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SUBJECT: The Weapon of Our
Warrior

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THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

Paul's letters, full of personal feeling, mostly written at white heat.
This letter, it is: Tiding from Titus, gratitude to Hl. Chs. 1-7
" " " " discouragement Chs. 10-13
(Vindication of his apostolic ministry against bitter things said about him.)

The slanderers said, Paul "walked according to the flesh" a lawbreaker.
He answers, "Yes, live in the flesh, a mortal man, but I go soldiering
not according to the flesh. My rules of battle, my weapons of warfare,
are not from the flesh. They are of God and therefore mighty."

Then the metaphor, as it were, catches fire. Expands
the figure of a warfare. The remarkable spectacle of a minister
of the gospel of peace (10:1 "the meekness and gentleness of Christ")

going forth to war. He sets before us
"pulling down of strong holds." destructing / fortress
"casting down every high thing" " " " "
"bringing the captivity" leading captives away
"readiness to revenge all the wrongs" stern punishment
against rebels that
always out

But the weapons of the warfare are of a peculiar kind. "Not
carnal." Not like the weapons of the world, that inflict
torments agony, injury, death. But weapons of a very different
sort. Spiritual - for the destruction of the works of Satan
- " - liberation of the soul, egotism of heart.

I. The Opposing Fortresses.

The Christian soldier with the ^{conquering} message of Christ, strongly opposed. Strong rock bastions, fortresses, lofty walls frowning down on any assailants. When the general endeavors to penetrate the human heart, meets earthworks of wildest opposition.

(1) The man enclosed in fortress of self-sufficiency. Not need God, no place for God. No humble dependence upon God. Busy business, build house, rear children, live by without God.

(2) The man enclosed in high tower of false pride, cultural, intellectual conceit. Religion for those who are weak in mind, the foolish and sinners, is ignorant. A superior, conscious that shuts out God. ^{These towers of pride, "high things" are left out.}

(3) The man behind heavy walls, shy, new light of God roared out by heavy beams. Light showing dark recesses of heart, sin, depravity, shut out.

He says:

1. "I have something more practical, important, to think of. 'What shall I eat, what shall I drink, where shall I be clothed?' then, 'what must I do to be saved?'"

He passes it by.

The Seventh sign of neglect, indifference. "How shall we escape if we neglect?" "I am guilty of one better sin, than of rejecting one of His offers."

2. "I know clearly. I was born a sinner."
But John 3:5 "If you must be born again." ^{yes, but the spirit said}
" " " " ^{the voice says}
" " " ^{misstates}
Bills would be engaged with their governments.

3. "A revelation of God is impossible. The Old
Scriptures, 1st Cor 5:3 is out of date. The only truth is known
through scientific thought. I am too intellectual to receive
anything as absolute certainty."

So he inserts his own ideology - as if an astronomer refused
to admit the fact of God's handiwork, fabricate our astronomy.

4. "I have something better"

of Unitarianism, Unitarian Church, Caribou, Maine. "A gospel better than
the Unitarian church. For it is comprised by teaching of X, but they do
no comparison. The Unitarian X, the Unitarian philosophy, the Unitarian all religions."
But the gospel at some time needs to be co-ordinated with other
religions, to share a decided allegiance with differing creeds. False
gods may seem far to far to work well in our hearts, but we do not
fight for the one false all together. But when X comes, danger must be
clearer, not even the strength of his remaining. Truth intellectual
has, light of darkness, justice of wrong. Jesus is all in all, above
all things.

II. The Fortunes taken; the prisoners led away Captives.
The weapons: the gospel of Christ. "And if I be lifted up..."
: the consistency of the H.S. "We will carry it to the world..."
: the truth of God's people. "Over come him by blood..."

The gospel's strange work: Sullivan's cry "God be merciful..."
: Paul: "I wish that I were..."
: St. Augustine: "The pilgrim."
: St. Cyprian: "A man, miserable, helpless
means, on the line of a fall."

If not know ourselves as poor,
cannot receive rich gifts 11. St. Paul's
Rev. 3.

But like Paul, braced up every of his
righteousness, but more, young, maturity.
A man. Swift. Condemned.

The captives led away.
9. The long story of captives, prisoners, or Assyrian
Egyptian monuments, shows how familiar the experience
was. 7. The Arch, Titus, the Roman triumph

- Captives of X - just to freedom
- wear no hair
- but yet heavy, burden light

"captivity, of thought to the Hebrew, Christ"

(1) Unidentifiable
Barnes led by it in two high reason.
Prov. 3:5
And the Lord for wisdom. "Trust me"

(2) Will.
No longer of his in our freedom. "Not my will, theirs be done"

(3) Hoops, arguments

(a) the power, "I will the Master, Paul & Peter"

III Fate, Disobedient.

10: 6
We walk beneath shadow of a great rock. Heb. 9:27

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