

Topic: Go near and Join yourself to that Chariot

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Key Scripture: 2 Kings 6:16-17, Acts 8:29 KJV

*Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*

We are in interesting times and though the enemy tries to encompass the city of God, we know that those that be for us are greater than they that be against us. One of the reasons the enemy gains advantage of believers is either because of breaches, the ignorance of the believer or the believe of lies by the believers. Chariots speak of warfare, *Psalms 20:7, Proverbs 20:31*. We see an interesting situation in 2 Kings 6 where there were two types of chariots: those that came after Elijah and chariots of fire so great that they encompassed themselves around the city. When his servant was scared, not seeing the Chariots of fire, Elijah pointed his servant to a reality, that greater is He that is in you, *1 John 4:4*

Spiritual warfare is one fought by understanding. The charge today is to join yourself to this chariot. Many people think that the moment they become Christians, the enemy leaves them, but that is not the case. Although he is defeated, he is also relentless. We see from 2 Kings 6 that the chariots can either be of man or of God. There is a song that says the arm of flesh will fail you, hence it says put on the gospel armour, putting on each piece with prayer.

**What does it mean to join yourself to the chariot?**

Spiritual warfare is a choice and drawing strength from God is also a choice. The enemy moves and thrives in ignorance. When this is not understood, though a believer is in a higher estate than the enemy, the enemy may still find a way to show up in their lives. The charge is to join yourself to the Chariots of the Lord.

*2 Timothy 2:3* says Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. This commands you to accept the warfare dimension of your walk in Christ so that you can enjoy victories on a daily basis. Spiritual growth is spiritual warfare. You are making a statement against the kingdom of darkness. The strength of God is available to us in this times.

This scripture says as a good soldier of Christ. This means an expectation is to stand in Christ. As a believer there will be arrows from the camp of the enemy. *Nahum 2:1* says he that dashes in pieces has come before your face. As long as you are in Christ, you are a threat to the enemy. Many are standing in passiveness because they have not accepted the warfare dimension of the Kingdom of God. That is, satan is defeated, but you must learn to daily put him in his place. People in ignorance, wake up feeling depressed, quoting things that lying spirits have ministered to them. How can you say God feels far away? How can you be far away from someone who is within you. We have been in this mountain of weariness for too long. Join yourself to this chariot. It is a conscious decision. We cannot be passive of the fact that life is first spiritual. We must deal with life from a spiritual angle.

The reason people do not experience victories in their lives: Passiveness in spiritual aspect of life. The enemy is as strong as the legal ground you give him. He is as strong as your knowledge of truth. You chose to acknowledge either the lies of satan, the lies of lying spirit or the truth of Gods word.

**Key things to note for effective Spiritual warfare:**

1. **Wiles of the devil.** Ephesians 6.

The first element of spiritual warfare is not your ability to pray in tongues for hours or fast, because you can fight a battle that is nonexistent. The first thing to note is that Satan thrives on schemes. What the wisdom of God does is that it makes us wise unto salvation (2 *timothy* 3:15). These schemes are mirages, but in reality, from God's perspective, they do not exist. It is an honourable thing to put Satan in his place. Jesus took stripes for a reason. If Jesus did not condemn you in the flesh, why would He condemn you now that He is within you? Join yourself to this chariot. It is a decision.

If you look through each weapon in the armour in Ephesians 6, they each speak of the truth of God's word. Each part speaks of a truth, they all talk about the word of God. The emphasis is that every man learns to stand against and above the operations of Satan. We need to move over things like depression and weariness.

When the schemes of enemies are known, you will move from arguing with the devil to truth in the inward part. Examples of these schemes include:

1. Sinful temptations - Sins of immorality
2. Suggestions of strifes within the brethren
3. False sense of heaviness and weariness.
4. False sense of lack of appetites for the word of God
5. Condemnation, that drives you away from the Lord. Those who observe lying vanities forsake their mercies, *Jonah* 2:8. God does not look at us as a tax master does. We need to move away from Satan's schemes and lies.

We need to understand that the statement join yourself to this chariot is an accepting of the warfare dimension of the Kingdom of God. You cannot say I am tired of fighting and I am drawing back, that is a lie in the enemy. The safest place to be is in the Lord, standing. There is grace to stand.

2. **To Join yourself to this chariot means to Cleave to the strength of God.** *Psalms* 33:16-18. The Lord is not looking for your strength in this discussion. One of the reasons people get tired is because they try so hard. Fasting and discipline is a personal decision, however, any fasting that you do or prayers that does not humble you is a waste of time. You cannot get a better work by your fasting than the finished work of Christ. The strength of man cannot deliver us. The value of a thing is demonstrated by what is paid for or what is put as a price on it. Scriptures says we have not been redeemed with perishable things but by the precious blood of Jesus, *1 Peter* 1:18. Stop trying to please God, Join yourself to this chariot. Once you join to a chariot, the focus shifts from you to the chariot. Stop comparing yourself to any man. God wants us to draw strength from Him. What does it mean to draw strength from God? This is first a mental reckoning of the finished works of Christ and then a spiritual reality occurs. You must reckon that you cannot do better than what Christ can do. Learn to boast in Christ. When you feel down, boast in Him. When you feel strong, boast in Him. You will notice, it did not say join yourself to a chariot. This chariot is provided by God, it is a Chariot of power. You cannot do better than Jesus did.

We see a scenario in Numbers 10 where the children of Israel sinned and were afflicted by serpents. The solution was to focus on this brazen serpent. Sometimes, you fall into a situation that you rightly deserve. However, never speak badly about yourself, even if it seems that you deserve it. As you fix your gaze on Jesus, wounds, whether it is emotional, spiritual or not, they

are healed. If Jesus says I am Holy, then regardless of how I feel, I am holy. If Jesus says you are justified, this means acquitted and discharged, why would you incur damages on yourself? Would you rather go 2000 years back and taste the stripes Jesus took? If not, why would you downplay that because of your feelings? It pleases God when someone says, "I may be weak, but God says I am strong, so I am strong." Your fasting and prayers is not a basis for standing before God. There is liberty in Christ, accept liberty. Stop arguing with the devil, He is a defeated foe. Many people have more faith in the words of satan than the words of God. People in the world have learned to develop positive thinking and this is scriptural. The bible says whatsoever things are true, think on these things, *Philippians 4:8*. Clothe yourself with truth.

3. **Joining yourself to this chariot means to intelligently cling to the body.** Isolation of any kind is a killer. Isolation is not of God. There is a fellowship you must maintain in the spirit. Psalm 68:17 says *"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place"*. The chariots of God and the angels of God are always around us. This speaks prophetically of the church, *Hebrews 12*. There is a remedy of every malady in the body. Each join supplies. Every man has something to offer. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10* says two are better than one. There are challenges that the Lord will permit for you to learn not to fight on your own. You will have to humble yourself and seek for help. It is not the presence of the devil or temptations, but how you deal with it. You must learn to deal with it. There are provisions in the body. Join yourself to this chariot.

#### 7 things that we should be doing at this time.

1. Focus on Jesus and what He has done on the cross and how that affects you. Not yourselves, nor your inadequacies, nor your abilities.
2. Put on the whole armour of God by equipping yourself with truth.
3. Make use of the provisions of the victories of the cross. The name, the Word, the diverse operations of the Holy Spirit in prayer and other aspect Holy Spirit in diverse operations, the blood.
4. Pray. Whether you feel like it or not. If you are not praying, you have other options.
5. Draw strength from your brethren.
6. Give satan no legal ground of operation.
7. Put on the garment of praise and be thankful. This garment cannot dwell in the same vessel as the spirit of heaviness, *Isaiah 61:3*

Draw strength from God, acknowledge who God is, praise Him and strength will spring up naturally.

#### Prayer:

- Revelation knowledge: **1. 2 Kings 6:17 - prayer for revelation knowledge. That our eyes may be open to see the invisible, to see from God's perspective**
- Psalm 46:9. There are operations of chariots that try to compass the church of God. However, the bible says He consumes them with fire.

*2 Kings 6:16 KJV*

*And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.*