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The Shield of Faith  
Ephesians 6:16; Genesis 15:1

In Jesus' name we pray... Heavenly Father, all we do today is to take all these burdens and lay everything at your feet. And we are praying, oh Lord, you'll carry them away from us in Jesus' name. From now on, we carry those burdens no more. We feel that pain no more. We don't want to bend our shoulders, our back to anybody anymore in Jesus' name. You carried our grief, you carried our pain, you carried our sickness, you carried our infirmities all because of Calvary. Lord, we affirm it today; it is carried away in Jesus' name.

No doubting, no wavering, no questioning, no regrets...we have taken the Lord as our Lord. All the burdens we leave at Jesus' feet today in Jesus' name. Let peace reign in every heart. Let your power move every mountain away. Destroy every yoke in the life of every child of God in Jesus' name. Confirm it, oh Lord, so that we do not feel the weight of any burden anymore. Thank you, Lord, because we know you have answered...in Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said... God bless you. You can sit down now.

Ephesians, chapter 6, I'm reading from verse 16: "*Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*" That's a verse of Scripture loaded with meaning. That's a verse of Scripture that had been hidden for many people in many other verses of Scripture. The verse of Scripture is begging to be released. To come separate "above all"...It's telling us here, if you mix this among all the other things you have and you keep them at the same level, you're not going to get the very benefit; or if you put them under and you put other things above this, you're not going to get the very benefit of what we have. That's why it says, "Above all."

By the way, he's talking about wrestling against principalities and powers (in verse 12) and against all those wicked forces and rulers of darkness. Then he says, "Even the wickedness in high places...we wrestle against them." How do we conquer in that combat? He begins to tell us about the armor that we are to put on. He mentions one and two and three and four, and then he goes on. Now he says, "Wait. Beyond all that, above all that, running ahead of everything, if you can have just this with every other thing you've got, and you place it above, "Above all, taking the shield." It said the shield is there. It's just for you to stretch forth your hand spiritually and take it. "*Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able...*" You are able this morning. I said, "You are able this morning."

There is something that gives ability to the weak. There's something that gives ability and strength to the sick. There's something that gives ability to those who are downtrodden. You are able to take the shield of faith. With that shield of faith, then you are able to quench how many darts? All the fiery darts of the wicked. Today, all those darts are going to be broken in pieces.

The strongholds are going to be pulled down because we are taking the shield of faith. With that shield of faith, we're going to overcome. I said, "We're going to overcome."

We're looking at this under 3 subtitles:

1. *Protection with the Shield of Faith.* Protection...protection with the shield of faith.
2. *Pulling down Strongholds by Faith.* Pulling them. Today, we're going to pull them down. I said, "We're going to pull them down." ...Pulling down all the strongholds by faith.
3. *Preservation in the Shelter of the Father.* Preservation...preservation in the shelter of the Father.

1. *Protection with the Shield of Faith.* Look at that verse again. Ephesians, chapter 6, I'm reading there from verse 16: **"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."** He throws the arrows and the darts and the spears into the heart, into the spirit, into the soul. When that fiery dart comes against your soul, against your spirit, there is a discouragement, a despair that comes. But today, all those things are broken in pieces. As we talk about the shield, will the believer know, will the child of God know that the Almighty God Himself makes Himself your protection and your shield? When you take that faith and you believe the promise of God, the Almighty God Himself will shield you. No dart of the enemy and no arrow of the enemy will be able to penetrate anymore in your life, in your heart, in your body, in your family, in your business in Jesus' name.

In Genesis, chapter 15, verse 1: **"After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, 'Fear not, Abram.'" Fear not, Abram. Today, you don't have any fear. I said, "You don't have any fear." "Fear not...I am thy shield."** When you take faith and then you take the shield of faith, it is not just faith ordinarily. It is the Father, Almighty God Himself in whom you believe that becomes your shield, your protection. That's why the New Testament says your life is hid with Christ in God. Then God, the Almighty Himself, God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth becomes your shield. He becomes your protection. Then any arrow that is thrown at you will not get to you. I said, "It will not get to you," because the Father is shielding you. The Father is protecting you.

We're told in 2 Kings, chapter 6...if you didn't know the protection you have, if you didn't know the possibilities you have in the Lord and you'll be afraid as if "This will get me." No, it will not get you. "This will pull me down." No, it will not pull you down. "This will end my life." No, it will not end your life because there is a shield. I said, "There is a shield." All those fiery darts of the wicked will come upon your soul, will come around your spirit, and will come around your body, and you're protected in Jesus' name.

We're looking at 2 Kings, and I'm reading from chapter 6, verse 13: **"And he said, 'Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him.' And it was told him, saying, 'Behold, he is in Dothan.'" The enemy revealed the whereabouts of the man of God. You know sometimes when people are asking for protection, they say, "Don't tell them where I am. Don't give them my number. Don't show them the path and the road to where I live. I want to be so secretive." You**

don't have to be...whatever they know about you and whatever they have about you, whatever information they have about you...that information is useless to them because God is your shield. I said, "God is your shield."

So he said, "Go and find out where the man of God is." ***"Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about."*** I'm asking now, this king, of Syria, and I'm saying, "Who are you looking for, just one man? What's his name, Elisha? But don't you know Elisha?" He had a double portion of the Spirit. "Don't you know the one who had the unit portion, the single portion of the Spirit? The people and the kings were not about to catch him. Think about the man having the double portion. "With the double portion that he had, how can you ever get him?" "I'll try anyway." "How are you going to try?"

See what he did looking just for one man. He sent a great host. Then he sent chariots, and he sent horses looking for just one man. But don't worry about that. They will not find you. I said, "They will not find you," because there is a shield and because there is a protection, and that protection will shield your life and nothing will hurt or harm you in Jesus' name.

Verse 15: ***"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, 'Alas, my master! How shall we do?'"*** What shall we do? We do nothing. Everything has been accomplished at Calvary. Part of the wonders of Calvary is that you have the protection in your life in Jesus' name.

It says in verse 16: ***"And he answered, 'Fear not: for they that be with us...'"*** They that be with us...they that be with us ***"...are more than they that be with them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, 'LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.' And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."***

The king of Syria sent chariots, but they were physical, sent horses, but they were natural, sent horse riders, but they were human. But around the man of God, there were chariots of fire, spiritual, supernatural. Around us, you may not see until God opens your eyes. I pray that God will open your eye of understanding and you will see that around us we have chariots of fire and we have the angelic hosts surrounding us. Because of that, we are preserved and protected in Jesus' name.

Zechariah, chapter 2, I'm reading from verse 5: ***"For I,' saith the LORD, 'will be unto her a wall of fire round about.'"*** The Almighty God said He'll be a wall of fire round about us. It is so. I said, "It is so." Then it says over here: ***"...and will be the glory in the midst of her."*** That's what the Lord is reminding us...just take that shield of faith. When you take the shield of faith, then your life is hid with Christ in God. Every dart and every arrow that is thrown at you...you are going to break everything and you're going to destroy everything. It is by that shield of faith you'll be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. This morning, all those darts are broken out of your life in Jesus' name.

2. We're *Pulling Down the Strongholds by Faith*. Why are we taking the shield of faith? Because there's something to pull down. Any stronghold the devil has built in your heart, in your spirit, in your family...this morning there's a pulling down. I said, "There's a pulling down." As the Lord has brought us here, He said, "I give you a ministry. I give you an assignment. I give you a work to do." Every stronghold you find that the Almighty God has not built, pull it down. We're going to pull it down. Every plant my Heavenly Father has not planted in your life, in your family, in your business, in the church...He's going to uproot everything. I said, "He's going to uproot everything."

Whoever planted it...Satan, demons, evil spirits, familiar spirits, witches, wizards, enemies, whoever they are that planted that thing not planted in your life...this morning there's an uprooting. I said, "There's an uprooting." We're going to pull down every stronghold that challenges the power of God in every life this morning in Jesus' name.

He's telling us in 2 Corinthians, chapter 10, reading there from verse 4: ***"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal."*** The weapons of our warfare are not natural. The weapons of our warfare are not human. The weapons of our warfare are not earthly. They are not carnal. They are not human. They are not physical. They're not humanly weak. But it says in verse 4, "But they're mighty." Everybody say *mighty*. The weapons of our warfare, that which will come this morning against the devil and against every stronghold they built in your life...that weapon this morning is mighty.

Then it says, ***"... mighty through God to the pulling down."*** They will come down. They will come down. It doesn't matter how high the tower of Babel is this morning. That tower of Babel will fall down, will be broken down, will be totally destroyed and demolished. The Lord will root everything out from the very foundation and every side of that tower of Babel, everything is going to be demolished this morning in Jesus' name.

There is a power coming from Calvary. There's a power, the power of the cross and the wonders coming from Calvary. Everything is going to be totally destroyed and demolished in Jesus' name. That stronghold may be in the heart of anyone. That stronghold may be in the spirit of anyone. That stronghold may be in the plan of everyone. This morning, the power, the power of the cross...this morning, the power, the power that destroys and the power that demolishes...the power is coming your way this morning. It will totally destroy all the strongholds of the devil in Jesus' name.

I'm showing you now from 1 John, chapter 4, verse 4...It says, ***"Ye are of God, little children."*** Are you of God here today? I said, "Are you of God here today?" ***"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them."*** We have overcome. I have overcome. Every plan of the devil, I have overcome. Every purpose of the enemy, I have overcome. Every kind of machination, every kind of maneuvering of the enemy, I have overcome. Every sickness, every infirmity, every disease, and everything the devil tries to throw at you, you have overcome today in Jesus' name.

It says, ***"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater..."*** Because mightier, because higher, because greater, because more powerful ***"...is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."*** We have it in Jesus' name. I said, "We have it in Jesus' name." We'll

pull down, we'll demolish, we'll destroy, we'll tread down, and we're going to trample upon everything the devil is trying to throw at your life in Jesus' name.

We're looking at Luke, chapter 10, verse 19: ***"Behold, I give unto you..."*** What? I give unto you what? ***"I give unto you power."*** Then it says, ***"...power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over..."*** What? ***"...all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*** Nothing shall be any means hurt you. We have overcome this morning. I said, "We have overcome this morning."

Deuteronomy, chapter 33, verse 27. ***"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say..."*** And shall say? And shall say? ***"...destroy them."*** They're destroyed this morning in Jesus' name.

3. *Preservation in the Shelter of the Father.* You've come to the shelter of the Father, and the Lord is saying, "There's preservation for you." Everything that has gone against your life, everything will be pulled down, totally destroyed. Your life is protected. Your life is preserved because the Almighty God Himself, He's on your side. Nothing will destroy or defeat you in Jesus' name.

*Preservation in the Shelter of the Father.* All you need to do is come into that shelter by faith. When you are in that shelter by faith, everything that the devil is trying to do is going to be destroyed because you have come to that shelter.

In Psalm 61, and we're looking at verse 3: ***"For thou hast been a shelter for me..."*** A shelter. You've come into the shelter of the Heavenly Father. You've come into the shelter of this Almighty God. In that shelter, your life is protected. Your life is preserved. You'll never be the same again in Jesus' name. ***"For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings."*** I pray that today you will experience that in your life in Jesus' name.

Psalm 17...I'm reading from verse 8: ***"Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings."*** You'll be hidden today in that shelter, in that shadow of the wings of the Almighty God. ***"From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about."*** The Lord has done it already.

Psalm 63...we're looking at verses 7 and 8: ***"Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."*** This morning you will rejoice. I said, "You will rejoice," because you've come into the shelter of the Lord Himself.

Psalm 91 now: ***"He that dwelleth..."*** I will dwell there. I said, "I will dwell there." When you become converted, you are born again. You are a child of God. Then you remain inside that shelter and you remain inside the protection. It says, ***"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*** Will you be there? I said, "Will you be there?" ***"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely..."*** Any doubt today? Any unbelief today?

It says, ***"Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler..."*** He will. ***"...and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."*** His truth shall be what? Tell me out loud. ***"...shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."*** They'll never come near you again. They'll never get to you anymore. There's protection, there's preservation in the shelter of the Father.

When you become born again, you come into family of God, and you dwell and abide in the shadow, in the shelter of the Almighty. I'm telling you according to the Word of God there is no doubt here, you are going to be preserved and protected in Jesus' name.

Now in verse 7, ***"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but..."*** But...but. But? But? You know what people think? "This one killed so and so. This one killed so and so. That one killed so and so. The doctors told me what I've got. It's this thing that killed this, this, and that." How many people did the doctor tell you he has seen that that thing killed? Maybe 5, maybe 10, maybe 20, maybe 30. Not up to 1,000 yet. There's nothing to worry about. Not up to 10,000 yet. There's nothing to worry about. Even when 1,000 have fallen by this side and 10,000 by the other side, it will never come near you. I said, "It will never come near you."

The proclamation of the Lord for you is life and not death because Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Master, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords...He is the life and the resurrection. That life that comes out of that resurrection of Jesus Christ will come upon your body here this morning. You will never be the same again in Jesus' name.

I'm going to read that verse again (in verse 7), ***"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come..."*** near me. It shall not come near me. ***"Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee."***

There shall no evil befall thee. You can walk the length and the breadth of your country. There shall no evil befall thee. You can get to the high position that many people are competing for. There will be no evil that will befall thee. You can go to your village and then walk in the day and move around in the evening. There shall no evil befall thee.

In your church here, there is liberty. There is liberty. For every child of God, preacher, pastor, teacher, whoever...you walk anywhere, this is your Father's land. This is our Father's territory. We who are preachers and leaders we don't fear the faces of people...anywhere you walk, everywhere you go, there shall no evil befall thee in Jesus' name.

***"...neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder."*** I will tread upon the lion and the adder. I will tread upon the lion and the adder. ***I*** will tread upon the lion and the adder.

I'm going my way. I'm going to do my work. While I'm going, there are some lions and the adders and the poisonous snake on the ground...I don't look at them and say, "Hey, there is danger here. I must run back." Keep on walking. I said, "Keep on moving." Keep on going because while you are going...you're going to your business, and you're going to the ministry, and you're going to do what the Lord has called you to do and they say, "Hey, there are lions on the road." Keep on walking. Keep on moving. Keep on going. Thou shalt tread. Thou shalt tread. Thou shalt tread upon the lions and the adder.

Then it says over here: *"...and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble."* He will be with you. *"I will deliver him, and honour him."*

Now tell me what is that in verse 16 there? In verse 16 there? In verse 16 there? *"With long life..."* We still have many more years to go. I said, "We still have many more years to go," many more years to evangelize, many more years to hold retreats, many more years to preach, many more years to organize programs, many more years to live for the glory of God. And *"With long life will I satisfy him, and show him..."* Show him what? *"...my salvation."*

Rise up and trample upon all those things. Rise up and tell the Lord, "Today is the day of victory." Nobody moving around now. Nobody moving around now. Ushers, respect the Lord. Stop all those people. Here we have authority. Here we have power. Here we didn't come to play. We came to pull down all the strongholds of the enemy. Where you are, pull them down. Pull them down. Pull them down. In your life, don't accept anything. Don't accept anything. Don't accept anything...anything that will not glorify God, pull them down. Pull them down. All those strongholds of the enemy...pull them down.

This morning is a morning of action...a morning action...a morning of action. Don't allow any stronghold in your life, any stronghold in your family, any stronghold in the church of the living God. Don't allow it. Pull it down. Pull it down. Every power of the enemy, pull it down. Every yoke, every Jericho wall there, pull them down. Every infirmity, every plague, pull it down. Don't take a back-bench, a backseat. Pull them down.

Taking the shield of faith...taking the shield of faith...wherewith ye shall be able to quench, able to conquer, able to destroy all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Pull them down. Sickness, infirmity, curse, yoke...destroy them. Destroy them. Destroy them. Pull them down. Don't surrender your heart, your life, your business, your family to the yoke of the devil, to the stronghold of the enemy. Pull them down. Don't surrender your life. Anything the Lord has given you...don't surrender them to the hands of any enemy. Pull them down.

Don't cringe. Don't be timid. Don't be fearful. Don't beg the enemy. Don't allow any stronghold to remain there. Don't allow Satan to build a gate in the threshold of your life. Pull them down. Don't allow anybody to build any castle on your territory, on your land. You find any building there, any stronghold there, any castle there that you have not built, that your Heavenly Father has not built...and it's on your land, pull it down.

Any stronghold built in your family, any stronghold built in the lives of your children that you have not built there (an enemy has built that)...pull it down today. ***"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."*** Don't allow the wicked to build on your land. Don't allow the wicked to build in your ministry. Don't allow the wicked to build in your family. Have you given them the land to build a stronghold in your life there? Have you given them the liberty, the license, the certificate of occupancy to come and occupy a place in your territory? No. Pull it down.

Take the shield of faith. Take the shield of faith. Take the shield of faith because today you are able...able to destroy, able to pull down, able to demolish all those strongholds of the enemy. Are you having difficulty getting married? There is a stronghold there. You want to go this way in marriage? There's a bottleneck, there's a difficulty, there's a challenge, and there is a stronghold. Pull it down. ***"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."***

The Lord wants you to get married. It is not good that the man should be alone. It is not good that the woman should be alone. "I will make a helpmeet for him." They stop your way. Go this way...you cannot. Go that way, you cannot. Get married at 27, 28...you cannot...35, you're still there...40, you're still there...45, you're still there. Pull it down. All the strongholds of the enemy that will hinder your marriage, all the strongholds of the enemy that will hinder you getting married, all that curse all that yoke, all that hindrance, all that bottleneck...pull it down.

***"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."*** Pull it down today. Whatever type of hindrance the devil is bringing your way...in that area of marriage...and it appears that every direction you go there is a stronghold that you cannot cross over, a stronghold you cannot overcome, a stronghold you cannot jump over...you'll pull it down this morning so you can move on. Pull it down. Pull it down. Pull it down. Pull it down.

Are you not a child of God? Are you not born again? Are you not a member of the family of God? Others are getting married. Others are getting married. Don't just sit back and say, "What can I do now?" You can do something now. Pull it down. It must come down today. It must come down today by faith.

Taking the shield of faith, you throw down all those strongholds. Yes, you will get married. Yes, the way will open before you. Yes, the strongholds are going to be totally, totally, totally destroyed and demolished. Pull it down. It's the day of His power. It's the day of divine authority. It's the day of pulling down every stronghold in the life of every child of God. Pull it down right there.

Are you married? There's no happiness in the home? No joy in the home? There's no job. There is nothing to feed the family. And you accept that? Is that the will of God for you? No child, no pregnancy, and you accept that? Why did you get married? Why did God open the way for you to get married if He knew there would be no child? Does the medical doctor have the final word in your life, in your family? Does that old woman in the village have the final word in your family? Does that man, the enemy, have the final word, pronouncement in your family? That's a stronghold.

This day you have come to pull down that stronghold out of your family. Open the way for the child, for the miracle child to come. Open the way for the miracle babies to come by pulling down the strongholds that the enemies have erected in your family. Pull it down today. Pull it down today. Pull it down today...that stronghold against your family, that stronghold against childbearing, that stronghold against prosperity and progress in the family, that stronghold... This is the day, the day of pulling down. Pull it down. Pull it down. Pull it down.

Don't acquiesce, don't accept, don't just sit back and say, "Whatever...whatever...whatever they say, that's alright...whatever." No. Pull it down. Pull it down. All those strongholds of the enemy...the enemy trying to build a campsite on your land, trying to build a castle on your family, and trying to build a stronghold in your family...he's the one standing in the way, sleeping on the bed with you and saying, "As long as we are here, you'll never have a child." That's a stronghold. Pull it down.

Pull it down. You won't accept that, will you? You won't accept that, will you? You won't accept that, will you? ...For the enemy to come and stand at the gates of your house and say, "No baby will ever come in," and say that no child will ever come in. You won't accept that will you? Pull down those strongholds out of that family.

Others are having their miracle children. Why not you? Others are having their miracles babies. Why not you? Others are having their breakthrough. Why not you? Others already are welcoming the wonder, the wonder of the cross and the wonder of Calvary, the wonder of crucifixion into their families...miracles coming to every family. Why not in your family? Pull down the strongholds.

Taking the shield of faith, taking the shield of faith, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. You pull down all those strongholds today and then you are free, you are free, you are free to move on. You move on into the joy of miracle possession. Pull them down. Pull them down. Pull them down. Pull them down.

Strongholds in your business...as you are getting the money, so challenges are coming in the family to spend the money on. And you are living from hand to mouth. You work and work and work like the most industrious man in the city, yet you eat like a beggar. Why should that be? There is a stronghold. You want to pull down that stronghold today. Pull them down. Pull them down. Pull them down. It shall not be. It shall not stay. It shall not remain in your business. It shall not remain in your life. Pull them down.

Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. As we take that shield of faith today, and you step into the shoes of authority and power, then you pull down, you pull down, you pull down every stronghold out of your life.

Are there enemies that are coming to trouble your family? You have not given them any invitation card but they come. You have not given them any seat to sit down yet they sit down. They're there. They say, "We're going to limit the blessing that comes into this family." They say whatever they decide will be the final note or statement in your family.

Did you invite them? Did you bring them in? How can somebody just stay and sit in your premises? And he says he is the one to decide how far you will ever go. That's a stronghold there, the stronghold of the enemy...you pull that down this morning so you can be free. You pull them down. You pull them down. You pull them down.

And it's down, and it's down, and it's down. The Lord is giving you the key today. Whatever you will not accept in that family will not remain there. Whatever you will not accept in your life will not remain there. Whatever you will not accept in your business will not remain there. Whatever you will not accept in your community there will not remain there. Pull them down. Pull them down.

The Lord is calling you to freedom...freedom of action, freedom of motion. The Lord is calling you to action and the Lord is saying, "The time has come to pull down every stronghold in your personal life, in your business life, in your professional life, in your employment life. It's time to pull down every stronghold out of your life." It is time. It is time. The enemy has had too much liberty for a long time. It is time to pull down every stronghold. ***"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."*** Every plant the Heavenly Father has not planted in your life, it will be pulled down and destroyed and rooted up today.

The devil has taken too much freedom. The enemy has taken too much freedom. He has warred on your intelligence, on your simplicity. It's time for you to rise up and pull down every stronghold out of your life. You have the final say. You have the final authority. You will not be gentle with the devil. You will not be gentle with the enemy. You will not be gentle with those who are trying to build a stronghold in your life, in your family. It is time for you to rise up in the strength, in the arm of faith, in the shelter of the Lord, protected by the blood of the Lamb, with the authority of the name of Jesus on your mouth...and pull down, pull down, pull down every stronghold in that life, in that family. Pull them down.

This is not a time to cringe. This is not a time to bend and yield to the devil, to the enemy. It is the time to rise up with courage, with confidence in the Lord. It is time to rise up and pull it down, pull it down. Don't let the enemy find any trace of weakness in your life, in your conviction. Don't let the enemy find any space for timidity in your life. Let the enemy know that you mean business today and that everything, every stronghold he built in your life, you are pulling them down today. Pull them down. Pull them down.

They must not stay. They must not remain. Today is the day of your victory. Today is the day of your breakthrough. Today is the day of the miracle power of God working in your life. Pull them down.

Don't accept *no* for an answer. Don't tell me the enemy is that strong. ***"Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."*** You have the authority today to pull everything the devil has built in that family, in that life, on that child, on that woman, on that man...you have the liberty today to rise up and stand firm in faith and pull them down.

It will be done. The victory is given to you already. Because you have the victory, you can rise up and you can say, "I reject that out of my life. I reject that out of my family. I reject that out of my profession, out of my business." Poverty will not be for you. Defeat will not be for you. Sickness will not be for you. Infirmary will not be for you. Yoke, bondage, affliction, oppression will not be for you. The will of the enemy will not take hold in your life, in your family. This is the day and this is your chance. Pull them down.

Be strong in the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ lives on the inside of you. The Mighty One, the Great One, the Wonder-worker, the Miracle-worker, the One that gave the devil a blow on the head and knocked him down at Calvary...He dwells on the inside of you. That power that cannot be challenged...that power that cannot fail...that power now is living on the inside of you. ***"Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."*** And with that power, with that pronouncement, with that faith, the shield of faith, today you now have the spiritual authority and ability to pull down every stronghold out of your life.

Yes, it's done. Yes, it will be done. You don't want to accept defeat, do you? You don't want to accept that the enemy has such a stronghold on your land, on your territory. I'm sure you can pull that down. It must come down. It must get out of that place. Pull them down. Pull them down out of your life. Be free from today. Be free, free indeed from today. In Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said...

***"And the LORD said unto Joshua, 'See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.'" Amen. "And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days." Then we're told on the seventh day they would shout a shout of joy, a shout of celebration, a shout of victory. Then it says, "And the walls of Jericho will come down flat."***

So they did. They compassed the city once each day and so they did for six days. ***"And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, 'Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.'" Amen. Amen.***

***"So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass..."*** and it came to pass, and it came to pass...in your life it has come to pass...when the people shouted ***"...when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat."*** That the wall fell down flat. That the wall fell down flat. Every stronghold in your life has fallen already in Jesus' name. ***"... so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."***

Now you will get married. Now you will have children. Now you will get well. Now you will prosper. Now you will have a breakthrough because now all the strongholds are demolished and destroyed in your life in Jesus' name.

Can I have the shout of *hallelujah* there? Can I have the shout of *praise the Lord* there? Can I have the shout of *amen* there? The shield of faith, the shield of faith, the shield of faith, the shield

of faith "*...wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*" It is done. I said, "It is done."

Raise those hands of victory up. Raise those hands of power up. Nothing will defeat those hands again. Whatever that hand touches will be a miracle in Jesus' name. There is anointing coming on that hand. There is power coming on that hand. You will lay that hand upon your child and the child will do well. You will lay that hand upon your husband and your husband will go and prosper. You will lay those hands upon your wife, and your wife will get well. You will lay that hand upon the instruments and the tools you are using for work and customers will be coming. You will lay those hands on your wife and your wife will get pregnant in Jesus' name. Impossibilities are taken away. Now every stronghold in your life is pulled down.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You today because we know You have given us the shield of faith. With this shield of faith, we pray every dart of the wicked one is broken and destroyed and quenched in every life in Jesus' name. Lord, I pray a breakthrough for everyone...wonders, signs, and miracles for everyone, healing for everyone, deliverance for everyone, joy for everyone.

Those who have not been able to get married before now, the way is open; go and get married. Those who are married and have no child, now the way is open, have your miracle children in Jesus' name. Those who have been living from hand to mouth and they're in poverty and penury, now we cancel the poverty, and we cancel the penury. Prosperity will flow into your life in Jesus' name.

Those who are sick get up - you are well in Jesus' name. Those who are oppressed or afflicted, get up. Now you are free. Every yoke is broken. The work of the devil is destroyed. From now on, you'll be walking; you'll be trampling upon the enemy. You will trample upon the lion and the adder. No evil will come near you in Jesus' name.

Jericho walls everywhere, I command you, "Come down in Jesus' name." I release the people of God into all the blessings flowing from Calvary. Thank you, Lord, because I know you have answered. I know you have answered. I know you have answered. ...In Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said...and everybody said...finally, finally, finally...and everybody said...*Amen*.