



Fight the gods: Part 4



Today we're ending the series, "Fight the gods." You will submit your questions this week and I will answer the questions that you have submitted. After each series, we have a Q&A where you get an opportunity to ask me questions based on things that I've said. This way, there is an interaction between you and myself.

- We have had three weeks to discuss the spirit of Jezebel, the spirit of Ahab, the spirit that was behind Gideon, and what rejection does. I taught you that if you don't deal with your past, it attracts desires—which is where gods are formed in your life.
- These gods become competing agents in your life, and almost every single person that God called in the Bible, had to fight a god because of their past. For example, we see David and others fighting them.
- Last week, I showed you the following way gods are formed:

Driven by LOVE (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

1. Knock down the strongholds of human reasoning.
 2. Destroy false arguments.
 3. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God.
 4. We capture their rebellious thoughts.
 5. Teach them to obey Christ.
- Your sins are actually worship of the god or the idols that you have. These are the sins that easily beset you. For example, if I can't break lying, I must trace it to another source by

which I do not appreciate and love the truth. Maybe you got in trouble or you were blamed a lot when you were a child, and you developed a way of escaping trouble by lying. Therefore, the root cause of it was the rejection and the betrayal that you believe you received from your family.

- Whatever it is that you don't take care of in your past, will show up in your future—like Moses. He had this energy about himself: "I am a deliverer, and I want to save." So when he saw somebody abusing an Israelite, he murdered that guy. What disqualified him was his impulsiveness.
- He hit the rock after God said, "Don't hit." Right before he hit the rock, he said to the Israelites, "You people made me do this!" Bam! He said the same thing when it came to killing the Egyptians.
- You must deal with your past or it will come back—that's how it works. Again, you must follow the five steps previously listed to fight your gods, because gods are created in your mind.
- Don't forget that we must destroy the strongholds, we must destroy false arguments), we must destroy every proud obstacle, we must capture the rebellious thoughts, and we must submit them to Christ. However, these are not the weapons that God says you must have to destroy your problem.
- If you come at your problem with these five steps first, you are either delaying your struggles, or you're deceiving yourself. For example, the Bible says in 2 Corinthians that:

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

³We are human, but we don't wage wars as humans do. ⁴We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

- So, knocking down the strongholds is not the weapon you use against your mind; there is another classification of weapons. For example, let's say we were in a house and my wife is there too, and we each see someone breaking into the house. Then you look at me right away and say, "Bullus, what are we going to do?"
- Then I look at you and say, "I'm going to swing! I'm going to swing so hard and we're going to destroy them!" You then get all happy and feel like things are going to be alright. Then you notice that I am not holding anything to swing with.
- You're like, "Ah, good. You're going to swing. That's very good, but with what?" Then my response is, "Oh, I'm going to swing; I'm going to swing so hard that he's going to die!"
- Then you're like, "Praise God!" And you're like, "That's great, but what are you going to swing with?"
- And I keep repeating, "In the name of Jesus, I am going to swing!" After a while, you begin to look for something to swing with because you know that I don't have a weapon. When you approach Satan swinging without the weaponry, it doesn't hurt him; something else is the weapon.

Here are the weapons:

- Belt of Truth
- Helmet of Salvation
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Feet Ready

If you are going to be a Christian who overcomes idols in your life, you will need serious weapons. Idols are formed in the way you think: “Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” If you’re going to call yourself a Christian, you must change how you think. Thinking is huge in your Christian walk. And you can’t continue the same habits thinking that grace will save you—or else, you will remain the same person.

Belt of Truth

- So, the weapons begin with the belt of truth; and as a Christian, please have a healthy obsession for wanting to know the truth. Your first weapon is having a healthy obsession of what truth is. Some of us are okay with ignorance because we find that once you know something, you become responsible for it.
- Therefore, some of us have become too comfortable in our own skin—and each time God puts us in a situation, He’s giving us the opportunity to understand the truth. So, when you cannot respond the way God wants you to respond in a situation, you are objecting and resisting the truth.
- Every opportunity with God is learning the truth because He is the Way and the Truth. You can’t work with Jesus without gleaning truth. Tie truth [around you] as a belt; let truth become your security belt.
- You want to know the truth about everything—it’s a mindset. If you’re talking to me, I must know why something is true; I don’t just accept it because an expert said it. When I open the Bible and read, I ask, “Why?” and, “How?” before saying, “Okay.”
- Though I trust God, I still must know the truth. Some of us just read [the Bible] for what we can get and how to utilize it to receive blessings—that’s not how I read.

Helmet of Salvation

The helmet goes on the head, and salvation becomes the protection of your mind. Listen, if you are going to tie the belt of truth around your waist because you are obsessed with the truth, I want you to think as a saved person. Being saved comes with a way of thinking. For example, if I slapped you on one side, salvation says, “Turn the other cheek.”

- There is a way you think as a saved person. Love your enemies, and love others as you love yourself. There’s a way salvation must protect the way you think. If you are not actively trying to change how you think to think as Christ does, then you cannot do this Christian thing because you will struggle.

- A lot of us are trying to do Christianity while we're comfortable in our own skin. How's that going? It doesn't go too well. Until you're obsessed with the truth and salvation protects and guides how you think, it will not work.

Breastplate of Righteousness

The desire to be righteous before God is what protects your heart, not legalism; but when you know Jesus, you want to be like Jesus. Righteousness is just trying to be like Jesus without the dos and don'ts—it's just to be like Him.

- As Christians, we don't abstain from sin because we don't want to go to hell; we abstain from sin because we're too in love with God. It's love that guides our actions, not the fear of death and hell—you're obsessed with righteousness.

Feet Ready

This is the one weapon that I find that Christians miss the most when listing the armor of God—and this is one of the most important weapons because if you don't have feet, you can't be in battle!

- If you don't have feet, you can't be trusted in a battle; if you're going to be a Christian, your feet must be ready to move on truth, salvation, and righteousness at any given time. Your feet must be ready if you're on the battlefield. What makes you agile and ready to defend and fight is feet that are ready and skilled to move when they need to.
- You can't be stationary and win over the devil—you can't.

***The armor of God can be found in Ephesians 6:10-20.*