

# S.I.D.S.

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This morning I awakened with these words in my spirit and after meditating and praying for an hour I believe the Lord wants me to write about this topic so that many families—both Christian and non-Christian—can be spared the pain of the death of a family member.

I believe one of the saddest facts of life, my brother and sister, is that the Church remains so ignorant about the spirit realm and has not prepared Christians for the demonic attacks that await them. And if the Church is ignorant about spiritual things, well, you know the state of the world. But, like Israel before us, the Lord Jesus expects His Church to be a beacon of light, knowledge and wisdom that will draw the world to the Lord. Sadly, like Israel, most of the Church has declined this mandate opting, like Israel of the Old Testament, to be a whore to the world instead for mammon. It's so obvious to me now but in 1991 when the Lord said: "The Church is not being led by the Holy Spirit; it's being led by religious spirits," it was such a shocking statement.

Jesus spoke much about preparation and being prepared. He said, "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also ..." (Luke 12:39-40) And because of John 10:10, every Christian knows who the thief *is* BUT what are they doing to prepare against his attacks? And, more importantly, what are you doing?

In every generation there are many who know and *see* the acts of God but always only a handful who, like Moses, know "the ways of God" (Ps. 103:7) But this knowledge is available by the Word and the Spirit for every Christian who wants to learn these things and develop spiritually. And a lot of information is available in our messages and writings to help you with this.

Now it's important for you to understand something the medical profession does not—Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (S.I.D.S.) is not a disease or a genetic abnormality—it's a spirit, an evil spirit that comes to kill a child. It is one of the

leading causes of death in children under 1 year of age but does occur in older children; however, the medical profession knows nothing about the cause of S.I.D.S. That's not unusual because it's a spiritual attack and as knowledgeable as we are in the West about scientific matters, unfortunately, that knowledge is limited to the physical realm—we know next to nothing about the spiritual realm, although there has been some research done supporting the beneficial effects of prayer upon plant life.

But the religious *leaders* of the Church should know something about spiritual matters and spiritual attacks, yet, sadly, most do not. Well, perhaps they are not the true religious leaders. In Jesus' day he rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees—the religious leaders of His time—in Matthew 16 when they asked Him for a sign. He showed them that they were able to understand simple physical signs such as the weather but they were unable to discern spiritual signs and things. For this reason Jesus called them hypocrites. They claimed to be religious leaders but they didn't have the *Eye of the Eagle* regarding spiritual things and as we all know they didn't know the very God they claimed to serve. So, how could they really be religious leaders?

Now S.I.D.S. is just another of many different types of evil spirits that the devil uses to attack the human race. And it's not unlike many other spiritual attacks that we've dealt with over many decades of ministry—there is no perceptible physical or medical cause for the problem. Of course sometimes there *is* a physical symptom, like with cancer and unfortunately, this leads people to only deal with the physical manifestation by going for chemo while ignoring the spirit or life-force behind that cancer. Listen closely and this will help you. Just as Jesus said that the body without the spirit was dead concerning human beings it is also true of evil spirits. If you can destroy the life-force or evil spirit that is giving life to those cancerous tumors then the tumors and physical manifestations of that cancer will disappear and your bodily organs and cells will return to normal health.

Like many of you we've become *new* parents again in our old age. First the Lord gave us a baby girl in 2003 and more recently a baby boy who just celebrated his second birthday last week. But we must remain vigilant and diligent in the Word, confession and prayer to keep these children from being stolen from us by the devil. And how do you do that? By recognizing that the spirit realm dominates the physical realm and being vigilant in prayer and the Word over our children. In order to keep our children safe physically, we must protect them spiritually. God created the human family with a distinct chain of command regarding spiritual authority: first the father, then the mother, then the children. It's your responsibility

to exercise that spiritual authority by praying for your children and “releasing angels on assignment” to protect your children from all the attacks of the devil. When you understand this fact you’ll understand one of the reasons why the devil wants to break up marriages.

A few months ago we received a testimony from a Christian woman in South Africa who was at the airport waiting for a flight when she noticed a woman seated across from her looking at her watch every few minutes. So she asked her why she kept checking her watch and the woman said, “Oh, I have to pray at noon every day for 30 minutes.” The Christian woman began to commend her for doing this every day saying she wished all Christians prayed that way. The woman responded: “Oh, I’m not a Christian; I’m a witch and we are committed to pray every day at noon for marriages to be destroyed.”

This is just one testimony, my brothers and sisters, of the type attacks and the people the devil uses to pray against your family and attack you. So you’d better do something about it or eventually you will succumb to one of these attacks. Remember to learn about the weapons of warfare that you possess and use them to stop the attacks of the devil before they occur. Praise the Lord!

When we were interviewed on Christian T.V. back in June, a person phoned in a prayer request for their child who was born with a defective valve in their heart. Before praying for the child, my wife gave a testimony about our oldest son, Timothy, who was born without a heart valve back in the 70’s when the prognosis for survival was quite low. Fortunately, there were some people at the church who knew how to pray for miracles and they were able to help a young mother who did not know what to do and the Lord placed a new heart valve where one was absent before. The doctor acknowledged the miracle from an x-ray before surgery by saying: “There’s already been a surgery to replace the missing heart valve but it wasn’t done by human hands!”

We have a dear friend who lost a son to S.I.D.S. many years ago. She has seen him in Heaven. Like many people who suffered the loss of a loved one she is committed to helping others not to suffer the same loss. The Lord wants to use all of us to help not just fellow brothers and sisters of the faith but also the world. Only the true Church has the wisdom, knowledge and power of God to stand against the works of the devil; let’s use it to change the world like the early Church did.