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# Divine Weapons That Demolish Strongholds December 5, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

#### 2 Corinthians 10.3-5 NIV

<sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

#### 2 Corinthians 10.3-5 TPT

<sup>3-4</sup> For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide.

<sup>5</sup> We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One.

- Strongholds are hollow and deceptive philosophies that rely on humanism and the basic principles of this world.
- The divine weapons of God demolish these hollow and deceptive arguments that deny God. It is your iron dome defense system.

## **Divine Weapons that Demolish Strongholds: WORSHIP**

#### Romans 12.2 NIV

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to **test and approve what God's will is—**his good, pleasing and perfect will.

#### Psalm 8.2 NIV

<sup>2</sup> From the lips of children and infants

you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

#### Isaiah 30.31-32 NIV

<sup>31</sup> The **voice of the LORD will shatter** Assyria; with his rod he will strike them down.
<sup>32</sup> Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

#### THE NAME OF JESUS

#### Philippians 2.10-11 NIV

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

#### John 14.13-14 NIV

<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may **ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.** 

#### THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

#### Hebrews 4.12 NIV

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. **Sharper than any double-edged sword,** it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

#### **Revelation 1.16 NIV**

<sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and **coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword.** His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

#### THE BLOOD OF JESUS

#### Colossians 1.19-20 TPT

<sup>19</sup> For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ. <sup>20</sup> And **by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—back to its original intent,** restored to innocence again!

#### Revelation 12.11 NIV

<sup>11</sup> **They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

#### **FAITH**

#### **Hebrews 4.14** NIV

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold firmly to the faith we profess.** 

#### Acts 3.16 NIV

<sup>16</sup> **By faith in the name of Jesus,** this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

#### Romans 10.17 NIV

<sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

#### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We release our worship to You, Father, for You are good and Your mercies endure forever! All power, all dominion, all glory is Yours alone – You are the only One True God, all the rest are idols. We thank You Lord for Your word, for Your promises, and for Your provision. We thank You for divine weapons that demolish stronghold, expose and shatter the lies of satan who comes to steal, kill and destroy. By faith in the Name of Jesus, we bind every strategy of satan and his demons to destroy Detroit and Michigan. We declare that at the Name of Jesus every knee will bow. We speak the word of life that is sharper than any double-edged sword – the word of Truth – over our city, the people, and the land. We declare that Detroit and Michigan and all that is in it belongs to the Lord. The voice of the Lord shatters the enemy! The blood of Jesus speaks redemption over everything in Detroit and Michigan. We don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle every stronghold set against us and our city. The Lord reigns. He is clothed in majesty; the Lord has clothed Himself with strength; indeed, Detroit and Michigan are firmly established and will not be moved!