The church as the new man must engage in spiritual warfare to defeat God's enemy, fulfill God's purpose, and bring in the kingdom of God.

On the day of His wedding, Christ will marry those who have been fighting the battle against God's enemy for years; that is, Christ will marry the overcomers, who have already overcome the evil one.

In the Lord's recovery today we are on a battlefield, fighting against the satanic forces so that we may gain more of Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ.

A person who praises God transcends everything to glorify God and display Christ's victory; may God gain abundant praises, even the sacrifice of praise, from His children.
Outline of the Messages
for the Memorial Day Conference
May 25-28, 2018

GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE OF THE CHURCH AS THE NEW MAN

Message One

The Church as the New Man
Engaging in Spiritual Warfare to Defeat God's Enemy
and to Bring In the Kingdom of God

II. In order to know God's economy, we need to see the spiritual things behind the physical things, the spiritual world behind the physical world—Dan. 10:12-13, 20-21:
A. It is crucial for us to see that behind the physical scene a spiritual struggle, a struggle not seen with human eyes, is taking place.

B. In our fighting we deal not with things that appear on the surface but with the power of darkness behind these things—Eph. 2:6; 6:12; S. S. 4:8.

C. Revelation 12 presents a great vision concerning the war in heaven—the warfare in the universe between God and His enemy; the vision in this chapter unveils the true situation in the universe—the view that God's enemy is fighting against Him—vv. 1-4, 7-9, 13, 17.

III. Spiritual warfare is necessary because Satan's will is set against God's will—Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Isa. 14:12-14:

A. If we would know how the church as the new man can be God's warrior to engage in spiritual warfare, we need to realize that in the universe there are three wills—the divine will, the satanic will, and the human will—Rev. 4:11.

B. Spiritual warfare has its source in the conflict between the divine will and the satanic will—Matt. 6:10:
   1. Lucifer's pride in his high position and beauty gave rise to an evil intention, which became the satanic will—Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-15.
   2. Before the archangel of God rose up to contradict the divine will, there was no war in the universe; the rebellion of Lucifer was the beginning of all the fighting that is now taking place among nations, in society, in the family, and within individuals—cf. Rev. 12:3-11; Gal. 5:17.

C. God wants His creature man to deal with His fallen creature Satan; for this, the human will must stand with the divine will—Gen. 1:26; Matt. 26:39; 12:30; 7:21.

D. As the church, our fighting is to subdue the satanic will and defeat God's enemy—Eph. 6:11-13.

IV. The purpose of spiritual warfare is to bring in the kingdom of God—Rev. 11:15; 12:10:

A. Spiritual warfare is the warfare between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan—Matt. 12:26, 28.

B. The kingdom of God will not come automatically; in order for the kingdom of God to come, there is the need of spiritual fighting—vv. 22-29.

C. The responsibility of the church is to continue the warfare that Christ fought on the earth; the church must continue the victorious work that Christ has carried out against Satan—Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8b; Col. 2:15; Psa. 149:5-9.

D. The kingdom of God is the exercise of the divine will and the overthrowing of the power of Satan by the power of God—Matt. 6:10.

E. Wherever the devil has been cast out and wherever the work of the enemy has been displaced by God's power, the kingdom of God is there—12:28.

V. “Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration”—Psa. 110:3a:

A. In a spiritual sense, we are now in the day of Christ's warfare, and for this we need to be a voluntary offering, a freewill offering—Lev. 22:18; Deut. 12:6.

B. In order to engage in spiritual warfare to defeat God's enemy and bring in the kingdom of God, we need an absolute and thorough consecration to the Lord; in the eyes of God, such a consecration is a matter of splendor—Psa. 110:3a.