## Beloved Part 3: Beloved and Enemies Part 2

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We as Christian's come to church because we want to encounter God, you don't come to church to tick a box in life. When you get born again, you become a Christian, you become a Christ-like person in your spirit. God the Father now loves you as a son, He now no longer loves you as everybody in the world that Jesus died for. When you become a son of God, the unconditional love of God changes because you are now no longer just someone that He died for. You are now someone that's received Him and you are now called son. You have a different status to those that are in the world, different love experiences with God. He's giving you the opportunity to walk in the light. He's giving you the opportunity to behave as a son of God, to speak the same words that the Father would speak, to have an encounter with the life of God in His abundance, in His joy, in all the things that God is, you now have the privilege of having. His relationship with you now becomes a son that He seeks to draw to Himself.

It's not possible for you as a born-again Christian to remain static. You're either moving into the light or you're moving backwards into darkness, because God is always moving to change your world for you to come into His presence and have encounters with Him.

Every time the Holy Spirit draws you to something and you say no, you go backwards into darkness. Darkness descends more upon you because you say no.

The more you say yes to the drawing of the Holy Spirit, you walk in light, the more light you walk in, the more you understand the ways of God, the more He draws you into His ways, because now you become not just a son, you are now the beloved son!

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV)

The whole world is about the enemy of God wanting you to live based on what he authorises as living, against what God authorises as living. He has created an entire system to make you think the way that he wants you to think. It's the thinking that you think that raises itself up against the knowledge of God, it's a system of the world's thinking that make you think the way you think that raises itself up against the knowledge of God.

Satan is in the heavenly realm and he is active with all of his demons, all of his fallen angels, they are active in the heavenly realm. He's very active with a host of army and militant fallen angels that through their ambition wish to prove that they have more authority over the minds and the will of men than God does. They are ambitious to prove God wrong that His is the only will in the universe that counts.

Because of this we are engaged in a conflict. We are engaged in war and there are princes, angel princes, and there are demonic princes and they come to impose themselves and rule. This is a war of words!

The enemy doesn't want revelation coming to man, he wants to keep it from men so he can dominate men with his persuasive domination. Only the ones who win in the heavenlies can determine the destiny of God's people and nations.

To have authority means to be under authority. God doesn't just let the angels or people do what they want. There is an authority structure in heaven and therefore we pray -Your kingdom come. May it be on earth as it is in heaven. Let there be an authority structure on earth as it is in heaven.

When you exercise authority in the Word of God into the natural realm, you have to recognise that God's authority structure is available to you and wants to work through you but you have to recognise His authority as the head of what you do.



Remember, we do not fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers who want to influence the ways of the Church so that the Church doesn't become the powerful Church that takes authority over what the devil does. And you can't be a powerful authorised Church to come against what the devil does and bring the will of God into the earth, if you as an authorised Church don't know what it is to be under authority.

## 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man?(Matthew 12:29 NKJV)

This is a spiritual principle that Jesus is talking about. Binding the strong man. Many people want to bind the strong man, but they don't even know who the strong man is. They don't know who the strong man is and they don't know how to bind the strong man. What you have to do, is you have to go into a place of prayer and intercession and you've got to begin to speak out the will of God for His people to be blessed, for His people to have all of the stuff that God has promised them, and as you pray in the spirit, according to the will of God and you get into agreement that one will put a thousand to flight, two will put ten thousand to flight, what happens then is you take the Word of God and you send the Word of God out to accomplish that which it must perform.

Jesus bound the strongman by bringing truth and light. We do it by putting on the whole armor of God and speaking the will of the Father on the earth.

"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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—"(Ephesians 6:13-18 NKJV)

This is how we win in the heavenlies! Along with our armor, our biggest weapons that we have is prayer and intercession and prayer and fasting.

Other weapons are thanksgiving, praise and also proclamations or declarations.

Say: I thank You, Jesus, that I am Your child. You are my Saviour, You are my Lord. And I thank You that You are here to bless me. I thank You, Lord, that You have given me access to the Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, and from this day, I will be a son. I will not just be a believer. I will be a son who believes. Thank You, Lord, We praise Your name, we honour Your name, we give glory to Your name. Hallelujah. You are the King of the whole earth and all that is in it. And we command the wealth of the earth to come to us Lord in Jesus' name. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

