spiritual warfare by their fighting prayers while doing the building work together, then you will see a glorious church being built up in that locality. You will also see that a miniature of the New Jerusalem

will be manifested to be a resting place for God and a home for all His children. God’s presence, God’s throne, and God’s life will all be there. God’s power and God’s light will also be there. (*CWWL*, 1958, vol. 2, “The Building Work of God,” pp. 371-374)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1969, vol. 2, “The Recovery of God’s House and God’s City,” ch. 8; *CWWL*, 1986, vol. 1, “Elders’ Training, Book 7: One Accord for the Lord’s Move,” ch. 6

**Wednesday 5/31****Related Verses****Eph. 6:10-11**

**10** Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

**11** Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

**Heb. 2:14**

**14** Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

**Col. 2:15**

**15** Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**1 John 3:8**

**8** He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**S.S. 4:8**

**8** Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; With me from Lebanon come. Look from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens, From the leopards' mountains.

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When we read Ephesians 6:10-12, we realize that the work and responsibility of the church is spiritual warfare. The opponents in this warfare are not flesh and blood, but spiritual beings whose dwelling is in the air...[In Ephesians 6:13-14] we are told that we should stand, not that we should attack. The spiritual warfare is defensive, not offensive, because the Lord Jesus has already fought the battle and won the victory. The work of the church on the earth is simply to maintain the Lord's victory. The Lord has already won the battle, and the church is here to maintain His victory. The church's work is not to overcome the devil, but to resist him who has already been overcome by the Lord. Her work is not to bind the strong man—the strong man has already been bound. Her work is not to let him be loosed. There is no need to attack; simply guarding is sufficient. The starting point of spiritual warfare is standing upon the victory of Christ; it is seeing that Christ has already overcome. It is not dealing with Satan, but trusting in the Lord. It is not hoping that we will win the victory, because the victory has already been won. The devil can do nothing.

The church's work and responsibility is spiritual warfare. It is a matter of the conflict between God's authority and Satan's power. (*CWWN*, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," pp. 60-61)

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The building of the church is a matter of warfare. It is a conflict between two kingdoms and two wills. On one side, there is Hades, which is the kingdom of Satan, and on the other side, there is the kingdom of the heavens, which is the kingdom of God. On one side, the will of men is ruling and reigning; on the other side, the will of God is gaining ground and being fulfilled. The battle between these two kingdoms and between these two wills is tied to the building of the church. The building of the church is altogether related to this warfare.

Regrettably, in the church today almost none of the believers know of this spiritual warfare; this is due to weakness in life, lack of spiritual strength, and insufficient clarity in the light of the truth. Many think that preaching the gospel is simply preaching the gospel, that ministering the word is simply ministering the word, and that edifying the believers is simply edifying the believers. But when we do these things, we are not simply doing a work; we also are engaging in a warfare. This is because the entire matter of the building of the church on earth is a warfare...As soon as the Lord began to build the church on the day of Pentecost, warfare began. If we compare the words in Matthew 16:18-19 with the record in Acts 2 through 4, we can see that the words in Matthew were fulfilled in Acts. In Acts the Lord built the church upon Himself as the rock. As the Son of God, He died, resurrected, ascended to the right hand of God, and was made Lord and Christ by God. Therefore, He is the trustworthy rock established by God. At Pentecost, through the Holy Spirit who was given to men, He transformed men of clay into living stones, and He built these stones upon Himself as the rock...As the rock in the heavens, He is the foundation of the building of the church. He is building the church upon Himself as the foundation in the heavens. This building began from the day of Pentecost, and once the building began, Hades was shaken. In Acts 2 through 4 we can see that Hades was shaken. The gates of Hades were opened. Hades, however, actively attacked the church in order to drag the church that was being built by Christ into death. But since the church had the keys of the kingdom of the heavens and thus had authority, it was able to bind what was bound in the heavens and loose what was loosed in the heavens. The church had authority, and the church fought and won the victory. (*CWWL*, 1957, vol. 2, "The Testimony and the Ground of the Church," pp. 64-65)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1959, vol. 2, "Christ Being the Burden of the Gospel," ch. 1; *CWWL*, 1961-1962, vol. 2, p. 253

**Thursday 6/1****Related Verses****Eph. 6:12-13**

**12** For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

**13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**Eph. 1:19-23**

**19** And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength,

**20** Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies,

**21** Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come;

**22** And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

**23** Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

**Related Reading**

The principalities, the authorities, and the world-rulers of this darkness are the rebellious angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God and who now rule in the heavenlies over the nations of the world, such as the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece in Daniel 10:20. This indicates that the devil, Satan, has his kingdom of darkness (Matt. 12:26; Col. 1:13). In this kingdom, Satan is at the top, and under him are the rebellious angels.

In Ephesians 6:12 Paul also speaks of "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies." The heavenlies here refer to the air (2:2). Satan and his spiritual forces of evil are in the air. But we are seated in the third heaven above them (2:6). In fighting a battle, the position above the enemy is strategic. Satan and his evil forces are under us, and it is their fate to be defeated by us.

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Our warfare is not against human beings, but against the evil spirits, the spiritual powers in the heavenlies. The rebellious angels are the evil spirits in Satan's kingdom. Thus, the warfare between the church and Satan is a battle between us who love the Lord and who are in His church and the evil powers in the heavenlies. Apparently, it is people of flesh and blood who damage the church. Actually, it is Satan and his evil angels working behind them who cause the damage. Therefore, we must fight against these spiritual forces. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 533-534)

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To fight the spiritual warfare, we need not only the power of the Lord, but also the armor of God [Eph. 6:11]. Our weapons do not avail, but God's armor, even the whole armor of God, does.

The church is a corporate warrior, and the believers together make up this unique warrior. Only the corporate warrior can wear the whole armor of God; no individual believer can. We must fight the spiritual warfare in the Body, not individually.

The charge to put on the whole armor of God is an imperative, a command. God has provided the armor for us, but He does not put it on for us. Rather, we ourselves must put on the armor God has provided. For this, we need to be empowered. Although God can empower us, we still must exercise our will to cooperate with Him...to put on the armor.

Spiritual warfare is not an individual matter; it is a matter of the Body, a corporate entity to fight the battle against God's enemy...After we have been formed corporately into an army, we shall be able to fight against God's enemy. God's strategy is to use the church as His army to fight against the enemy. Therefore, it is very dangerous to be isolated from the army. Only by remaining in the army will we have the necessary protection.

Through the years we have seen that [spiritual warfare] is altogether a matter of the church as God's corporate army. If you separate yourself from the church, you will be defeated. Satan's strategy is

simply to isolate you from the church as God's army...Spiritual warfare is a Body matter. If we realize this and stay with the church, we shall be victorious.

As God's warrior, the church does not fight by her own strength...On the contrary, we must be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength [Eph. 6:10]...To deal with God's enemy, to fight against the evil forces of darkness, we need to be empowered with the greatness of the power that raised up Christ from the dead and seated Him in the heavens, far above all the evil spirits in the air [cf. 1:19-21]. In the spiritual warfare against Satan and his evil kingdom, we can fight only in the Lord, not in ourselves. Whenever we are in ourselves, we are defeated. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 531-532, 815-816)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ephesians*, msgs. 63, 97; *CWWL*, 1979, vol. 2, pp. 547-552

**Friday 6/2****Related Verses****2 Cor. 10:3-5**

3 For though we walk in flesh, we do not war according to flesh;

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds,

5 As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

**Eph. 2:4-6**

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

**Related Reading**

To experience spiritual warfare in a practical way, there are several basic principles that we must keep.

The first principle of spiritual warfare is that we cannot use fleshly weapons. The apostle Paul tells us this clearly in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5...These fleshly weapons not only refer to the losing of temper but include all human schemes and natural methods...Whenever we use the schemes of our flesh, we have already fallen into the hands of the enemy. How then will we be able to deliver others from the hands of the enemy?

Paul was a man who never used fleshly weapons. In his dealings with the churches and his contact with the saints, he was perfectly straight—as straight as an arrow...For this reason he could be “powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds” [v. 4] and thereby gain the victory in the spiritual warfare. (*CWWL*, 1953, vol. 3, “The Experience of Life,” p. 524)

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The second principle of spiritual warfare is to keep the position of ascension...There is only one kind of people who can engage in spiritual warfare—those who have received salvation, have been raised from death, and are now sitting with Christ in the heavens. Only this kind of men can attack the enemy in the air from a transcendent position in the heavens. Therefore, in order to engage in spiritual warfare, we must keep the heavenly position...If our gospel is powerless, it is because we are not heavenly enough; we ourselves are earthly, and we are using earthly methods or fleshly weapons to preach the gospel. As a result, we may get some saved, but their condition will be muddled, and they will be unable to be completely delivered out of the power of Satan. If we really desire to deliver men out of Satan's power so that they are not only saved but completely delivered from the hands of Satan, we who are preaching the gospel must be men who are sitting in the heavens and keeping the ascended position.

The same principle applies in edifying the saints. If we lose the position of ascension, we can neither supply nor help the saints. If the messages we preach are mere doctrines and the fellowship we give mere

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knowledge, containing no element of warfare, the most we can impart is teachings for the mentality and stirring in the emotions; we cannot deliver people out of the power of Satan and turn them to God in a practical way. Therefore, if we want our work to have the effect of war, work which is able to deliver men from Satan's hands, we must keep the position of ascension and live continually in the condition of the heavens. This is an extremely important secret.

The third principle of spiritual warfare is that we must use spiritual weapons...Spiritual weapons refer to the "whole armor" mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-17, which includes the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. All these weapons are spiritual, and when we use them, we must be in spirit...Preaching the gospel, edifying the saints, and administering the church are of the spirit. Whatever kind of activity we are engaged in, everyone must be of the spirit, and everyone must release the spirit. Anything that is not of the spirit, anything that is according to our own view, our own idea, our own wisdom, or our own intelligence, is unavoidably a kind of human scheme and thus a fleshly weapon, not a spiritual weapon. Therefore, when we are fighting, all our activities must be of the spirit, touching the feeling from within our spirit. This also is an extremely basic principle. (*CWWL*, 1953, vol. 3, "The Experience of Life," pp. 525-527)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1953, vol. 3, "The Experience of Life," chs. 15-16, 18; *Life-study of Matthew*, msg. 11

**Saturday 6/3**

**Related Verses**

**Matt. 6:9-13**

**9** You then pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified;

**10** Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

**11** Give us today our daily bread.

**12** And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**13** And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Eph. 6:14-18**

**14** Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

**15** And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;

**16** Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

**17** And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

**18** By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**Related Reading**

The fourth principle of spiritual warfare is to have fighting prayers. After the apostle mentions the various kinds of spiritual weapons in Ephesians 6, he says, "Praying at every time in spirit" (v. 18)...Spiritual warfare largely depends on prayer. What Satan fears most is the saints' bended knees before the Lord, or the prayer of the church before God...When Daniel prayed, there was action on the throne. But when the answer came down from the throne, it met resistance in the air. Daniel prayed continually. His prayer was a kind of warfare. A person who keeps the position of ascension reigns in heaven. He can also employ spiritual weapons, and the prayer that comes forth from him avails much; it can touch the throne of God and affect the power of Satan. God desires that His saints have this kind of prayer to work together with Him and fight for Him. (*CWWL*, 1953, vol. 3, "The Experience of Life," p. 527)

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If we have seen that the prayers of greatest worth are prayers in ascension, then we can easily understand that prayer is a warfare...Such is the nature

of the prayer spoken of in Ephesians 6. It is not the ordinary, common, general prayer. It is very high, being uttered from the realm of the heavens.

All prayers that are expressed in the heavenly realm and from the throne of God are prayers of warfare. He who prays in this way is one who has passed through the cross, resurrected, and ascended. He is on the throne, far above the earth, and is not touched by any earthly thing. The prayers that he expresses from such a realm are prayers that can defeat the devil in the air and bring down God's authority.

Because there is someone in the air who usurps men and controls the men on earth, sinners are prevented from receiving the gospel, and saints are hindered from seeking the Lord. So it is not enough that we only preach the gospel and minister the Word...We must pray to God that God's heavenly authority may be brought down to the earth. If this is done, you will see that one by one sinners will be saved, and one by one saints will rise up to seek and love the Lord, for here there are fighting prayers driving away the power of darkness, bringing in God's authority and, as a result, causing God to have His will done on earth. They enable God to carry out His salvation and give grace to His children according to His good pleasure.

Every praying person should be one who is in the heavenly realm, touching God's throne, and therefore, able to pour down prayers from heaven. As you are above the earth, the air, and the power of darkness and are seated together with Christ on the throne of God in the heavenlies, the prayers that you utter are prayers of warfare. Having understood this point, you will turn the focus of your attention from man to the devil. When a sinner fails to receive salvation, you should pray, "O God, it is not that he would not repent, but it is the devil that is usurping him. I pray that You cast out the devil from him." When the husband and the wife are in a family quarrel, you will not blame the brother or the sister...The target of your prayers will not be the brother or sister but the power of darkness

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that is behind them and on them. This is the wrestling spoken of in Ephesians 6. This is not wrestling against blood and flesh but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies. The target with which we are dealing in our prayers is not man but the devil. All the problems in the church are not with the brothers and sisters but with Satan...If we are in the heavenly realm, we are able to pray such prayers of ascension, that is, prayers of warfare. (*CWWL*, 1959, vol. 4, “Lessons on Prayer,” pp. 189, 196-197)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1959, vol. 4, “Lessons on Prayer,” ch. 18; *CWWN*, vol. 22, “The Prayer Ministry of the Church,” chs. 2, 4

**Lord’s Day 6/4****Related Verses****Rev. 5:8-14**

**8** And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which bowls are the prayers of the saints.  
**9** And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,  
**10** And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.  
**11** And I saw, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and of the living creatures and of the elders, and their number was ten thousands of ten thousands and thousands of thousands,  
**12** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who has been slain to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.  
**13** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.  
**14** And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**Further Reading:**

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1969, vol. 2, “The Recovery of God’s House and God’s City,” ch. 8

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans****Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 8:14-27

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 18-19

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Superabounding Grace Reigning in Life

Scripture: Rom. 5:12-21

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 46-49

Supplemental Reading: *Crystallization-study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans*, chs. 4-6;  
*Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans*, ch. 19-24

Hymn: 505

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**Hymns, #885**

- 1** Fight the battle in the Body,  
Never fight it on your own;  
With the Body to the Head joined,  
Fight the battle on the throne.
- Chorus*  
Fight the battle in the Body!  
By the virtue of the Head;  
Standing firmly with the Body,  
Into vict’ry you’ll be led.
- 2** For the Body is God’s armor,  
Not for anyone alone;  
When you wrestle in the Body,  
All its benefits you own.
- 3** ’Tis the Church on Christ established  
Satan shall not overpower;  
’Tis the Body built together  
Which resists the evil pow’r.
- 4** In the Body, by the Headship,  
Sitting in the heavenlies,  
Struggle with the wicked spirits  
And the principalities.
- 5** As a member of the Body,  
With the brethren stand for God;  
Praying always in the Spirit,  
Claim the vict’ry through the Blood.
- 6** In the heav’nlies more than conqu’ror,  
In the power of His might,  
As a soldier in the army,  
In the Lord the battle fight.
- 7** Keep on wrestling in the Body,  
Mighty vict’ry you will see,  
Bind and loose, God’s will fulfilling,  
And the foes your food will be.