



# An Eagle's View!

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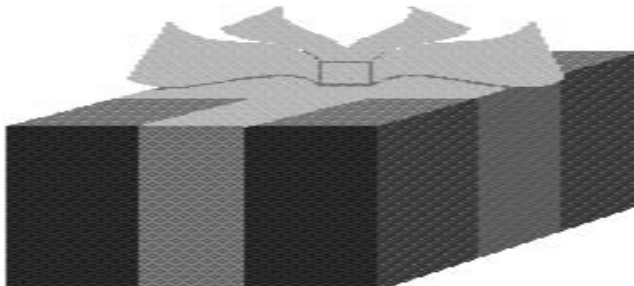
## ***Waging A Good Warfare With The Words That Are Spoken To Us:***

I want to take time in this news letter to address a topic that I feel is of the utmost importance to the Body of Christ in this present hour. The Body of Christ is engaged in a warfare sent by the enemy to rob us of our relationship and destiny in Christ. I will spend time in this letter laying a foundation for "waging a good warfare" in this present battle. In the following newsletter I will reveal a strategy for warfare based upon God's word and Biblical example.

Let's begin by looking at 2Corinthians chapter 1 and verse 20:

*2Cor. 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

Have you ever received a promise from God? Have you ever received a personal prophecy? When you received a personal prophecy you received a promise from God. A promise from God is not so that you can do your own thing. A promise from God is so that you can do God's will in your life.



When God gives promises, where are the promises found? The promises are found in Him. If the promises are found in Him, where are the promises fulfilled? The promises are fulfilled in Him. When God gives us promises they are not for our own purposes. They are for the purposes of us in Him. God wants to glorify the name of Jesus Christ through each of our lives. We were created in Christ Jesus for good works (**Eph. 2:10**) in order to bring glory to the name of Jesus. Everyone of us has a specific destiny and a specific purpose. God wants to give us personal prophecies. His personal words to us aren't given just so we know what to do. He wants to give us personal prophecies so we'll know what to be. He gives personal words and promises so that we'll know what to be in Him. Any promises that we receive are for that purpose. This is true even if the promises are as practical as the physical things that we need. These could be promises about a living situation or a promises about a job. They could be promises about our future wife or husband. Promises that we receive are not just to meet the needs of our lives. They are given to help us come to the place of who we are in Christ. God wants to bless us, but the kingdom of God is not about things. His promises are not about things either. Even when God gives us things, it is not about things. God gives us things for the purposes of His promises, but His promises always serve to bring about who we are in Christ.

When God gives a promise the answer to that promise is YES. Will that promise happen? Yes! Where does that promise get fulfilled? In Him! When God gives us a personal prophecy that says He is going to



do a certain thing, it is for the glory of His Son Jesus Christ. It is not a question of whether the promise is a good promise or a bad one. If God said it, it is good! It's not a question of whether it is going to happen or it's not going to happen. The answer is yes. The promise has been determined to happen in Christ.

God's words are given for His purpose in us and His glory is to be revealed to us. When He gives us a promise, the fulfillment of that promise is always yes "**in Him**". What can we suppose will happen if we get out of relationship or fellowship with Him? The answer to the promise is still yes. But the answer to us might be no. We must remain in Him in order to receive the promise that is "**yes in Him**". The promise is still good, but if we are out of the place of receiving the promise we might never receive the promise that God has given.

God wants to give to us practical things but the issue of practical things is really about eternal things. Eternal things are issues of relationship; issues of trust, love, mercy, hope, forgiveness, faith and the like.

*2Pet. 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,*

This verse of Scripture talks about having grace and peace multiplied "*in the knowledge of God and Jesus*". This is a knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, not a knowledge about God and Jesus our Lord. We need the increase of the knowledge of Him. The knowledge of Him is the

awareness of His presence. The knowledge of Him is a recognition of Him when he shows up. The knowledge of Him is a continual pursuing of His presence.

*2Pet. 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, & by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Through the knowledge of Him (*the knowing of Him*) the promises are given. The promises are given so that we might be partakers of His divine nature. I believe that when God gives a promise it's not the promise that God is concerned about. God is more concerned about what happens to us when we hold onto the promise that He gives.

If God promises you a house, God doesn't care about the house. He cares about what happens to you when you hold onto the promise of a house. It is in the process of faith and patience that God will give you His divine nature. There is a character change that happens when you hold onto the promise. There is a manifestation of the person Christ Jesus when you hold onto the promise which God has given to you.





If you become promise focused your character is affected in a negative way. You can become so concerned with the promise that you care more about the promise than the one who spoke the promise. You can become greedy for the thing that He said and then become deceived to believe the issue is His promise.

A lot of God's promises are given to us simply because it's His good pleasure to love His children. As we hold onto the promises which He has given to us there is a process that comes. This process allows us to manifest as Christ. God is more concerned with the stretching of our faith than He is with the things that He promises to do for us or give to us. The process is more important than the final product. God cares about us as people who will be stretched in our faith to believe what He has said. He cares about us as a people who will be stretched in our faith enough to move mountains. God's kingdom is not about things. It's about righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. It's about the reconciliation of man back to God through the living covenant of Jesus Christ. It's about principalities and powers bowing the knee and the glory of God filling a community. But if we can't hold onto the things that God promises and let our faith be stretched, how are we going to let our faith be stretched to pull down a principality of darkness or implore the unreconciled nations of the earth to return to their God. God gives us promises and expects us to wage a good warfare with those promises.

*1Tim. 1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,*

Paul told Timothy to wage a good warfare with the words of prophecy that had been spoken over him. Pastor Timothy faced a few problems in his day. Pastor Timothy didn't just face the fact that some people's rents weren't paid or their children weren't properly disciplined. He faced the fact that some people's families had members who were literally missing "heads". I can only imagine what it is like to pastor a church like that. Timothy was faced with some pretty big challenges that stretched his faith.

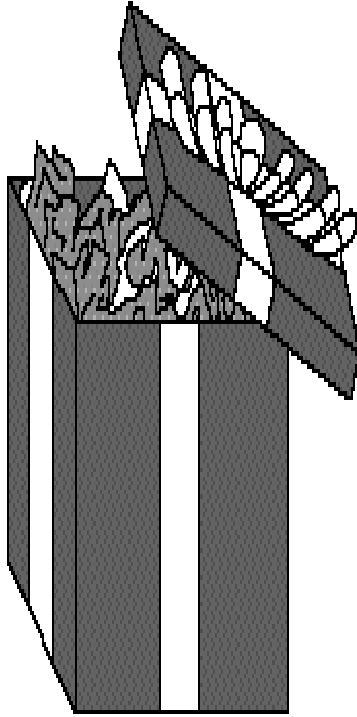
The Bible doesn't tell us what the promises made to Timothy were. They are not recorded for our reading. But what Timothy was supposed to do concerning those promises is recorded. That tells me that God was more concerned with what Timothy was to do with the promises than He was with what the promises actually were. God was more concerned in giving us an example and an instruction about "*waging a good warfare*" than He was with what those promises were.

### ***How do we wage a good warfare?***

There are two things that it takes to inherit a promise. Those two things are faith and patience (**Heb. 6:12**). It is through faith and patience that we inherit the promises of God.



We can't even see a promise unless we first have faith to receive the promise. We can't



inherit a promise unless we have determined to hang out long enough to get what we saw. We must first see a promise and then set our face like flint to believe to receive it. Our waiting for the promise must be with a cheerful endurance. We must be patient enough to stay in faith and not lose sight of what we

saw until we receive what we saw. We can have faith for a promise and never receive it if we lose patience to receive it. Patience is not just waiting for God to do something. God is not going to wage warfare for our promise. He is telling us to wage warfare for our promise. Now we know that God fights for us, but Paul didn't tell Timothy not to worry about waging warfare because God would fight for him. He didn't say: *There are some promises that have been spoken over your life Timothy but God is going to fight for you. You just hold on and it will happen.* Paul didn't say that to Timothy. That's not how it works. Paul said: *"Timothy, wage a good warfare with the promises spoken over you."*

We must wage a good warfare. Waging a good warfare is setting a course to be

obedient to the word that God has spoken with an attitude that what we saw is real today. We cannot lose sight of the promise that we have received. If we lose sight, we lose faith. If we lose faith we lose the promise.

The sight for the promise always comes in darkness. Out of obscurity vision comes. Out of darkness, light comes. Out of not knowing, knowing comes. We can't get a promise if we already have it. A promise is hope for the future. A promise always comes in darkness. When promises come they are vision. Vision doesn't become vision when it turns into light. Vision becomes vision when we hold the light in the darkness. The course of vision with a flashlight in a dark room is determined by the beam of light from the flashlight. If we lose the flashlight beam, all we have is darkness. If we have light all at once, what direction do we go? A promise given to us by God gives us the flashlight beam in the darkness. It gives us the hope we need to walk in the midst of darkness until we receive the light of day. The process of walking in the light gives us the benefit of finding the way.

In Ephesians chapter 6 we find some specific instruction about putting on the armor of God. According to Ephesians 6:16 - What is it that the enemy uses to destroy faith? The enemy uses fiery darts. Let's consider something about our enemy, the devil. The devil is not a creator. He is not a "creative" kind of creature. He is a "copy cat" kind of creature. His original name meant *"reflector or refractor of light"*. Since he can't reflect or refract light anymore the best that he can do in his copy of light is to counterfeit with works



of darkness. Darkness is the counterfeit of light. If fiery darts are sent to destroy faith, I wonder what it is that propagates faith?

Let's look in the Scriptures to see if we can determine what it is that promotes faith. If faith and patience are what it takes to inherit a promise, we must remain full of both long enough to inherit that promise. Faith and patience are the process that it takes to receive a promise from God. We must remain in the process in order to receive the promise. If we can remain full of faith and patience for the promise we will receive it. These two are not apart from one another. If we lose faith, patience is void. If the enemy can get our faith, it doesn't matter how long we wait, we won't get the promise. The enemy sends fiery darts to destroy our faith so that we will become faithless, impatient and short of God's promise. The enemy doesn't have to send us fear. He sends darts to attack our faith and we produce the fear well enough on our own.

*Ps. 77:16 The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled. 17 The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about. 18 The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook. 19 Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known. 20 You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

In this Scripture we see a picturesque description of an eternal principle of God. This Scripture is using hyperbole to more

accurately describe the flood in Noah's time. It is also painting a picture to address the real issues that were in place when Moses led the children of Israel across the Red Sea. God is on the throne and it is in His Sovereignty that the events of promises and circumstances unfold.



When God brought Moses and Israel across the Red Sea He already knew His way for them. His way was under the sea. The way didn't happen after the sea parted. God's way for them was there before the sea parted. How was God going to get the children of Israel across the sea? It was upon the dirt that was under the sea. The dirt was already there. God's path for Moses and Israel was already there. God simply parted the sea to reveal His way. It wasn't a path that God didn't know about. It wasn't new dirt. It wasn't a new path. It was just a wet path that was made dry. It was a hidden path that was revealed. God already knew about the path. He was going to get His people from one side of the sea to the other on the path that He knew was already there. Whatever was in the way of God's path for His covenant



people didn't matter. God made the waters step aside because they were in the way of His path for His people. When God makes a promise He already sees the path. He isn't going to make a path. The path is already there. Now there might be a sea in the way. It might be a wet path that needs to be made dry. But the path is already there. There might be many things in the way but they will all have to move because God's word has made a way.



In verse 18 of the previous Scripture text we see that God's lightning is described as "arrows". The enemy uses fiery darts to attack our faith but God uses "arrows" to bring revelation to our hearts. The fiery darts of the enemy sent to destroy faith are nothing more than a counterfeit of the lightning arrows of God's revelation that produces faith within our hearts.

We are told to wage a good warfare with the promises given to us by God. In this section of Scripture we can see some keys in that warfare. The waters of the sea will resist the path of our promises. This section of Scripture says that the waters saw God and were afraid. All of the promises are yes

in Him. If we remain in Him the waters will see Him when they see us and they will be afraid. If we remain in Him the things that are in the way of the fulfilled promises of God will have to give way to the promises. Waters that stand in the way of God's promises are afraid of God's presence. Waters that stand in the way of God's promises are afraid of God's presence in us.

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