

Spiritual Warfare

Some Simple Thoughts for the Children's Worker

Prayer as Spiritual Warfare

Jesus commanded us to “pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest.” It is our job to pray. It is His job to send out workers. The two work together in assuring the harvest. Praying IS spiritual warfare! Many powerful missionaries are not even converted yet. God is preparing them, and our prayers will work to prepare them and to set into place God's calling.

Binding and Loosing as Spiritual Warfare

Evil demonic spirits and good angelic spirits are always fighting. God gives us power to bind whatever we will (including demonic spirits), and to loose whatever we will (including angelic spirits). Our prayers can nullify the attacks of the enemy and intensify the ministry of God's good angelic spirits.

Example of Binding and Loosing:

Some years back, Argentinians (a developing country in South America, not unlike many in Africa today) were proud, having no use for Jesus Christ. Christians were fighting amongst themselves. An evangelist named Carbrèras had tried much publicity, but nothing attracted the Argentinians. In prayer, God showed him it was a spiritual battle. He began to seek God, making prayer and fasting a priority in his ministry. Before trying another evangelistic effort, he rented a room in the town to be evangelized, and spent three days in his room in prayer before beginning. He found praying a tremendous conflict. Finally he was able to discern the spiritual prince over the region. Sometimes they came to him, claiming that the place was theirs and refusing to leave. Carbrèras refused, insisting it was rather them who had no right to be there. After that, their boss would appear to him, then another boss, and so on. Each was evicted in the name of Jesus, until after the top one went, the mood of the whole area changed. Many came to Christ and great miracles were performed in His name. The church swelled suddenly, from 20 to 140,000 people. Carbrèras concluded that the key to effective ministry, rather than any method, was prayer and fasting.

The Importance of Unity and Working Together in Spiritual Warfare

In spiritual matters, 1+1=10. One shall chase a thousand, two shall put ten thousand to flight.

Key Places in Africa (Spiritual Hot Spots):

Congo:

Wyllys Braun said that Zaire (now Congo) was the strongest French-speaking country in Africa, and that the church in Zaire had more organization and knowledgeable leadership than any other French-speaking African country. The church in Congo has much potential for leadership and for missionary outreach to other French and Swahili-speaking African countries. Is it any wonder that Satan has long sought to decimate Congo by civil wars?

Ghana:

Ghana is the most influential English-speaking country in Africa, the home of the powerful and outspoken anti-Christian group, Afrikania mission. Ghana has potential to evangelize all of English-speaking Africa, but too many of its churches are wound up in the prosperity movement so they have become more concerned with their image and comfort than with the lost.

Togo-Benin:

Togo and Benin very influential in the world of voodoo spiritism. Benin claims to be the birthplace of voodoo. Its ancient Dahomey Empire was also heavily into human sacrifice, usually by beheading in gala public displays. These are also the least-evangelized non-Muslim countries in Africa.

Uganda:

Uganda has been ruled by one murderous despot after another (Obote, Amin). In recent years, Joseph Kony's LRA has destroyed the northern part of the country with its occult brand of geurilla warfare.

Sudan:

The Arabic Islamic north has long waged a brutal war for control of the black non-Islamic south, waging terror by rape and slave raids as well as outright killing.

Rwanda:

Hutu-Tutsi tensions were fanned to fever pitch in the 1990's, resulting in a brutal genocide made more horrible because it was one in which the average citizen participated.

As children's teachers, we can encourage our children to be praying regularly for other nations of Africa.