

## **We Wrestle against Powers**

*Scripture reading:* Luke 11:21-22

Ephesians 6:12 talk about us fighting against principalities and also “powers.” This word “powers” is “*exousias*” in the Greek; it translates as “*authorities*.” It means there are some spirits that get an authority to do so and so to you, and then so and so to you. I do not know if any of you have had a spirit sent directly against you to do something to you. When that spirit comes and you discern it, reject it and turn it back, it returns to the one who sent it and does to him the same thing it was sent to do to you. We are talking about a spirit that comes at you directly directed.

It says here “powers” (“*exousias*,” spirits with authority). Do you know that spirits are like dogs that will follow the scent of a person? Oh, yes. The people who deal with spirits will take your clothes and present it to a spirit. Just like the police who will take somebody’s clothes, give it to the dog and let him smell it; and the dog begins to follow that scent until he finds the person. (I hope you don’t think I am telling you tales out of school, do you?) Therefore, ninety-five percent of the things that people do are spirit motivated. It is probably more like ninety-nine percent, but I will give you the benefit of the doubt. It is not the people! Very often, the people, if they were left alone, would be pretty nice and love you. But there are spirits that are forcing them to do things! Amen!

Let me give you an example: You marry a wife. When you married her, she was such a sweet person. She made a covenant with you and you made a covenant with her. Your heart was with her. Her heart was with you. But then one day she gets up and slashes you with a word. It is not her! Immediately, you should rise up in wisdom and begin to work against that spirit that has dared to come into your house and touch your wife. Amen! You see, it is because you are blind that you are believing that “This woman that I married, that God gave to me—she is coming against me!” It is because you are BLIND! If you were in the Spirit, if you were awake and ALIVE, you would realize that something has come upon her! Yes! Something has come upon her and she could not overcome it. Something stronger than her! IMMEDIATELY you would say, “How dare you, Satan, to come in here and take charge of my wife! How dare you come in here and cause her to say so and so, or to do so and so! This woman is of the Lord! This woman has been given to me of God! This woman is an anointed son of God! I WILL NOT ACCEPT IT!” Amen! Hallelujah! DO NOT ACCEPT IT! Go against the devil! Enter into warfare for your household, because the Bible says that if a strong man keeps his house, it takes a stronger man to come into it and break it up (see Luke 11:21-22).

Many years ago there was a meeting of witches and wizards, and whatever else they were. They came to a conclusion that they must begin to come against the households of all the ministers. And I have seen the deterioration in the household of ministers from that day until now. The ministry does not understand. Many of them divorce and remarry, and divorce again; they have not realized that it has been a devil coming against their households. We are talking about the “*exousias*,” the spiritual “*authorities*.”

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*Thought for today:* Do not get fooled by natural manifestations but be of an understanding heart and see the spiritual powers (authorities) that stand behind the behaviors of people.