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I.

Leviathan, An Implacable Wall

It has been said that Leviathan is such a strong wall that when a son of God comes up against Leviathan in a man, the son of God, who is reasonable, and willing to see the other side, becomes vulnerable before the implacability of Leviathan.

The Lord has shown me today that the analogous warhead in Christ Jesus to Leviathan's implacability is immovable faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I may waiver because of my willingness to look at the other side and consider it, but my belief that the Lord Jesus Christ is involved in everything that I do, and that He is immovable in righteousness, and eternally victorious, is analogous to Leviathan's implacability, in principle, and much higher, greater and more powerful than Leviathan's implacability in the reality of spiritual military strength.

We draw down this spiritual military strength into our present conflict through silence.

When we can recognize that the Lord is not speaking or manifesting through us and are silent, even if it means leaving the place of conflict, apparently defeated, the Lord will rise within us to deal with our opponent in His time.

I have experienced leaving a conflict, and as soon as I was out of the door, the Lord turning me around and sending me back into the battle with his victorious Word burning in my heart.

The following is a Scriptural example of what I have already experienced:

II.

Victory Through Silence

Color Code

Blue - Scripture

Red - Prophet speaking

Green - Pastor Vitale's Comments

Jer 28:1-17

1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

Pastor Vitale's Comment:

Jeremiah is saying that he would like this to be true, but it is not.

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I [Jeremiah] speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

Pastor Vitale's Comment:

Jeremiah is saying that many prophets have prophesied evil that has come to pass, but few have prophesied peace, because prophecy of peace comes only from the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore, says Jeremiah, you shall know that a prophet speaks the Word of the Lord when he prophesies peace, and peace comes to that nation.

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

11a And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.

11b And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Pastor Vitale's Comment:

- The Lord told Jeremiah to prophesy while wearing the symbol of a wooden yoke on his neck, that Judah and the surrounding nations were going into captivity in Babylon.
- Hananiah opposed Jeremiah's prophecy by prophesying out of his own spirit that the Lord would break the yoke that the King of Babylon would put on Judah and the surrounding nations. (Verses 2-4)
- Jeremiah corrects Hananiah. (Verses 7-9)
- Hananiah, in a raging attempt to break Jeremiah's spiritual authority, rips the wooden yoke off of Jeremiah's neck and breaks it. (Verse 10)
- Jeremiah's response to this arrogance and unreasonable behavior is silence. (Verse 11b)

12 Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

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III.

My Father Testifies Of Me

There is a difference between Jeremiah prophesying out of the Christ within himself (“and Jeremiah said”) and Jehovah speaking through Jeremiah, the same prophet, to vindicate him (“Thus saith the Lord, etc”).

John 5:36-37

36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Christ, the Son, speaking out of a believer to another man is the First Witness.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Father, speaking, by His Spirit, to that same man, is the Second Witness.

If the man spoken to does not hear the Lord Jesus Christ speaking the Second Witness of the Father by His Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ will speak the Second Witness through the same prophet who first spoke by the Christ within Himself.

This is what Jesus meant when he said that His Father testifies of Him.

In Jesus' case, Christ within Jesus was the First Witness, and the Spirit of Elijah was the Second Witness:

Mark 15:34-35

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

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IV.

In the Mouth of Two or Three Witnesses

Deut 17:6

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

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Deut 19:15-21

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;

17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

21 And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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v.

Alternate Translation Of Deuteronomy 19:21

- And the one who sees with the Vision of Christ shall not let pity [prevent him from executing Righteous Judgment upon the man who lives out of his Carnal Mind until]
- The Life of Christ swallows up death (a life for a life); [and]
- The Vision of Christ Jesus replaces the evil perceptions of the Carnal Mind (an eye for an eye); [and]
- Abel bites the neck of Cain, the spiritual tooth whose bite joined Abel to the Serpent's Household, and Abel joins Cain to the Household of the Lord Jesus Christ (tooth for tooth); [all of which shall form Christ in that evil man], and.
- The Lord Jesus Christ shall marry Christ in [that evil man] (hand for hand - double portion of the Lord Jesus Christ); and
- [Which union will birth] Christ Jesus [in that evil man, and Christ Jesus] shall keep the evil devices of Satan and the proud thoughts of Leviathan [in that evil man] under His control

(foot for foot - double portion of evil) [and that evil man shall cease from sin and enter into Life].

v.

The Truth About The Spirit Of Truth

John 15:26

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

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- The Comforter is the Spirit of Truth.
- The Holy Spirit is NOT the Spirit of Truth.
- The Spirit of Truth is a function of The Spirit of Christ, which is in Christ Jesus:

John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

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VI.

The Nine (9) Gifts of The Holy Spirit

1 Cor 12:4-11

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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VII.

The Thirteen (13) Attributes Of The Love Of God

(The Love (Charity) of God Is Not a Gift)

1 Cor 12:31-13:11

But [even though I] covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (the love of God), it profiteth me nothing.

⁴ Charity (the love of God) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (the love of God) envieth not; charity (the love of God) vaunteth not itself, [charity (the love of God)] is not puffed up,

⁵ [Charity (the love of God)] Doth not behave itself unseemly, [charity (the love of God)] seeketh not her own, [charity (the love of God)] is not easily provoked, [charity (the love of God)] thinketh no evil;

⁶ [Charity (the love of God)] rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

⁷ [Charity (the love of God)] beareth all things, [charity (the love of God)] believeth all things, [charity (the love of God)] hopeth all things, [charity (the love of God)] endureth all things.

⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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VIII.

God Is Love

1 John 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

IX.

God Is In Christ

2 Cor 5:18-19

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

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X.

The Love Of God Is In The Seven (7) Administrations Of The Spirit Of Christ Jesus

Isa 11:1-5

11 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and [the spirit of] understanding, [and] the spirit of counsel and [the spirit of might], [and] the spirit of knowledge and [the spirit] of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.