

The Militancy of Prayer

Mat 16:18-19 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. {19} “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Amp Mat 16:18 ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros--a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

This is an awesome authority (as opposed to power...). It is necessary because:

Ephesians 6:12 ¹²For 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*.

It was prophesied that there would be those who would take up this fight of faith:

Isa 28:5-6 In that day {v.16 when Messiah comes} the LORD of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people, {6} For a **spirit of justice** to him who sits in judgment, **And for strength** to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

This is literal, applicative, and prophetic. The Lord of Hosts works with a remnant to give strength in battle. Gates = power... Be strengthened = (be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might... You are a pebble and upon this ROCK I will build My church.

Satan has armies but not once does the NT say call on God. “Resist him”... Give the devil no ground... Cast out demons in my name... Be sober, be vigilant, your adversary the devil prowls... seeking whom he may devour... We wrestle... Fight the good fight...

You are privileged to “Turn back the battle at the gate” and receive the Victor’s crown (He gives).

Mat 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **the violent take it by force**.

Amp Mat 11:12 ¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize--a ^[at]share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

John 14:14 “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

This is, “Your Kingdom come; Your will be done”.

1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**.

Destroy is “unravel” = dissolve the works of the devil = over time:

Mat 28:18-19 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All** authority has been given to Me **in heaven and on earth**. {19} “**Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Over time = Commission to you = You have the authority and keys to bind and loose:

Two Keys: 1) Prayer Key

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Name – cast out demons

Hands – healing

2) Fasting Key

Isa 58:6 “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that **you break every yoke?**

Isa 45:1-8 “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held; To **subdue** nations before him And **loose the armor** of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that **the gates will not be shut**: {2} ‘I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of **bronze** And cut the bars of **iron**. {3} I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. {4} For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. {5} I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, {6} That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; {7} I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.’ {8} “Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

See: v.1 **Subdue, loose armor** (i.e.,strip), throw open double doors so gates won’t be shut.
v.2 **Jesus did it**
v.3 **Treasures of darkness = SOULS**
v.8 **Heaven’s outpouring of righteousness bringing forth salvation**

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **{Behold}**

Amp Luke 10:17- 24 ¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name! ¹⁸And He said to them, I saw **Satan falling** like a lightning [flash] from heaven. ¹⁹Behold! I have given you **authority and power to trample** upon serpents and scorpions, and **[physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]**; and nothing shall in any way harm you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven.

²¹In that same hour He rejoiced and gloried in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things [relating to salvation] from the wise and understanding and learned, and revealed them to babes (the childish, unskilled, and untaught). Yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will and choice and good pleasure.

²²**All things have been given over into My power by My Father**; and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son may choose to reveal and make Him known. ²³Then turning to His disciples, He said privately, Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those whose eyes see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many **prophets and kings longed to see what you see and they did not see it, and to hear what you hear and they did not hear it.**

This is a war I cannot lose! A spiritual war I fight for the souls of men, commissioned by God, Himself! Fight for your family and friends!