

How Much Will We Have to Suffer, before We Fight Back?

1 Samuel 30:4

In spite of the title, this is not a political message, and I am not advocating armed revolution. When we look at the news to-day, what do we see?

There's Bad economics, threats of terrorism, weather woes etc.

But some of it is self-inflicted; such as spending more than we earn.

Some is catastrophic, like health crises, loss of job, loss of home, etc.

And our faith will be challenged. Can we respond like Job?

Job 1: 20 to 22 - Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

David also had many stressing episodes. One of the worst, was when he arrived at his home base, and found nothing left.

1 Samuel 30: 1 to 6 - And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

This wasn't the only time that God's people were in trouble.

Exodus 14: 10 to 12 - And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

Matthew 8: 23 to 25 - And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. &, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch

that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Do you see the tactics of the devil? He tries to overwhelm us with circumstances. He also tries to get people out of order.

Revelation 2: 14 - But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Job 1: 13 to 19 - And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

But thanks to God's Grace, it doesn't have to end there.

Jonah 2: 1 to 9 - Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Luke 15: 14 to 20 - And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine

in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

So where does that leave us? We will have to make peace with God, to have peace in the world, or else we'll be fighting everything. Between 1750 & 1850; there was much world wide strife. There were wars and revolutions all over. In Britain, the government monitored the revival very closely; just waiting to shut it down if it turned political; but the newly saved were only interested in getting closer to Jesus Christ, and helping those in need.

So what will people do when they reach the end. Some will give up and commit suicide.

1 Samuel 31: 4 & 5 - Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

Others will seek Our Lord's help, in spite of extreme bondage.

Matthew 8: 28 - And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

Luke 8: 38 to 40 - Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

And if we choose to do nothing, our wives and children will suffer.

1 Timothy 5: 8 - But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

In these rough times, believers will have to be watching out for each other.

Mark 2: 3 to 5 - And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for

the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Galatians 6: 1 to 3 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

When people are afflicted, as in 1 Samuel 30:6; there are two choices. Some will despair; and some like David in Psalm 23, will seek Our Lord Jesus. Psalms 23: 3 - He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

When we are under severe oppression; our minds, wills, and emotions are assaulted. So we will have to pray regularly for the restoration of the soul; for everyone in the family, and church.

The question is; how much will we have to suffer before we fight back?

For those who insist on doing it their own way.

Jonah 1: 13 - Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

Our attitude should be like the disciples. Matthew 8: 25 - And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

And as we mature in the Lord, we will call on Him earlier than later.

2 Chronicles 32: 8 - With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

We are like Gideon's small army, with mighty victories to win, and the glory will be the Lord's. And remember, the physical victories were always preceded by spiritual ones. Exodus 14: 13 - And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

2 Chronicles 20: 17 - Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

And to prepare us for these battles, Our Lord Jesus has given us the keys to victory.

Matthew 16: 19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

What exactly are we binding in the heavenlies?

Ephesians 6: 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.

The world can play with treaties to limit weapons, it doesn't affect us.

2 Corinthians 10: 3 to 6 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

So how does it work? Matthew 12: 28 & 29 - But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

The head of every area, whether it be people or places etc., is the strongman. He has to be bound, before we can effectively spoil his house.

In plain English, we have to constrain and isolate the top demon, so we can effectively cast out his lower ranked demons.

By taking away the legal ground that the demons have, deliverances are faster and more lasting. Some of these grounds are; unconfessed sin, sins of the fathers, curses and other occult attacks, ungodly soul ties etc.

The better prepared, the prayor and prayee are, the better the deliverance session will be.

Mark 9: 28 & 29 - And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

And the more we let God's Holy Spirit work through us, the more will be accomplished; and the more Our Lord Jesus Christ will be magnified, and the more Our Heavenly Father will be glorified.

The main thing that the demons hated about Pastor Win Worley, was his teaching the people to pray effectively with Warfare prayers, by binding and loosing. One of them is:

Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to you. I stand against all the work of Satan which would hinder me in my prayer life.

I address myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement with Satan in my prayer. Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to depart from me with all your demons.

I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us. I resist every effort of Satan and his wicked spirits to confuse and block me from the will of God. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pull down all strong holds of Satan in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And if you are by yourself, as most of you are; stay in contact with others. So when prayer requests arise, you can send off an quick E-Mail, knowing that brothers will be lifting you up in prayer.

But beware of so-called deliverance ministries, whose leaders supposedly came out of the occult, and received little or no deliverance. They will dazzle you with sensational things, but offer little real help. They will probably tell you that you have enough protection as a basic Christian, and that you don't need to do anything else. They are lying.

Jeremiah 28: 15 - Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

And, don't be surprised, or deceived, when they tell you to have nothing to do with Win Worley. I have heard of someone who was told by them to go back into the satanic cult they left. Bad advice.

There are even some casting out demons in Jesus' Name; but they don't believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Let us look at our main topic from 2 angles; the spiritual, and the physical.

First, we have to ascertain where the problems are coming from.

Unconfessed sin is a major area. And Our Lord Jesus mentioned some.

Mark 7: 20 to 23 NKJV - And He said, What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.

Failure to deal with these will lead to other actions.

Hebrews 12: 6 to 11 - For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Another -major area to deal with, is the sins of the fathers.

Exodus 20: 4 to 6 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

If fathers are still living, this will have to be attended to daily.

Another area is occult attacks; which may get through from time to time.

Ezekiel 13: 17 to 23 NKJV - Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, and say, `Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies? `Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

God's promise is worth repeating; I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD. For those who have come out of satanism, keep up your guard on solstices etc.

On the physical side, we need to be smart with our time and money. In these hard economic times, we may have to re-evaluate our priorities. In fact, do not incur more debt, but pay off bills first. Examine spending, and cut out non-essentials. Entertainment consumes a lot of time and money. How much better would God's Church be, if there were Bible studies instead of the Super Bowl.

And children don't need the most expensive things, just your time and love. Money can also be saved by giving up vices like smoking, drinking, gambling etc.

Of course, this will be more successful with deliverance.

For those with overtime; if it is taken in time off instead of being paid out; you'll save the taxes and union dues. When I was working, I took leave without pay. With reduced expenses & lower taxes I didn't lose any money.

With binding and loosing, we are using our spiritual weapons. The main areas to be prayed over are; self, family, church, job, nation, and the world. How often should we as fathers intercede in the heavenlies?

Ephesians 6: 18 - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Use warfare prayers daily, and any other time the need arises. The following are a few in Booklet #4: Declaration of Faith

I come to You Lord Jesus, as my Deliverer. You know all my problems; all the things that bind, torment, defile, and harass me.

I now loose myself from every dark spirit, every evil influence, every satanic bondage, and from every spirit in me which is not a spirit of God. I command all such spirits to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me now from all sin. Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just as if I had never sinned. Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart for God. My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the blood of Jesus. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, body, soul and spirit. His blood protects me from all evil. Because of the blood of Jesus, Satan has no more power over me, no more place in me. I renounce him and his hosts completely and declare them to be my enemies..

Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils. ".

I am a believer, and in the name of Jesus Christ, I exercise my authority and expel all evil spirits. I command them to leave me now according to the Word of God and in the name of Jesus Christ.

I place the blood of the Lord Jesus on our doorposts; I draw the bloodline of Jesus around all of our possessions and properties; and I sprinkle or place the blood of Jesus upon myself and my family.

Binding & Loosing Spirits In the Name of Jesus Christ, I bind the rulers, strongmen, doorkeepers and all connected, related and resulting demons of witchcraft, Satan worship, human and animal sacrifice, black magic, witchcraft control, mind control, mind occult and the occult of, over, in and working in and through the world, the United States, each state, county,

city, township, suburb, street, neighborhood, block, home, and church.

Upon and into all of Satan's children partaking of and planning these wicked and evil practices I loose, in the name of Jesus, spirits of Confusion, Forgetfulness, Destruction; also spirits of Salvation, Adoption as Children of God and Deliverance.

I ask You, Father, to put a special covering of warrior angels over each ceremony, coven, witch and warlock, so that no curse or demon can emerge or be sent. In the name of Jesus, I return to the original sending demons, all curses that have or will attempt to send. Father, I ask that You send special angels to protect; hide and put a hedge around all of your children who are in the deliverance ministry. Also for all the people and animals that would be sought out to be sacrificed or to be cursed.

Loosing People In the name of Jesus, I cut Satan, his demons and curses loose from me, my family and friends. I command you, Satan, and all evil spirits and curses to loose me and my family and all the things you have stolen from us (happy marriages, finances, jobs, families, ministries). I command you to stop robbing us of our blessings and blocking God's perfect will for our lives. I refuse to allow you to steal anything else from us. I command you to loose all natural resources, land, animals, money, the finances of people who owe us money, and all the things you have stolen from us through the blessings of Jesus. I ask you, Lord, to send Your angels to bring these things back to us.

So, what are we going to do? Because we do have a choice; we can sit & cry like David's men in 1 Samuel 30: 4. Or we can stand our ground.

Ephesians 6: 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.

The devil is calling his own to the same fight.

1 Samuel 4: 9 ESV - Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight.

So who's going to win?

1 John 4: 4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

And so Paul says in 1 Corinthians 16: 13 ESV - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

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