



Worship as a Weapon

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Joshua 6:1 NLT

[1] Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in.

Joshua 6:5 NLT

[5] When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

Introduction

Worship as a Weapon is a powerful tool that can be used in spiritual warfare to defeat the enemy. One of the most famous examples of worship as a weapon is found in the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. **By having faith in God, Joshua was able to obey His commandments even when he didn't fully understand their purpose for them.**

In Joshua 6:1-27, we read about how the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and on the seventh day, they shouted and blew trumpets, and the walls came tumbling down. **This victory was not achieved through physical strength or weapons but through worship.**

The Lord instructed Joshua to have the Israelites march around the walls of Jericho for six days, and on the seventh day, they were to march around the walls seven times. Then, they were to blow their trumpets and shout, and the walls of Jericho would come tumbling down.

This story illustrates the power of worship as a weapon. The Israelites did not use traditional weapons of war to defeat Jericho. Instead, they used worship and obedience to God's commands. By following God's instructions, they were able to bring down the walls of Jericho.

There are several lessons we can learn from this story when it comes to using worship as a weapon, but let me give you four lessons:

1. **Obedience is key:** The Israelites followed God's instructions to the letter, even though the instructions may have seemed unconventional. They had faith in God's power and obeyed His commands, and as a result, they were victorious. *1 Samuel 15:22* - "And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."
2. **Worship invites God's presence:** The Israelites were marching around the walls of Jericho and praising and worshiping God. When we worship, we invite God's presence into our lives and situations. God's presence is what brings victory. *2 Chronicles 5:13-14* - "The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.' Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God."
3. **Worship confuses the enemy:** The Israelites' worship confused the people of Jericho. They didn't understand why the Israelites were marching around the walls of the city, and the sound of the trumpets and shouting must have been confusing and unsettling. When we worship, we confuse the enemy and throw them off balance. *2 Chronicles 20:22-23* - "At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them. After they had destroyed the army of Seir, they began attacking each other."
4. **Worship demolishes strongholds:** The walls of Jericho were a stronghold that the Israelites could not defeat on their own. However, through worship, they were able to bring down the walls and enter the city. When we worship, we can demolish strongholds in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. *Joshua 6:20* - "When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city."

Recommendations:

1. **Encourage your congregation to engage in worship as a spiritual weapon against the enemy. *Ephesians 6:12*** - *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*
2. **Provide opportunities for corporate worship and prayer. *Hebrews 10:24-25*** - *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*
3. **Teach the power of worship and obedience to God's commands. *Joshua 1:8*** - *"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."*
4. **Challenge your congregation to step out in faith and use worship as a weapon in their personal lives and in their communities. *Matthew 17:20*** - *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*