

Praying Can Be Used As Powerful Spiritual Warfare

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- During times of spiritual warfare, from within your praying, you are actually *preying* on the devil.
- Instead of being passive, we pursue, knowing that victory is guaranteed when we are led by the Holy Spirit into warfare. (See **Luke 4**)

To reinforce the idea that during spiritual warfare we are *preying upon* the devil, I want to ground it in Scripture and biblical principles.

"Preying Upon" the Devil in Spiritual Warfare

1. We Are the Aggressors in Spiritual Warfare

- **Luke 10:19 (AMP)** – "Listen carefully: I have given you authority [**that you now possess**] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan); and nothing will [in any way] harm you."
- Here, Jesus makes it clear that we are not on the defensive—we are meant to *tread* on the enemy, meaning we take an active role in dismantling his influence.

2. We Pursue and Crush the Enemy

- **Romans 16:20 (AMP)** – "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The [wonderful] grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."
- To "crush" implies a pursuit, an intentional effort to defeat the enemy's strategies.

3. Davidic Warfare Mentality

- **Psalms 91:13 (AMP)** – "You will tread upon the lion and cobra; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot."
- This verse reflects dominion over spiritual forces of darkness, reinforcing the idea of attacking and overpowering the enemy.

4. We Take the Fight to the Enemy

- **2 Corinthians 10:4** (AMP) – “The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”
- The word “destruction” shows that we are meant to *tear down, overthrow, and seize territory* from the enemy.

5. Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil

- **1 John 3:8** (AMP) – “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”
- If we are to walk as Jesus walked (**1 John 2:6**), then our role in spiritual warfare is also to *actively destroy* the enemy’s works, not just defend against them.

"Preying Upon the Devil"

Instead of simply being on guard against the devil's attacks, we aggressively *hunt down and dismantle* his works through prayer, intercession, and spiritual authority.

When we engage in spiritual warfare, we do not just resist the devil—we hunt him down. We prey upon his strategies, tear down his strongholds, and reclaim territory in Jesus' Name. We are not the hunted—we are the hunters, armed with the Word, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit.