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### **I. Introduction:**

Warfare is a reality of life

First, there is internal conflict between the flesh and the spirit - **Gal.5: 17; 2Cor.6: 14-18.**

There is war in heaven also - **Rev.12: 7.**

The war in heaven predates the creation of man.

The Bible is a book of wars (from the beginning of creation until now and even into the future) - **Rev.12: 7.**

God Himself is called a Man of war - **Exod.15: 3.**

The Christian life in particular then is all about spiritual warfare.

### **II. Spiritual Nature of Our Warfare:**

1. Our warfare is spiritual and not physical in nature - **Eph.6: 12.**
2. Our enemies are spiritual in nature - **Eph.6: 12.**
3. So, our weapons also are spiritual and not physical in nature - **2 Cor.10: 4.**

### **III. Basis of Our Victory in Spiritual Warfare:**

1. Our victory in spiritual warfare does not depend on the size of the army - **Ps.33: 16.**

Examples:

- i. Gideon's Army - Judg.6 & 7.
- ii. Jonathan & his armor-bearer - 1Sam.14: 6.

2. Our victory in spiritual warfare does not come by physical power or might - **Zech.4: 6.**

Examples:

- i. Israelites and the Anakims (Deut.2 & Josh.11).
- ii. David & Goliath (1 Sam.17).

3. Our victory in spiritual warfare does not depend on physical weapons of war - **Ps.20: 7.**

Examples:

- i. Pharaoh & his hosts at the Red Sea (Exod.14 & 15)
- ii. Goliath, David & Saul's Armor (1Sam.17).

4. Our victory in spiritual warfare does not depend on any military strategy - **1Kg.20: 23.**

God used different uncommon and seemingly foolish strategies to defeat His enemies in the Bible - **1 Cor.1: 27.**

Examples:

- i. Pharaoh's Army - Drowning at the Red Sea (Exod.14)
- ii. Wall of Jericho - Marching Round & Trumpet Blast (Josh.6).
- iii. Gideon's Army - Lamps, Pitchers & Shout (Judg.7).
- iv. Jehoshaphat versus 3 nations (Moab, Ammon & Seir) - Praise Worship (2Chron.20).
- v. David and Goliath - Sling & Stone (1Sam.17).
- vi. Assyrians - Angelic Fight (2Kg.19).
- vii. Syrians - Rumor & Confusion (2Kg.7).

#### **IV. Two Sides of Life: - 2 Cor.4: 18.**

Usually, there are 2 sides to life and every war - physical and spiritual.

Physical things are temporal but spiritual things are eternal.

The spiritual controls the physical.

So, God gives us direct access to the spiritual realm in order to fight and win our battles before they manifest physically.

#### **V. 3 Areas of Application: - 2 Cor.10: 4.**

- 1. Personal Battles
- 2. Current National Situation
- 3. General End-time Spiritual Warfare

#### **Conclusion:**

We cannot dictate to God how he should fight for us but in every spiritual warfare, we must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and simply follow His leading.