

# NO NEW TESTAMENT MODEL

## Lesson 23 – Outline

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I. The warfare we face today is in enforcing the Lord's victory.

A. It's fighting against the wiles of the devil—his deception, lies, trickery, cunningness, and craftiness (Eph. 6:11).

B. All the warfare scriptures in the New Testament reveal that the battle is in our minds.

*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 strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

C. Satan is fighting us with thoughts, and we counter him with the thoughts God gives us.

D. As people believe and obey the truth, they are set free and come out from under the control of these demonic influences around them.

II. Satan has to flow through physical things to control the way you think (Rom. 8:6, Prov. 23:7, and Is. 26:3).

*Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

*Romans 12:2*

A. Demons influence us through thoughts.

B. They have to influence a person, and then that person yields to Satan.

C. He begins to educate them—putting his lies and deception into their life—so they can influence other people.

III. Neither Jesus, Peter, nor Paul ever gathered people together to do “spiritual warfare” and “bind” demonic powers—they put their effort into preaching the Gospel and sharing God’s Word.

A. They prayed like the early believers in Acts 4:

***Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.***

***Acts 4:29-30***

B. Then the place was shaken by the power of the Holy Spirit, and they went out boldly sharing the Gospel (Acts 4:31, 5:12-16; and Mark 16:20).

C. They saw their world changed not through “spiritual warfare” and “intercession” but through the preaching of the Gospel.

D. Some people are using “intercession” as a cop-out to keep from sharing the Word of God.

E. The way people are born again is through a seed of God’s Word being planted  
(1 Pet. 1:23).

IV. Satan can only influence us and gain our consent and cooperation through our thoughts.

***Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.***

***1 Peter 5:8***

A. Once you know the truth, deception no longer has any power.

***Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

***John  
8:32***

- B. The church's strength is in preaching the Gospel and sharing God's Word.
  - C. We do need to pray so we can be sensitive to God, yield to Him, hear clearly, and be bold to speak, but we don't need to do fifteen to twenty hours worth of "spiritual warfare" to prepare things before we get there.
  - D. As you preach the truth, the truth will cause demons to flee.
  - E. Demons were even present at the Last Supper (John 13:27).
- V. Jesus didn't do "spiritual warfare" the way it's being promoted today.
- A. There is no New Testament model for this "spiritual warfare" and "intercession" stuff.
  - B. Some of this is being taught from Scripture, but they're using Old Testament scriptures—and there's a huge difference between the way things were done in the Old Testament and the way they are done in the New.

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### **Lesson 23 – Discipleship Questions**

1. According to Ephesians 6:11-12, what don't we wrestle against?
2. Second Corinthians 10:3-5 reveals that the weapons of our warfare are not what?
3. What does Romans 8:6 say produces life and peace?
4. Romans 12:2 commands us not be conformed to what?
5. What are we transformed by?
6. After the early believers prayed in Acts 4:29-31, how did they speak the Word of God?
7. According to Acts 5:12-16, how many of the sick and demonized people brought to the apostles were healed?
8. Mark 16:20 reveals that the Lord confirmed what with signs following?
9. What does 1 Peter 1:23 say lives and abides forever?
10. First Peter 5:8 compares our adversary, the devil, to what?
11. Who does John 13:27 reveal entered into Judas after the sop?
12. Then Jesus told him to do what he was going to do how?

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## **Lesson 23 – Answer Key**

1. Flesh and blood.
2. Carnal.
3. Spiritual-mindedness.
4. This world.
5. The renewing of our minds.
6. With boldness.
7. Every one.
8. The Word.
9. The Word of God.
10. A roaring lion.
11. Satan.
12. Quickly.