



WARFARE PRAYER: *HAMAN*

Week 29 | December 16, 2024

God's people have always had **powerful enemies**. Time and again the *rulers and authorities* of the spiritual world have **influenced** and **manipulated** earthly *creatures* and *creations* in order to harm those who truly follow their creator. The Good News, as always, is that even though our enemies are **mighty indeed**, our *God, King, and Savior* is mightier still! This truth is seen so clearly through the story of Haman, Mordecai, and Esther. This **great enemy** of the Jews, and the *demons associated* with him that we still fight today, was characterized by **deception, manipulation, and jealousy**. As we pray this week against the "*Haman spirits*" in our families, churches, and communities we must ask God to deal with them in the same way He did in ages past:

1. **EXPOSE** the LIES (*Esther 7:3-4*)

- a. **NOTE:** Satan is the **father of all lies**. It makes sense then that his *children* and *followers* would adopt a similar strategy. The problem with many of the Enemy's deceptions, though, is that they are **buried beneath** layers of *half-truths* and clever manipulations. They are **rarely obvious** and are often *hard to identify*. Like a master conman, the devil has us so distracted and disoriented that we struggle to **see clearly**. Up is down, left is right, and the distinction between right and wrong becomes *incredibly blurry* at times. The **gift of discernment** is our *greatest weapon* in moments like this. Like a torch in the night, it **exposes** and **lays bare** the *lies of the devil* for what they truly are—pure **foolishness**. (*John 8:44*; *Proverbs 28:11*; *1 Corinthians 12:10*)
 - i. **For Ex.** "Father God, thank You for **bringing light** into *the darkness*. Thank You for making known the **secret things** and for allowing Your people to *see behind the curtain*. Remove the veil from our eyes, Lord, and **shine Your light** into our lives. *Reveal the lies* of the enemy for what they truly are, exposing their **wicked foolishness** and **destructive manipulation** to everyone in our lives."
 1. **REMEMBER:** Lies only *have power* when they are **accepted**. (*1 Tim. 4:1*)

2. **REVEAL** the TRUTH (*Esther 7:5-6*)

- a. **NOTE:** Identifying deception, while important, is only partially successful. The second half of discernment lies in its ability to **illuminate the truth** of a situation. In a world of "*relativity*", where what is real and fake is often up to one's own imagination, we need **God's truth** that stands *firm* and *absolute*. This is the truth that sets us free from the bondage of our Enemy and allows us to **receive** and **live out** the *life of Christ*. Because of this power it is greatly hated by the Enemy and is **opposed** at every turn. (*Psalms 119:125*; *Proverbs 5:2*; *John 8:32*)
 - i. **For Ex.** "Holy Spirit, thank You for **guiding** and **directing** our steps. Lead us this day *into Your truth* that we might be set free by it. Give us a **longing** for the *absolute*, that we might build and live our lives on Your **unshakeable** nature. Train us to *see the truth* at all times, blessing us with the gift of true discernment."

1. **REMEMBER:** The *Holy Spirit* has come to lead us into **ALL truth**.
(John 16:13; 2 John 1:2)

3. **REVERSE the CURSE** (Esther 7:9-10)

- a. **NOTE:** Lies **believed as true** will *affect our lives* as if they were. Often, even after their **exposure** and **replacement** with the truth, *the consequences* set into motion by deception and deceit continue to curse our lives. The Good News is that our savior is an expert **curse-breaker**! He came to *break the curses* on our lives and turn them back onto the **evil ones** seeking our *destruction*. Scripture teaches that Christ did this by taking our curses onto Himself, becoming one for our sake. It is **His love** then, that *overcomes* and *overrules* the attacks of evil. (Galatians 3:13; Genesis 12:3; Psalm 57:6)
 - i. **For Ex.** “Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to *break all of our curses*. Thank You for **becoming a curse** for our sake, taking upon Yourself the burden of our sin out of Your *amazing love* for us. Come into our lives today and **reverse the curses** placed on us by Satan and his forces. *Turn them back* on the wicked, pouring out Your unrestrained wrath and **judgement** on the evil in our lives that is attempting to *keep us from You*.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** *Pronouncing and proclaiming God’s curses* on evil is an act of love and obedience. (Romans 12:9; 1 Corinth. 16:22; Galatians 1:9)

Questions for Reflection:

- What **lies** have you *believed*?
 - Acknowledging their falsehood is the first step to **breaking free** from them.
- What **truths** have you *ignored*?
 - Apply the word of the Lord to your life. Simply hearing it is **not pleasing** to God.
- What **curse** are you *still under*?
 - Accept and receive the promise of Christ in your life. He came to give you life abundantly, **don’t settle** for anything less.