

Using the Word in the Courtroom of Heaven



“Anyone who trusts that he can be an intercessor without knowing and being heavily dependent upon God’s Word is hopelessly deceived. The Spirit works on the Word. It is for this reason that Jesus taught that true worshippers must worship in Spirit and Truth, or according to the Word. He is the Holy Spirit who quickens Scripture in intercession and sets such as legal precedence upon which to base our battle, for indeed the enemy is a legalist and must be beaten in the law court of Heaven before He is ever defeated in the heavenly and then in the natural.” Michael Howard

We hear of courtroom battles in the natural world all the time, but often we don’t realize that there is a law court in heaven. In looking at any nation, you realize that without law and order there is extreme chaos and that wickedness prevails. Do we fail to realize that in heaven God is the lawmaker and judge? When we present our case before Him in heaven, understand that the Word of God is crucial because it is the absolute truth on which you and I stand. When we intercede before God, we need to list the petitions that we want God to answer. In understanding the language of the law court of heaven, we must know the Word of God and be thoroughly familiar with God’s ways. The evidence from Scripture supports our petitions.

Using the Word of God is one of the major keys in prayer and intercession. It is a dynamic way to ascend the heights in prayer.

When we bring God’s Word in our intercession and cry out to God - bringing again and again before Him the truth of what He says in Scripture - victory must come. God cannot deny His Word. When God spoke the Word in creation, the Spirit and the Word produced life. When you speak the Word by the direction of the Holy Spirit, life will come forth in power.

Martin Luther knew the potential of God’s Word in defeating the enemy. One Word spoken by the power of the Holy Spirit can make the enemy fall. Martin Luther’s historic hymn refers to a basic principle of spiritual warfare. He says in his hymn, “One little word shall fell him.” He knew that standing on God’s promises and speaking out His Word defeats the enemy and brings us the victory.

The Scriptures reveal the power and the greatness of the Word of God. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses), and it is a prayer that reveals the greatness of the Word and the

deep passion of the psalmist for the Word of God. We read in Psalm 119:12-16:

“Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.”

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