

## WEEK 1 — OUTLINE

### **The Church as the New Man Engaging in Spiritual Warfare to Defeat God's Enemy and to Bring In the Kingdom of God**

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:26, 28; Eph. 2:15; 4:24; 6:11-13; Rev. 11:15; Psa. 110:3a

#### « DAY 1 »

#### **I. The church as the new man accomplishes God's eternal purpose (Eph. 1:9, 11; 2:15-16; 3:9; 4:22-24):**

##### **A. God's intention in His creation of man was to have a corporate man to express Him and represent Him (Gen. 1:26, 28):**

1. God's creation of man in Genesis 1 is a picture of the one new man in God's new creation (Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11).
2. The church as the new man is the corporate man in God's intention, and this new man will fulfill the twofold purpose of expressing God and representing Him (Gen. 1:26, 28).

##### **B. God created a corporate man to represent Him by having dominion over all things (vv. 26, 28):**

1. God's intention in giving man dominion is for him to subdue God's enemy, Satan, who rebelled against God, to recover the earth, and to exercise God's authority over the earth in order that the kingdom of God may come to the earth, the will of God may be done on earth, and the glory of God may be manifested on earth (vv. 26, 28; Matt. 6:10, 13b).
2. God's intention that man would have dominion over all things will be fulfilled by the church as the new man (Eph. 2:15; Col. 3:10-11).

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#### **C. If man has not restored the earth from the usurpation of Satan, he has not yet achieved God's purpose in creating him (Gen. 1:28):**

1. Dealing with Satan is for the benefit of God and satisfies God's need.
2. Dealing with Satan requires that we pay a price that is extremely great; self must be utterly abandoned.

3. In order to recover the earth from the hand of Satan, we must be wholly and absolutely for God and His purpose (Rom. 12:2; 8:28).

**D. The church as the corporate new man is the corporate warrior to defeat God's enemy and to bring in the kingdom of God (Eph. 4:24; 6:11, 13):**

1. The church as a warrior is an aspect of the church as the new man (2:15).
2. The church as the new man is a warrior fighting against God's enemy, for the new man fulfills God's purpose to express God and to fight against God's enemy for God's dominion, God's kingdom (Gen. 1:26, 28; Rev. 11:15).

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**II. In order to know God's economy, we need to see the spiritual things behind the physical things, the spiritual world behind the physical world (Dan. 10:12-13, 20-21):**

- A. It is crucial for us to see that behind the physical scene a spiritual struggle, a struggle not seen with human eyes, is taking place.**
- B. In our fighting we deal not with things that appear on the surface but with the power of darkness behind these things (Eph. 2:6; 6:12; S.S. 4:8).**
- C. Revelation 12 presents a great vision concerning the war in heaven—the warfare in the universe between God and His enemy; the vision in this chapter unveils the true situation in the universe—the view that God's enemy is fighting against Him (vv. 1-4, 7-9, 13, 17).**

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**III. Spiritual warfare is necessary because Satan's will is set against God's will (Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Isa. 14:12-14):**

- A. If we would know how the church as the new man can be God's warrior to engage in spiritual warfare, we need to realize that in the universe there are three wills—the divine will, the satanic will, and the human will (Rev. 4:11).**
- B. Spiritual warfare has its source in the conflict between the divine will and the satanic will (Matt. 6:10):**

1. Lucifer's pride in his high position and beauty gave rise to an evil intention, which became the satanic will (Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-15).
2. Before the archangel of God rose up to contradict the divine will, there was no war in the universe; the rebellion of Lucifer was the beginning of all the fighting that is now taking place among nations, in society, in the family, and within individuals (cf. Rev. 12:3-11; Gal. 5:17).

**C. God wants His creature man to deal with His fallen creature Satan; for this, the human will must stand with the divine will (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 26:39; 12:30; 7:21).**

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**D. As the church, our fighting is to subdue the satanic will and defeat God's enemy (Eph. 6:11-13).**

**IV. The purpose of spiritual warfare is to bring in the kingdom of God (Rev. 11:15; 12:10):**

**A. Spiritual warfare is the warfare between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan (Matt. 12:26, 28).**

**B. The kingdom of God will not come automatically; in order for the kingdom of God to come, there is the need of spiritual fighting (vv. 22-29).**

**C. The responsibility of the church is to continue the warfare that Christ fought on the earth; the church must continue the victorious work that Christ has carried out against Satan (Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8b; Col. 2:15; Psa. 149:5-9).**

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**D. The kingdom of God is the exercise of the divine will and the overthrowing of the power of Satan by the power of God (Matt. 6:10).**

**E. Wherever the devil has been cast out and wherever the work of the enemy has been displaced by God's power, the kingdom of God is there (12:28).**

**V. "Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration"**

**(Psa. 110:3a):**

- A. In a spiritual sense, we are now in the day of Christ's warfare, and for this we need to be a voluntary offering, a freewill offering (Lev. 22:18; Deut. 12:6).**
- B. In order to engage in spiritual warfare to defeat God's enemy and bring in the kingdom of God, we need an absolute and thorough consecration to the Lord; in the eyes of God, such a consecration is a matter of splendor (Psa. 110:3a).**

## « WEEK 1 — DAY 1 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion...**

**28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...**

God's creation of man in Genesis 1 is a picture of the new man in God's new creation. This means that the old creation is a figure, a type, of the new creation. In God's old creation the central character is man. It is the same in God's new creation. Therefore, in both the old creation and the new creation man is the center.

God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:26) and then gave man His dominion. Image is for expression. God wants man to be His expression. Dominion, however, is a matter not of expression but of representation. God wants man to represent Him in His authority for His dominion. In the old creation man was created to have God's image to express Him and also to have His dominion to represent Him. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 2302)

### Today's Reading

The image refers to God's positive intention, and dominion to God's negative intention. God's positive intention is that man would express Him, whereas God's negative intention is that man would deal with God's enemy, Satan, the devil. In the universe God has a problem, the problem of dealing with His enemy. Since God's enemy, the devil, is a creature, God will not deal with him directly Himself; instead, He will deal with him by man, a creature of His creation. God deals with His enemy through man. Hence, in God's creation of man there were two intentions. The positive intention is that man would bear God's image for His expression; the negative intention is that man would have God's dominion to represent Him to deal with His enemy.

In the old creation the dominion given to man was limited to the earth.

This means that in the old creation the dealing with God's enemy was restricted to the earth. However, in God's new creation the dominion has been enlarged to the entire universe.

Eventually, the church as the new man is the man in God's intention. God wanted a man, and in the old creation He created a figure, a type, not the real man. The real man is the man Christ created on the cross through His all-inclusive death.

The term the new man reminds us of the old man. The old man did not fulfill God's dual purpose. However, the new man in God's new creation does fulfill the twofold purpose of expressing God and dealing with God's enemy. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2302-2303)

God created a corporate man not only to express Himself with His image but also to represent Him by exercising His dominion over all things. God's intention in giving man dominion is (1) to subdue God's enemy, Satan, who rebelled against God; (2) to recover the earth, which was usurped by Satan; and (3) to exercise God's authority over the earth in order that the kingdom of God may come to the earth, the will of God may be done on the earth, and the glory of God may be manifested on the earth (Matt. 6:10, 13b).

God's intention that man would express God in His image and represent God with His dominion is fulfilled not in Adam as the first man (1 Cor. 15:45a), the old man (Rom. 6:6), but in Christ as the second man (1 Cor. 15:47b and footnote 2), the new man (Eph. 2:15 and footnote 8), comprising Christ Himself as the Head and the church as His Body (Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:12 and footnote 2; Col. 3:10-11 and footnote 9 on verse 11). It is fully fulfilled in the overcoming believers, who live Christ for His corporate expression (Phil. 1:19-26) and will have authority over the nations and reign as co-kings with Christ in the millennium (Rev. 2:26-27; 20:4, 6). It will ultimately be fulfilled in the New Jerusalem, which will express God's image, having His glory and bearing His appearance (Rev. 4:3a; 21:11, 18a), and also exercise God's divine authority to maintain God's dominion over the entire universe for eternity (Rev. 21:24; 22:5). (Gen. 1:26, footnote 5)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1970, vol. 1, pp. 94-107

## « WEEK 1 — DAY 2 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil.**

**13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

When God created man, He spoke of what He needed. He revealed His need to have man rule and reign over all His creation and proclaim His triumph. Ruling for God is not a small thing; it is a great matter....This is God's work, and this is what God desires to obtain.

If man has not restored the earth from the hand of Satan, he has not yet achieved God's purpose in creating him....Saving souls solves man's need, but dealing with Satan satisfies God's need. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," p. 11)

### Today's Reading

Brothers and sisters, [dealing with Satan] requires us to pay a price....Preaching the gospel demands that we pay a price, but a much greater price must be paid to deal with Satan.

This is not a matter of a message or a teaching. This requires our practice, and the price is extremely great. If we are to be men whom God will use to overthrow all of Satan's work and authority, we must obey the Lord completely and absolutely!...We may hold on to something of ourselves in our study of the Scriptures, in preaching the gospel, in helping the church or the brothers, but when we are dealing with Satan, self must be utterly abandoned. Satan will never be moved by us if self is preserved. May God open our eyes to see that His purpose demands that we be wholly and absolutely for Him. A double-minded person can never deal with Satan. May God speak this word to our hearts. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," pp. 11-12)

Ephesians 6:10-20 reveals that the church, which is the new man, needs to fight against the enemy of God....The warrior is not a status of the church

but an aspect of the church as the new man. The new man has the obligation of fighting against God's enemy. This is indicated in Genesis 1, where we are told that when God created the old man, He commissioned him to bear His image for His expression and to have His dominion for His representation to deal with the enemy....The new man in the new creation also has the twofold obligation of bearing God's image to express Him and of fighting against God's enemy. Therefore, the church as the new man is a warrior fighting against God's enemy, for the new man is now fulfilling God's purpose to express God and to fight against God's enemy for God's dominion, God's kingdom.

In Ephesians 6:12 Paul says, "Our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies." Blood and flesh refers to human beings. Behind men of blood and flesh are the evil forces of the devil, fighting against God's purpose. Hence, our wrestling, our fighting, must not be against men but against the evil spiritual forces in the heavenlies. The principalities, the authorities, and the world-rulers of this darkness are the rebellious angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God and who now rule in the heavenlies over the nations of the world. This darkness refers to today's world, which is fully under the dark ruling of the devil through his evil angels. The world-rulers of this darkness are the princes Satan has set up to rule the various nations. Because of the working of Satan, who is the authority of darkness, the earth and its atmosphere have become "this darkness." The spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies are Satan and his spiritual forces of evil in the air. The warfare between the church and Satan is a battle between us who love the Lord and who are in His church and the evil powers in the heavenlies. We must fight against these spiritual forces. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2321-2322)

Further Reading: CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," ch. 1; CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," ch. 7



## « WEEK 1 — DAY 3 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Eph. 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.**

**Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.**

After the visions seen by Daniel in Daniel 7 through 9, Daniel saw the vision concerning the destiny of Israel. However, before we are told of the vision Daniel saw concerning Israel's destiny in chapter 11, chapter 10 shows us the spiritual world behind the physical. For us to know God's economy and to know that in God's economy Christ is the centrality and universality of God's move, we need to see the spiritual things behind the physical.

What we see outwardly is the physical world, but behind the physical world is the spiritual. (Life-study of Daniel, p. 91)

### Today's Reading

While Daniel was praying for [twenty-one] days, a spiritual struggle was taking place in the air between two spirits, one belonging to Satan and the other belonging to God. They were fighting because the sent angelic messenger (he might have been Gabriel) had been sent by God in answer to Daniel's prayer. Michael came to help the sent angelic messenger. Just as the archangel Michael fought in Jude 9, so he came in to fight here in Daniel. The crucial point we need to see is that behind the scene a spiritual struggle, a struggle not seen with physical eyes, was taking place. (Life-study of Daniel, p. 96)

We know that what hinders the gospel is not the outward environment but Satan. We know that what usurps men and causes them not to love the Lord is neither human ties, nor the world, nor the flesh, but the satanic

power of darkness. We know also that the reason for all the confusion, striving, indifference, and corruption in the church is naught else but Satan. Therefore, we do not deal with things that appear on the surface, but, through the position and authority of ascension, we deal with the power of darkness that schemes behind these things and reigns on the earth. (The Experience of Life, p. 371)

I am burdened that we would all see the vision in Revelation chapter 12....It is a great vision regarding what is taking place in the entire universe. The woman in this vision has been representing the people of God since the fall of man in Genesis 3. The woman not only represents God's people but also God Himself. In front of the woman is a dragon signifying God's enemy. Throughout the centuries, the war has been between the woman and the serpent, the dragon.

The worldly people can see only the obvious outward things: commerce, politics, industry, education, war. If you ask them the meaning of all this, they would say that they do not know. They only know to obtain an education so that they may have a good job to earn a good living. They do not have the vision of what is taking place in the universe. But we see clearly what is going on. A woman symbolizes God's people and represents God. In a positive sense, the wife always represents her husband....It is wonderful to have a wife to represent you in a good way. This signifies that we, the people of God, are His wife and that we need to represent Him adequately. God is the unique husband, and we, the unique wife, represent Him. But God has an enemy. First, this enemy was a little serpent. Eventually, however, it became a great dragon who is now in front of us. If you do not have this vision, you will be blind, not knowing what is taking place on earth or in the universe. Praise the Lord that it is not simply a matter of education, industry, commerce, diplomacy, etc., but a matter of warfare between the people of God and God's enemy. This war has been raging throughout the centuries, and it is still raging today. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 447-448)

Further Reading: Life-study of Daniel, msg. 15; Life-study of Genesis, msg. 7

## « WEEK 1 — DAY 4 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Matt. 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.**

**7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.**

In 1928 Brother Nee held his first overcomer conference on spiritual warfare....Brother Nee pointed out that in the universe there are three wills: the divine will, the satanic will, and the human will. If we would know how the church can be God's warrior to engage in spiritual warfare, we must know these three wills, these three intentions. God's will, being self-existing, is eternal, uncreated. As created beings, the angels also have a will. One of these angels, an archangel, was appointed by God to rule the universe that existed before the creation of Adam. Because of his high position and his beauty, this archangel became proud. This pride gave rise to an evil intention, which became the satanic will. (Life-study of Ephesians, p. 526)

### Today's Reading

All warfare has its source in this conflict of wills. Before the satanic will rose up to contradict the divine will, there was no war in the universe. The controversy in the universe began with the rebellion of the archangel against God. That rebellion was the beginning of all the fighting that is now taking place among nations, in society, in the family, and in individuals. Throughout history there have been wars between nations, groups, persons, and even within individuals. For example, you may experience an inner warfare between your reason and your lust. All the different kinds of warfare have their source in the controversy between the divine will and the satanic will.

At a particular time, God created man and endowed him with a human will that was free. It is because of God's greatness that He gave man a free will. A great person will never compel anyone to follow him. By giving man

a free will, God was indicating that He would not force man to obey Him.

In Genesis 2 we see that man was free to exercise his will to eat either of the tree of life or of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. These two trees represent the divine will and the satanic will, respectively. Hence, in the garden there was a triangular situation, with the tree of life representing the divine will, the tree of knowledge representing the satanic will, and Adam representing the human will. Actually, the tree of life denotes God Himself, and the tree of knowledge denotes Satan. Therefore, there were three persons—God, Satan, and man—each one with a will.

Although there were three wills, the controversy involved just two parties—God and Satan. The crucial issue was whether man would choose the divine will or the satanic will. If the human will stood with the divine will, then God's will would be accomplished. But if the human will took sides with the satanic will, Satan's will would be carried out, at least temporarily. As we all know man chose to follow Satan and sided with the satanic will. Therefore, Satan was victorious temporarily. (Life-study of Ephesians, pp. 526-527)

Some may ask: Why doesn't God Himself cast Satan into the bottomless pit or the lake of fire? Our answer is: God can do it, but He does not want to do it Himself. We do not know why He will not do it Himself, but we do know how He is going to do it. God wants to use man to deal with His enemy, and He created man for this purpose. God wants the creature to deal with the creature. He wants His creature man to deal with His fallen creature Satan in order to bring the earth back to God. The man whom He created is being used by Him for this purpose.

The work of God requires that man exercise authority to have dominion over all things created by Him. God needs an authority in His creation, and He has chosen man to be that authority....We are on this earth not merely for man's need but even more for God's need. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," pp. 10-11)

Further Reading: Life-study of Ephesians, msg. 63; CWWL, 1963, vol. 3, "Basic Principles for the Practice of the Church Life," ch. 6

## « WEEK 1 — DAY 5 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Rev. 11:15 ...And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.**

**12:10 ...Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.**

We have seen that as the new man the church should walk according to truth and by grace and that as the bride the church should live in love and in light. However, not only must God's eternal purpose be fulfilled and the desire of Christ's heart be satisfied, but God's enemy must be defeated. For this, the church must be a warrior. Even in the Song of Songs we see that as the seeking one enjoys the Lord's presence, the fighting is going on. Therefore, we walk according to truth and by grace, we live in love and light, and we fight to subdue the satanic will. Our walk is for the fulfillment of God's purpose, our living is for the satisfaction of Christ, and our fighting is for the defeat of God's enemy. (Life-study of Ephesians, pp. 529-530)

### Today's Reading

The reason we must know the Body, know the ascension, and reign is that we may have spiritual warfare.

The purpose of spiritual warfare is to bring in the kingdom of God. This is a subject of great significance in the Bible.

Today the church is a model of God's reign. What God desires today is to expand His reigning sphere according to this model and through this model. It is through the church that God will bind Satan and destroy his power. Thus, His name will be honored in the whole earth, His kingdom set up, and His will done. This is the commission of the church. This also is the purpose of the church's spiritual warfare.

We have said that in the universe there is the kingdom of God, and there

is also the kingdom of Satan. The spiritual warfare we are speaking of is the warfare between these two kingdoms. Therefore, in order to engage in spiritual warfare, we must first know the opposition between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. (The Experience of Life, pp. 355, 360)

In the eyes of God the church occupies a very important place. Its position is that of being joined to Christ, and its responsibility is to continue the warfare that Christ fought on earth. Christ the Head has ascended, but His Body is still on earth. The church, as the Body of Christ, is His propagation, continuing His stand and work to fight against God's enemy.

Ephesians 1:20-23 shows us that the power which operated in Christ not only raised Him from the dead, but caused Him to ascend to the heavens. This resurrection power is the power of ascension. Through His resurrection the church received its life, and through His ascension the church assumed its position of authority and inherited the kingdom. In this way, He brought heaven to earth, and His will can be done on earth, as in the heavens. Christ ascended to the heavens and received the heavenly authority; now He is able to bring heaven to earth. Resurrection alone is not enough; there must also be ascension. When we stand in the heavenly position, we transcend all things. When the Lord ascended to the heavens, He transcended all the powers of the enemy, and God subjected all things under His feet.

The present age is the time for the church to practically realize the victory of Christ. The Head has overcome; now the Body must also overcome. The Lord destroyed the devil on the cross and produced the church with resurrection life. Today God is establishing His kingdom on earth through His church. The church must continue the victorious work that Christ has carried out against Satan. It is responsible for bringing heaven's will down to earth and for carrying it out on earth. (CWWN, vol. 44, pp. 777-778)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1972, vol. 2, "The Kingdom," ch. 8; The Experience of Life, ch. 18

## « WEEK 1 — DAY 6 »

### Morning Nourishment

**Matt. 12:28** But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Psa. 110:3** Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your warfare, in the splendor of their consecration. Your young men will be to You like the dew from the womb of the dawn.

The church's work and responsibility is spiritual warfare. It is a matter of the conflict between God's authority and Satan's power.

Some people think that the kingdom of God simply concerns the matter of rewards. This is too low of an estimate of the kingdom of God. The Lord Jesus once explained what the kingdom of God is. He said, "But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Matt. 12:28). What is the kingdom of God? It is the overthrowing of the power of Satan by the power of God. When the devil is unable to stand in a certain place, the kingdom has come to that place. Wherever the devil has been cast out, wherever the work of the enemy has been displaced by God's power, His kingdom is there. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," p. 61)

### Today's Reading

Revelation 12:9-10 says, "And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night." We must pay attention to this word for in verse 10. The kingdom of God could come, "for" Satan had been cast down. Satan lost his place and could no longer stand there. At that time there was a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ."

Whenever Satan leaves a place, it is because the kingdom of God is there. Wherever the kingdom of God is, Satan cannot be there. This shows us clearly that in the Scriptures, the first, essential meaning of the kingdom of God is in regard to dealing with Satan.

The Lord wants us to pray, "Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth" (Matt. 6:9-10). If the coming of the kingdom of God was automatic, the Lord would never have taught us to pray in this way. But since the Lord asked us to pray in this way, He simply showed us that this is the work of the church. Yes, the church should preach the gospel, but much more, the church should pray to bring in the kingdom of God. Some people think that whether or not we pray, the kingdom of God will come automatically. But if we know God, we will never say this. The principle of God's work is to wait for His people to move. Then He will move. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," pp. 61-63)

Psalm 110:3 says, "Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare." The day of His warfare is to come. In a sense it has not yet come, but in a spiritual sense we are now in the day of Christ's warfare. As long as we are in the local churches, we are in the day of His warfare. This is the day when all His people are voluntary offerings. We all need to offer ourselves as voluntary offerings. Young lives offered in this way are exceedingly precious. Are you a voluntary offering? Do you mean it?

We have another very significant phrase in verse 3: in the splendor of their consecration. When we consecrate ourselves voluntarily to the Lord, it is a kind of beauty, a splendor. In a recent conference in Los Angeles, the Spirit moved mightily among us, and so many stood to offer themselves in consecration to Christ and the church. We had the sense then of the splendor of consecration. (CWWL, 1969, vol. 3, "Christ and the Church Revealed and Typified in the Psalms," p. 159)

Further Reading: CWWN, vol. 34, pp. 60-66; vol. 50, "Messages for Building Up New Believers (3)," pp. 728-742



## « WEEK 1 — HYMN

### Hymns, #887

1

The name of Jesus is our stand,  
It is our victory;  
Not on ourselves do we rely,  
But, mighty Lord, on Thee.  
Our weapons are not arms of flesh,  
But ours the Spirit's sword,  
And God's whole armor putting on,  
We battle in the Lord.

2

Behold, the foe doth meet and plot,  
Stand firm in one accord!  
Though war be fierce and darkness thick,  
Resist him in the Lord!  
If one through fear should backward turn,  
He undermines the rest.  
Oh, do not let your brothers down,  
Nor by you be distressed.

3

The devil knows his time is short,  
He is the more enraged,  
And by his wiles would weaken us  
Before the battle's waged.  
The trials now more num'rous are,  
The suff'ring e'en more sore,  
The force of hell opposing us,  
More dreadful than before.

4

What should our posture be today  
In such a desp'rate hour?  
Should we our ease and pleasure seek  
And let the foe devour?  
Or with increasing conflict strong,  
Courageous to endure?  
'Tis here that life or death is won!  
Who will God's praise secure?

5

For Christ the Lord we then would stand,  
He is the Conqueror!  
For Him we would endure the pain  
Until the fight is o'er.  
The hour of triumph soon we'll see—  
The Lord will come again;  
If now we suffer for His sake,  
Then we with Him shall reign.