

Authority in Christ and Warfare Scriptures

Pray daily until you have your victory!

Matthew 28:18

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'" [Jehovah God, I praise you that all authority, power, and dominion - in heaven and earth - have been given to Jesus. He is the perfect keeper of all.]

Luke 10:18-19

*"He [Jesus to the 72] replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.'" [I thank you Lord, that you were there when Satan fell from the heavens to earth. Nothing gets past you, O Lord. You have also given me authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy – not some of the power, but all of the power. Nothing will harm me (Strong's Concordance G91, "harm" – transitive verb, from root *adikeo*, hurt, injure, wrong, act unjustly, violate a law).]*

Matthew 4:1-10 (when Jesus fought Satan three times in the wilderness with the Word of God)

[I praise you, Lord, for Jesus' example to us of using the Bible, Your Word, to fight Satan. I do the same as I repeat these words of faith from the Bible.]

1 John 4:4 (in the context of overcoming evil spirits)

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." [I am from God. I am dear to Him. I have already overcome evil spirits in Him. The Holy Spirit in me is greater than Satan and all his demons and powers that are in the world. You are already defeated and have already overcome Satan. Greater are you, Lord, in me than anything in the world.]

2 Timothy 4:17-18

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" [Yes, the Lord gives me strength. I fully proclaim His good news so everyone can hear. He delivers me from Satan's attempts to devour me, rescues me from every single attack of evil, and brings me safely to heaven with Him. Alleluia, Amen!]

John 10:27-28

"My sheep listen to My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of My hand." [I am one of your sheep, my Lord. I listen to Your voice. I follow You and You give me eternal life. No one can snatch me out of God's hand. Satan, you have no power over me. You cannot snatch me out of God's hand.]

1 John 5:18-20

"We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin, the One who was born of God keeps him safe and the evil one cannot harm him. [Strong's Concordance G680, "harm" – to attach oneself to, to touch] We know that we are children of God and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know Him that is true." [Thank You that You have given me understanding, that I know Him who is true. Thank you that the evil one cannot harm me, for

though the world is under his control, I am not of this world. I am a child of God. Thank You that I continue to walk in righteousness and not sin so God keeps me safe by His promise.]

John 16:11b

"The prince of this world now stands condemned." (KJV "is judged") [I praise You, Jesus, that Satan NOW stands condemned. You have completed Your work and we NOW have the victory.]

John 16:33b

"But take heart! I have overcome the world." [Glory to You, Lord. You have done it. I am encouraged. You have already overcome the evil of this present world.]

1 John 3:8b

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (KJV) [Thank You that You destroy the works of the devil. All God's plans and purposes in You are victory!]

Revelation 12:11a

"They overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." [I, too, overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony. I plead the blood of Jesus over my body, home, family, church, and transportation. As Jesus' blood availed for all on the cross and as the blood on the doorposts of the Israelites' houses caused the Passover of judgment to spare them, I apply the blood to overcome all the power and warfare of the enemy. I add to it the words of my testimony of God's goodness, His faithfulness, His power, His love and mercy; and I, too, overcome you, Satan, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony.]

Ephesians 4:27

"And do not give the devil a foothold." [I give no place to the devil. He cannot take a place that I refuse to yield to him. He looks for some place to inhabit, but I refuse any part of my body, soul, or spirit to him. Although Satan knows the wounds of my past and tries to attack me there again, I know that it is an honor to be wounded in the service of the Lord until He brings me through to final victory. I continue to stand and refuse to give Satan any foothold in me.]

1 Peter 5:8-9a

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith." [I use self-control. I put the flesh down. I am alert. I see my enemy prowling about, but he cannot devour me. I resist him. I stand firm in the faith. He has no power over me. I give him no place.]

1 Peter 5:9-11

"Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen." [Resisting him firm in faith, I remember that my brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing suffering just as I am and much worse. And I thank You that the God of all grace, who has called me to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore me after I have suffered a little while. My God will make me strong, firm and steadfast. I thank and praise You as I expectantly see Your promise fulfilled to me. All power and glory be Yours forever and ever. Amen.]

Isaiah 43:13b

"No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?" [Lord, how true it is that no one can

deliver me out of Your almighty hand. No person or power can reverse Your action or remove Your protection.]

Isaiah 41:11-13

"All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced, those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the LORD, your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'" [My enemies have no power. They rage now, but will surely be chased away in shame and disgrace. They will perish. You are my God. You take hold of my right hand. I cast off my fear, believing You are who You say You are and that You will do what You say You will do.]

Colossians 1:13

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." (KJV) [Thank You, Father, that You have already delivered me from the power of darkness by Jesus' work on the cross, and that You have already brought me into the kingdom of Your dear Son. I take my rightful place of authority over Satan and live in Your kingdom right now.]

Colossians 2:15

"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He [Christ] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." [Christ Himself disarmed the powers and authorities that come against me in this world. He triumphed over them by His resurrection from the cross. I start from the place of His victory. He has already declared me victorious by triumphing over the enemy.]

Hebrews 2:14-15

"Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." [Thank You, Jesus, for willingly sharing in my humanity so that by Your death, You would destroy the devil, who had previously held the power of death. Thank You that You have freed me from fear and worry and that I am not a slave of Satan nor afraid of death.]

James 4:7-8a

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you." [Right now I choose to submit and surrender myself wholly to God. I resist you, Satan. I oppose you. I stand against you. You must flee from me. I come to my sweet Lord and He fills and encourages me with His presence. Alleluia!]

John 12:31 (in the context of Jesus' words the last week)

"Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out" [(Strong's Concordance G3568, "now" – present or immediate, this [time]). Praise and thanksgiving to You, Lord, that on the cross, Satan was driven out and judgment brought on this world. Thank You that Your work is done, the victory complete. I stand with You in victory over the prince of this world.]

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." [We are in a very real war. Our weapons, the name and blood of Jesus, our testimony of who God is and what He continues to do for us who believe, and the Word of God in the Bible, have divine power to not just tear down, but totally demolish strongholds. I use these weapons to accomplish the work God intended them for. I demolish arguments and every spirit and

pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God. I take captive every thought and line it up with the truth of Christ Jesus, not paying attention to circumstances and feelings. I win the battle in Him, both the battle in this world and the continual battles in my mind.]

Psalm 110:2-3

“The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.” [The Lord my God fights with me to give me the victory. He rules and allows me to rule in the midst of my enemies. He sends me willing troops, people to fight and stand with me, for the day of battle. His presence, arrayed in holy majesty, never leaves me. I receive Him and have all I need.]

2 Timothy 2:3-4

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs – he wants to please his commanding officer.” [I am a soldier in this war. I endure every hardship as a good soldier of Christ. I do not get involved in civilian affairs or distracted by the things of this world, for my main desire is to wholly please God, my commanding officer.]

Ephesians 6:10-12

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” [I am strong in the Lord. I am strong in His mighty power, not my own. I put on the full armor of God and take my stand against every scheme of the devil. My struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, powers, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies. I keep my mind straight as to who the enemy is. I do not confuse the enemy as a mere person or people, but the power behind or within them.]

Ephesians 6:13

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” [I put on the full armor of God, every piece and not just part of it. I stand my ground when the day of evil comes. After I have done everything I know to do, I solidly remain standing in faith, believing God is able, willing, and on my side.]

Ephesians 6:14-18

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” [I stand firm. The belt of truth is buckled around my waist, the Holy Spirit leading me, around me, in me, through me. My feet are perfectly fit and ready with the good news of peace. I take up the shield of faith and I extinguish all the darts of the enemy. I put on the breastplate of righteousness, a gift through Jesus, and the helmet of salvation; deliverance from Satan, sickness, need, fear, and confusion; and deliverance into eternal life in the future and the kingdom of God now. And I take the sword of the Spirit which is the Bible, God’s own Word, and I speak it out boldly. Fully dressed and completely covered by the armor of God, I pray and keep on praying with authority and requests, and all kinds of prayer. I stand alert and ready, praying continually for all the believers.]

Mark 16:17-18

“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new

tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” [I am a believer! These signs accompany my belief: I drive out demons, I speak in new tongues, I pick up snakes with my hands and when I drink deadly poison, I am not hurt at all. I lay my hands on sick people and they do get well. Thank You, Jesus! I believe you!]

1 Timothy 1:18-19a

“Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.” [I fight the good fight of standing in and holding onto faith, just like Timothy, in keeping with the prophecies once made about me.]
Joel 2:28a “In that day, I will pour out My Spirit on both men and women.”

Romans 16:20a

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.” [I know You will do it, Lord. You are the God of peace. Thank You that You will do it soon. I see Satan already, as crushed, and under my feet.]

Matthew 16:18-19 (Jesus to Peter)

“On this rock [Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” [My confession of faith is also that You, Jesus, are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Thank You that You build Your church on this confession of faith, that the gates of Hades and all the power of the enemy will not overcome it. Thank You for giving me the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Thank You that what I bind on earth You bind in heaven and what I loose on earth, You loose in heaven. In Jesus’ name I bind _____ [destruction, evil, sickness, deceit, darkness, strife, small sightedness, division, etc.] on earth right now and in Jesus’ name, I loose _____ [light, restoration, strength, love, peace, joy, unity, truth, etc.] on earth to the honor and glory of God.]

Ephesians 1:18-20a

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.” [O Lord, I thank You that the eyes of my heart are enlightened and I know the hope for which You have called me. I know the riches of Your glorious inheritance for the believers. I know Your incomparably great power for me as I believe. I know that that power is like Your incredible power in raising Jesus from the dead. Thank You for that power in me, Lord; I receive it! I act in it and I exalt and magnify Your Holy name.]

Romans 5:17

“For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.” [Oh, Father, I am in awe of Your provision of grace and gift of righteousness to me. I am in awe that You say I reign in life through Jesus Christ. Thank You that You have not left me in the state of offense and sin, but You have delivered me into victory so that I reign in life through Your Son.]

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” [What a contrast! Satan, you come to steal, kill and destroy me, but my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came that I would have life and have it abundantly! I believe Him and not you. I see your deception and

destruction and theft for what it is.]

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” [Thank You, Jesus, that You do not change. You do not say one thing today and change it tomorrow. You do not promise one thing in the Bible and take it away in this day and age. You are truly the same yesterday and today and forever. You are the same in love, power, compassion, mercy, and character. Thank You that I can count on You, despite constantly changing and threatening circumstances in this world.]

Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” (KJV) [You are holy and awesome, Lord. Thank You that You have already blessed me with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I am not awaiting blessing. I am walking in blessing right now, giving You the thanks and honor You deserve.]

Ephesians 2:6

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Jesus Christ.” [How I praise You, Lord, for raising me up with Christ, for seating me with Him in the heavenly realms, so that even now You are showing me the incomparable riches of Your grace through Your kindness to me in Jesus.]

Philippians 2:9-10 (relating to your confession or profession of faith in using the name of Jesus)

“Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” [Father, I acknowledge with You that the name of Jesus is above every name, above everything in heaven, earth and hell. I choose to bow down to the name of Jesus even now, before the time of future glory when every knee will bow. I lift up the name of Jesus above all things. I put the name of Jesus in the highest place. I acknowledge Jesus as my Savior and my Lord, Lord of every part of my life.]

John 14:13-14

“And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.” [(Strong’s Concordance G154, “ask” - aiteo, in the attitude of a suppliant, not one equal with God, beg, call for, crave, desire, require) Thank You for this incredible promise, my sweet Lord. Thank You that You will do whatever I ask humbly in Your name so that Jesus may bring glory to You. I ask now that _____ be done in Jesus’ name to the glory and honor of God the Father.]

John 15:16

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.” [What an honor, Lord, that You have chosen me. What an honor, Lord, that you have appointed me to go and bear lasting fruit. I receive this charge from You. I go and bear lasting fruit in Your precious name. Thank You that I know I have what I ask in Your name. I do not doubt. I believe Your promise.]

1 Corinthians 6:17

“But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.” [I am one in spirit with the Lord, for I choose to submit myself and unite with Him.]

Colossians 2:9-10

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ who is the head over every power and authority.” [Thank you, Jesus, that all the fullness of God lives in bodily form in Christ, and I have already been given the fullness of Christ, who is head over every power and authority.]

Romans 8:17-18

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” [I am a child of God; I am an heir of God and a co-heir with Jesus Christ. I share in His sufferings and also in His glory. What I suffer now is nothing compared to the glory that will be revealed in me. Thank You, Lord.]

Colossians 2:11-12

“In Him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with a circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.” [I am circumcised in Christ. I have put off the sinful nature. Christ Himself has made me a new creation, buried me with Him in baptism and raised me with Him through my faith in God. I walk in that faith right now.]

2 Corinthians 12:27

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” [I am the body of Christ. I am right now His body. Where the head is, I am. I remain in Christ, with Christ at all times. Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ, from being one with Him.]

Jude 24-25

“To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen.” [My God keeps me from falling. He presents me before His glorious presence without any fault and with great joy. Alleluia! What a testimony! What a privilege! What a great Lord I serve!]

Summary:

Jesus recognized and treated Satan as a real and present enemy, but one over which we have authority. We have powerful weapons designed to overcome the kingdom of darkness. There is nothing sacred or absolute about the method we use to do this. What is important is that we walk according to the revelation of the Scriptures we have been given, and that we do this by the direction of the Holy Spirit, who alone knows exactly what is needed in each situation. Also, we use God's Word as an offensive weapon to fight off attacks before they come and to stand with authority through any attacks that do come.

Ephesians 6:10 says:

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.” [God does not ask us to do the impossible. If He says to be strong in the power of His might, it is possible to do so. I thank God that I am strong in the power of my Lord's might.]

Jesus gave believers power and authority when He defeated Satan through His death and resurrection. That power belongs to each of us as part of the body of Christ and to the Church. Jesus has accomplished the task of breaking the authority of Satan and voiding His legal hold on the human race. Now our part as believers is

to exercise our God-given authority over Satan and the spiritual forces of evil in Jesus' name.

Additional Scriptures

Isaiah 45:23-25

"By Myself I have sworn, My mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear. They will say of Me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.' All who have raged against Him will come to Him and be put to shame. But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult."

Isaiah 51:7-8

"Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have My law in your hearts: Do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults. For the moth will eat them up like garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But My righteousness will last forever, My salvation through all generations."

Isaiah 54:14-17

"In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be My doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you. 'See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from Me,' declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 15:20-21

"I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. 'I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.'"

Jeremiah 20:11

"But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail."

Jeremiah 32:27

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Zechariah 3:2

"The LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?'"

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

"If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

"No wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

2 Thessalonians 3:3

"But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

Titus 2:15

“These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.”