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Beloved 71 CoPartners:

"Upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18

The spiritual battle intensifies. The darts of Satan whistle past our ears. Some are hit and wounded, the cry of the battlefield pierces our very souls. The faint hearted would retreat to safer ground-even the veterans of other spiritual conflicts would cry, "How long, oh Lord, how long?"

I feel it is time to arouse and awaken Christians everywhere that we are entering that last Titanic struggle which will culminate in Jesus glorious return and the establishment of His Eternal Kingdom, Praise the Lord! Its not going to be easy, it will demand from all of us our very best! It will take all that we have and more, but what we lack, Jesus will supply.

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Jesus went on to say that this spiritual battle would even divide families and friends-he said that a man would be a variance against his own father, daughter against mother and that a man's foes in some cases will be those of his own household. Matt.10:35-36 The Apostle Paul warned the Ephesians to put on the whole armor of God so that we would be able to resist the attacks of the Devil. Eph. 6:12 and I Pet. 5:8-9

Yes, the smoke and the heat and the heartbreak of battle grows excruciatingly intense as we reach that final crescendo which is bursting upon all flesh. We are told to beware of one of Satan's favorite tricks-transforming himself into and angel of light. Even in Christian television, everyone is not of God. This may sound harsh but God's Word says we are to be spiritually mature and "Try the spirits" of those who claim to be servants of God. We will be held accountable before God as to whom we support with our prayers and finances and ignorance will be no excuse. If you have any doubts, ask any organization you are supporting two simple questions.

1. Is your financial statement open to the public?

2. Do you conduct an annual audit with a reputable outside auditing firm?

If you do not get an affirmative answer immediately, do not support that ministry or organization. We are to provide things honest in the sight of all men according to Paul in Romans 12:17. But, Praise God, we have power and authority over Satan in JESUS NAME! This truth was made startling clear as I read a booklet by Brother Paul Billheimer recently. Please read his article in this Newsletter and consider it very carefully. It is made up of excerpts from this booklet and it could electrify and change your whole life and practice in the area of spiritual warfare.

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When I was just a boy sitting on the front row of our church we used to sing a militant old hymn entitled— THE FIGHT IS ON. I never really understood the meaning of the song, I simply enjoyed the rousing tempo and martial enthusiasm it generated. Today I understand far better the message and meaning of that hymn. And by God's GRACE and through the power of the shed blood of Jesus and His finished work on Calvary we will press this fight even to the very Gates of Hell. Satan is defeated — his legal rights to this earth and over you and me have been cancelled by Calvary! Jesus has given us the power and authority to enforce His VICTORY and to "Preach deliverance to the captives." Praise the Lord!

God bless you, our beloved co-partners in this great spiritual battle. We love you as our very own and are praying for you daily that your faith will grow and that you will be an effective warrior in this final showdown with Satan. Please let us know if we can ever help you in any way. Thank you for loving and caring for your Television stations and ministry. Lets keep going strong until the trumpet sounds!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." Rev. 12:11

by Paul E. Billheimer



"For years I thought this "word of testimony" meant a testimony to others to the goodness of God such as is customary in prayer and praise service. But the time came when the Spirit began to reveal that this testimony was a word spoken directly to Satan and his demon spirits and in the name of Jesus and upon the basis of His shed blood to command them in the first person.

Although I had often prayed for years for God to defeat Satan, although I had often spoken of Satan and his wicked spirits in the third person, although I had often prayed about them, I had never spoken directly to them with the word of my testimony, declaring that they had been destroyed by Christ's death and that their claims were all cancelled and that they had no right whatever to touch me, that they were trespassers when they attempted to do so. When I did this and commanded them in the name of Jesus to go, I experienced instantaneous relief. Satan does not care how you talk about him. Demons do not mind if you talk about them. Authority is transmitted and made effective only when you speak directly to them in the first person, always in the mane of Jesus of Nazareth and upon the basis of the shed blood. This, I believe, is the meaning of Rev. 12:11 This also explains why it is effective to call demons by their name when seeking to overcome. Since they are self-conscious personalities and have identity, it is necessary to single them out by name. This explains why Jesus was specific and said, "Thou dumb and deaf demon, come out." It also explains why Jesus asked the demoniac of Gadara before casting him out, "What is thy

Since Christ has destroyed Satan at the cross and cancelled all of his rights and claims, and since He has delegated the enforcement of Calvary's victory to believers, you can understand why the technique set forth in Rev. 12:11 is effective. Satan will do all he can to scare you out and prevent you using these weapons but when you do use them in full reliance upon Calvary's victory, you will discover for yourself the power of the blood and the name of Jesus.