

Satan, Your Kingdom is Coming Down

“...They came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord; and they went out, and passed on...”
(Acts 12:10)

“And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed.”
(Acts 16:26)

What do gates and doors have in common?

Both are designed to keep the unwanted out and the wanted in. In most cases they help us keep the good in and the bad out. However, in the two cases given above they were designed to keep the good in. Gates, doors, fences, and walls also represent boundaries and are usually easy to see. They bear an unwritten message:

**“THIS IS MY PROPERTY
KEEP OUT!”**

These boundaries also exist in the spiritual realm but they are just more difficult to see.

“And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

Wrapped up in this one verse is the purpose, plan, mission, and vision of God. This was the reason why Jesus came to the earth. He came to **“build His church”** and He still continues to build it through us.

Many times when we read this verse we picture hell on the attack and the church on the defensive. We picture ourselves almost sunken under the pressure of hell’s onslaught and God finally is able to bring together enough forces to overcome the wicked one. That is not the picture portrayed here at all. Have you ever seen a person attack with

gates? **No**, a person does not attack with gates, he defends with gates. Do you get the picture? Jesus and His mighty army (the church) are attacking and the devil is on the run. Let us go back into history and get a clear picture. In this case **“history”** will become **“His-Story.”**

One of God’s leaders in the angelic realm was Lucifer, the **“son of the morning”**, (Isaiah 14: 12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-17) who tried to overthrow God in a coup. He became God’s adversary (enemy). Because of this, Lucifer moved from being one of God’s archangels to God’s archenemy. Revelation 12:4-9 tells us that Lucifer tried to get all the angels to follow him, but only one third of the angels joined him in the coup attempt against God. They were cast down and had to organize their own kingdom. Two thirds remained in heaven.

The Bible is a battle between **“good”** and **“evil”**. When you look at the back of the book you see who wins. Until then we will constantly be in battle against Satan and his demons. 1 John 5:19 allows us to know that our world lies in the power of the evil one. We are looking for a **“breakthrough.”** We must pull the seat out from underneath Satan. It is true that Satan is our enemy and we are coming against the gates of his kingdom!

The gates of hell cannot withstand the mighty army of Jesus Christ! Satan’s gates are being pulled down and his doors kicked open. Hell represents Satan’s entire domain and the church is aggressive and triumphant against it.

The church shall prevail
against the gates of hell.

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12)

The New International Version says that it **“was forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold to it.”** God is looking for people who will take things by force. We need to **“be strong”** like Joshua and remember that no one can stand before us all the days of our lives. The Apostles were powerful men who dominated wherever they went. (Acts 17:6) They were overcomers. (John 16:33) The

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church is to free Satan's powerless captives. (Revelation 10:11; 14:6)

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." (Luke 16:16)

We are pressing our way into the kingdom of heaven. We have knocked down the gates of hell in our lives, in our cities, in our country, and in our world. We are pressing into the kingdom.

"...I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." (1 John 2:14)

"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." (1 John 4:4)

Satan is the god of this present world. He controls it along with his demons and evil spirits. He has organized the world into political, cultural, and religious systems that at times, stand as gates to the kingdom of God and prevents people from believing the truth. Although Satan has a powerful kingdom, Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan (1 John 3:8) and free us from his dominion. God has enabled us to enter into spiritual warfare with Him. He has given us powerful weapons and a promise that **"no weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper..." (Isaiah 54:17)**

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God..." (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

No matter what the gates of hell are in our lives, homes, and city; we can knock them down with the weapons provided. Whatever demonic powers are in effect in our lives; we can knock them down!

Our weapons are mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-17. In Ephesians 6, we see the enemies that we face; the armor that we are to use; and

the weapons that are available to us. They are given so that we can **"stand against the wiles of the devil."** (Ephesians 6:11)

They are given to us to wrestle against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. We will win the battle and knock down the gates of hell with the **"whole armor of God."** It includes:

Spiritual Armor and Weapons

- ✓ Loins girt about with TRUTH.
- ✓ Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- ✓ Feet shod with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE.
- ✓ Shield of FAITH.
- ✓ Helmet of SALVATION.
- ✓ Sword of the SPIRIT (Word of God).

We are an army that is marching through the land. We have a made up mind. We will not and cannot retreat. God has meant for us to move forward; therefore, none of our weapons are designed for a soldier to retreat.

"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." (Psalms 144:1)

Put On Jesus

First of all we must **"put on Jesus Christ."** (Romans 13:12,14; 1 Corinthians 1:29-31). According to Galatians 3:27, we can do this through water baptism in Jesus name.

We can also use the name of Jesus to speak to the enemy and resist him (James 4:7); You must first submit before you can resist.

Power in the Blood

The blood of Jesus is another powerful weapon. We can plead the blood of Jesus. When we plead the blood of Jesus we are applying Jesus' shed blood as protection against the enemy. In Exodus 12:1-13 when the death angel saw the blood on the doorposts he passed over that home. When we plead the blood we are telling Jesus that we trust Him and we are telling Satan that he

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cannot touch us as long as we are under the blood.

In one country there is a song that says,

**“I’m going to dive right inside the blood.
I’m going to dive right inside the blood.
Where the devil can’t do me any harm!”**

- We can also bind the strong man. (Matthew 16:19; Mark 3:27) This will stop him from continuing his destructive activities.
- We have been given authority to bind the devil. (Matthew 18:18) The devil is strong but the church is stronger!

Prayer is another weapon that should not be forgotten. This is called **“Prayer Warfare.”**

Prayer

Daniel prayed and fasted in Daniel 10 and God sent an angel to answer. The angel revealed that God had heard him on the first day but that he had been in battle with the Prince of Persia for twenty-one days. This prince had withstood him but Michael had come to his assistance. It is just a matter of time before we **“possess our possessions.”**

Promises for Possession

“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.” (Genesis 22:17)

“... and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.” (Obadiah 17)

“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.” (Psalm 37:1-2)

“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto _____, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain?

Before _____ thou shalt become a plain...” (Zechariah 4:6, 7)

There are so many Scriptures that promise us that we will **“possess”**. Have you ever looked up the three words **“possess the land”** in your Bible? According to **Eastwood Anaba in Breaking Illegal Possession**, the word **“possess”** means **“seize, capture, take hold of something by legal right and by military violence. In terms of legal right, Jesus bought the land for us with His blood.”**

It is true that the enemy has built his gate very close to where we live. **“I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith...”** (Rev. 2:13)

Satan tries to hinder the preaching of the gospel. It is his desire to hide the truth from people. He knows that there is one God and trembles.

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

“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.” (Matthew 12:29)

“To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.” (Luke 1:79)

According to Ephesians 6:12, Satan seems to have a highly organized kingdom on the earth.

- ✓ Principalities (series of leaders)
- ✓ Powers (Authorities, demons placed over assigned territories.)
- ✓ Rulers of darkness of this world (princes of the age)
- ✓ Spiritual wickedness in high places. (Destructive with only wickedness in mind.)

We must use our spiritual might to put out the enemy who occupies our territory illegally. We can possess the land. It is ours!

“...Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”
(Numbers 13:30)

Promises to Those Involved in the Battle

“When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies...be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt...ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them. For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.” (Deuteronomy 20:1-4)

“... for the battle is the Lord’s...” (1 Samuel 17:47)

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose, plan, and vision of God? _____
2. What are gates and doors used for? _____

3. Explain what took place in Lucifer’s life in order for him to be cast down from heaven? _____

4. Prove using the Scripture that it is us (the church) that is coming against the gates of Satan. _____

5. Who is the “god” of this present world? _____
6. What did Jesus come to destroy? _____

7. What do our spiritual weapons enable us to do according to 2 Corinthians 10:4-5? _____
8. What are six weapons and/or pieces of spiritual armor that is given to us? _____

9. Why does Satan blind the eyes of people? _____

10. Why was Daniel’s answer to prayer delayed in Daniel 10? _____

11. What happens when we are pleading the blood of Jesus? _____

12. What does “possess” mean? _____

13. Satan has a highly organized kingdom, which involves what? _____
