

The Warfare of the Spirit

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Text: *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds"* (II Corinthians 10:3,4).

[Editor's Note: I thought it would be interesting to put up some of Rev. Robinson's sermons in original form. Most of them are not in good enough shape to scan like this, but this one works well as a scan. You will see typos and misspelled words and notes penciled in, some of which are illegible. Although he typed many of his sermons, the typewriter he used was quite primitive and makes the copy hard to read, especially with the aging of the paper. Enjoy.]

THE WARFARE OF THE SPIRIT* 11 Cor. 10,3,4.

The vast range of the Apostles knowledge of every aspect of life in his day is seen again and again in his Epistles.

It is no more evident than in his many Metaphorical Comparisons of the spiritual life to the different categories of the natural life.

I- Being acquainted with the Famous Olympian races of his day he said the Christian life is like a race.

"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

- 1- Races where men ran for a prize
- 2- Some slaves ran for their freedom.
- 3- The witnesses as spectators in the grandstand.

II- PROMINENT WERE THE GREAT GLADATORIAL COMBATS.

- 1- Men fought for a prize or for their very life.
- 2- There were certain rules to the game that must be kept.
- 3- "If any man also strive for the mastery, yet is he not crowned except he strive lawfully".

1 Cor. 9-24, 25, 26.

III- The famous wrestling matches. For entertainment.

- 1- Our opponent is compared to the wrestlers see.
- 2- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

IV DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN TO A VOYAGE

- 1- I have a desire to depart, or set sail on my voyage home.
- 2- The time of my departure is at hand.

Child of God

V- He says the servant*of Christ is like a bondsman.

- 1- One who has given up his personal freedom to be servant of Christ.

VI- He also says a Christian is like an ambassador for Christ.

- 1- Ambassador from the courts of heaven to the courts of this world.

VII- Closest and most frequent of all is his reference to the Christian as a Soldier and the life as a warfare.

- 1- His assertions are clear that the battle lines are drawn. War is declared.
- 2- War broke out in Eden long ago and the fight has been on ever since.
- 3- He does not simply say you are as a soldier, But you ARE A SOLDIER IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.

VIII- TO TIMOTHY HE SAID;

- 1- Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- 2- Separate yourself from all of the affairs of this life that you might please him who hath chosen you to be a soldier.

SOME THINGS ARE CLEAR ABOUT THIS SITUATION.

WE KNOW.

- 1- We are called to be a soldier.
- 2- We know who called us---Christ.
- 3- We know we are in a war, on active duty (No reserves)
- 4- We know what our uniform consists of. (Spiritual virtues)
- 5- We know what our weapons are. (Not carnal but mighty)
- 6- We know the kind of foe we are up against. (Satan)
- 7- We know the terms of the conflict. (Fight to the death)

IN GENERAL TERMS THE SITUATION IS REPRESENTED AS..

Two great kingdoms* (Of Darkness and Of Light)

Satan is the prince of the kingdom of Darkness
Christ is the Great King of the kingdom of light.

OUR ENEMY AND HIS STRONGHOLDS.

Satans kingdom is fortified by numerous strongholds.

- 1- Wilful ignorance
- 2- Infidelity and unbelief.
- 3- Prejudice.
- 4- Superstition and idolatry.
- 5- Moral depravity and lusts.
- 6- Pride and selfishness.
- 7- All of the works of the flesh:
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
Witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath,
strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders,
drunkenness, revelings.

These are the strongholds we are up against.
Our weapons are not carnal but mighty.

- 2 fold*
- 1- For defence and 2- Conquest.

Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord.

XX SOLDERING PRESUPPOSES DISCIPLINE

- 1- One of the first things a soldier learns is to take orders.
- 2- Second to condition himself for survival.
- 3- To learn all he can about the enemy and how he can defeat him.
- 4- A soldier must learn that he is expendable.
NATHAN HALE AND COLEEN KELLY.

OUR WEAPONS ARE EVANGELICAL TRUTH ALONG WITH THE EVIDENCE
BY WHICH THAT TRUTH IS ATTESTED AND CONFIRMED.

WE BELONG TO A LONG LINE OF FIGHTERS, A GREAT ARMY
BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE WAR IS FOUGHT OUT TO
A FINISH ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE SOUL.

THE FIGHT IS LONG AND EARNEST BUT THE VICTORY IS SURE.

(THE OLD MARINE SERGEANT IN LONDON)

Our Captain is always near and fights with us in the
Conflict.

Joshua before the conquest of Jerico, I am the Captain
of the Lords hosts,

There can be no terms of agreement.

It is unconditional surrender, or complete victory.

There can be no peaceful coexistence.

I have fought a good fight.