

## 5. A Supernatural Operation

The best way to help you understand what I mean by a supernatural operation is to describe one that happened to me, that is, one that the Lord allowed me to see. Afterward I will tell you how this is relevant to the flags.

I went to the altar at church in Germany one Sunday night for prayer in 1992. I wanted more of Jesus. I earnestly prayed for more of Him and expected to receive more of Him. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, I danced uncontrollably—not by my will—for what seemed like forever, nonstop. This dance continued while the pastor preached the sermon. I stopped after the benediction and went totally limp and spent onto the floor. I didn't have enough strength to sit up in the pew alone. When I gradually gained my strength, I was not the same. As I walked, I could not feel the floor under my feet. The second hand on the clock looked like it was moving in slow motion. Every second seemed to be alive. Then I noticed two people talking. One person spoke. As she spoke, a stream of water flowed from her mouth toward him. (John 7:38 NIV: "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." <sup>39</sup>By this he meant the Holy Spirit.)

As he spoke to her, a stream of water flowed from him to her. I looked around the sanctuary. Only a few people had remained. I looked wide-eyed at another lady who spoke with the same stream of water flowing from her mouth. I could see these streams of water going back and forth between people as they talked! I am convinced this stream of water is love. (Romans 5:5 NIV: "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.") Love comes from God to us and from us to others.

I believe words spoken in love have substance and are visible in the supernatural. That love is a translucent stream of water, which flows like a river from one person's mouth onto the person spoken to. It is beautiful, peaceful, gentle, and soothing. I am telling you this because it is evidence of an operation in the supernatural. God said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within him." That's one supernatural operation. When praising, worshiping, and praying with the flags, another supernatural operation occurs.

I am convinced that warfare on our behalf happens in the spirit or supernatural realm when we use flags with prayer, because Ephesians 6:11–18 (KJV) tells us to pray when the enemy comes, Jeremiah 50:2 tells us to raise a flag and say the enemy is taken, and Isaiah 59:19 KJV tells us the Spirit of the Lord will make the enemy flee or vanish.

### *The Spirit of the Lord Will Make the Enemy Flee*

The Spirit of the Lord will make the enemy flee. Sin and evil are enemies of the Lord. Sin was very prevalent during Old Testament times.

Isaiah 59: 12-16 (The Message) says <sup>12-15</sup>our wrongdoings pile up before you, God, our sins stand up and accuse us. Our wrongdoings stare us down; we know in detail what we've done: Mocking and denying God, not following our God, Spreading false rumors, inciting sedition, pregnant with lies, muttering malice. Justice is beaten back, Righteousness is banished to the sidelines, Truth staggers down the street, Honesty is nowhere to be found, God is missing in action. Anyone renouncing evil is beaten and robbed. <sup>15-16</sup>God looked and saw evil looming on the horizon— so much evil and no sign of Justice. He couldn't believe what he saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation. The Spirit of the Lord responded to the presence of His enemy, evil.

This is the supernatural operation that the Lord did then and does today against evil: The Spirit of the Lord puts on His battle armor.

Isaiah 59:16-17 (KJV) says, therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. <sup>17</sup>For he put on

righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Why did He put on His armor? He was preparing to do battle against His enemies because He is a God of vengeance.

After He puts on His armor, what does He then do? He repays his enemies for what they have done with fury.

Isaiah 59:18 (KJV) says, According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.

Exactly how does God repay His enemies? The spirit of the Lord repays his enemies by lifting up a standard against them. The *Hebrew Chaldee Dictionary* (5127) says “shall lift up a standard” comes from the root word “nuwc” which means *to vanish away, make to flee away, put to flight*.

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19b KJV). This is a supernatural operation.

What does that mean to us today? When looking in the New Testament in Ephesians 6, we are told that we wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places. There was spiritual wickedness then. There is spiritual wickedness today. Although time has moved through centuries, evil is nothing new and still plagues the Earth as much as it did then. Because we have enemies today, we should not fear, because the Lord our God will protect us. Numbers 10:9 KJV reminds us that: “ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.”

For our protection, we are told to put on (spiritual) armor. This means we must use the supernatural weapons God has available to us, e.g., truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God, to come against the evil of this world.

Ephesians 6:13–17 (KJV) says: <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The full armor is described in Isaiah 59:17. God did not put on truth, peace, and the Word. He *is* the truth, peace, and the Word. And He lifted a flag. We were told to put on the whole armor of God except for God's "garments of vengeance for clothing, and zeal as a cloak." This is said because Romans 12:19 (KJV) states: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." And because 2 Chronicles 20:15b (KJV) says: "for the battle is not yours, but God's."

God allowed Joshua to see into the supernatural realm. The Lord fought a battle for the Israelites because the battle was His and not theirs. The Lord is the commander of the army of the Lord in Joshua 5:9–15 (KJV). Also, Jesus is the Captain of the Lord's Host. He is our Captain.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. <sup>10</sup>And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.... <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? <sup>14</sup>And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? <sup>15</sup>And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

The Captain of the Lord's host goes ahead of us and fights the battle. Again 2 Chronicles 20:15 (KJV) says "the battle is not yours, but God's." Another instance where the Lord does battle in the supernatural is described in Isaiah 31:5–9 (NIV). We see that by the mere sight of the battle standard (flag) the enemy will panic:

<sup>5</sup> Like birds hovering overhead, the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will "pass over" it and will rescue it. <sup>6</sup> Return to him you have so greatly revolted against, O Israelites. <sup>7</sup> For in that day every one of you will reject the idols of silver and gold your sinful hands have made. <sup>8</sup> Assyria will fall by a sword that is not of man; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them. They will flee before the sword and their young men will be put to forced labor. <sup>9</sup> Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic, declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

These are supernatural operations. The operation that is being carried out is warfare. That is, warfare in the supernatural realm. So, why use the flag with praise or worship in a church or home? We can use the flag with praise and worship for warfare, more specifically, supernatural warfare. We engage in supernatural warfare when we pray with the flags.