

INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah 51:20 Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war:...

The mere mention of the battle axe introduces or links the mind to war. No one talks about the battle axe if there is no battle. And no one talks about weapons of war if there is no war. We are in battle, every day.

The battle line is drawn. The battle is between the forces of darkness and the forces of light; between the forces of good and the forces of evil; and between Jehovah - the Mighty Man of War - and the god of this world.

The worst thing that can happen to anyone is to be in the midst of battle and not be aware. Such a person ends cheaply as a casualty of battle. To live in this world without battle-consciousness is to die like chicken. To live in this world without battle-consciousness is to end as a casualty. To live in this world as a believer or pastor without battle-consciousness, is to end as a mess in life and Ministry.

Think about what happened to a great man like Samson. In his days, the Philistines were conscious of battle but Samson was not. The Philistines did several invocations to arrest his destiny, but Samson kept living carelessly in the confidence that he was anointed.

Beloved, when they finally got him, they took out his eyes and made him a grinder in their mill. The Bible says they celebrated, jubilated and sacrificed offerings to their gods for delivering their enemy into their hands, because they had been consulting the gods to deliver him to them (Judges 16:23-24).

Unfortunately, many have not learnt a lesson from what happened to Samson. There is war, and the witches and wizards are aware. Principalities are aware. Occultists are aware. But the challenge is, many believers are not aware. They just do "business as usual."

This book is a great eye-opener to the daily battles in the realm of the spirit and how we can bring the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ to our world through our individual lives.

You are God's battle axe and His "weapons" of war! Your life is meant to bring frustration to the devil and his kingdom. Your life is meant to dismantle the structures of satan in your vicinity and wherever you step upon. I believe that God, through this book, will make His Word a reality in your life and Ministry, today and always. Amen!

PART ONE

THERE IS WAR!

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Dare to be a child of God who is mad enough with the devil-and enough to tell the devil, "Enough is enough". God is looking for such people; people who will say "whatever price it takes we will pay, that the devil must be silenced"

CHAPTER ONE

BATTLE-CONSCIOUSNESS

Those who ask for higher anointing are actually asking for higher battles.

--Dr Paul Enenche

I heard the story some time ago, of something unusual that happened in a great gathering of pastors.

In the course of the gathering, it was time to eat and the pastors were served food. But when one of the people serving approached a particular pastor, the man of God discerned the person to be an agent of darkness. So he stood up with flames in his eyes and began to curse and release fire.

Then, He said to the agent, "Kneel down, let me pray for you to repent". But the satanic agent said, "I cannot repent. For us there is no repentance." The man of God cast the demon out and the person disappeared into thin air. Nevertheless, food had already been served to the other people and they were probably contaminated!

The Bible tells us that angels can come in human flesh, so demons can come in human flesh also.

A certain man was driving down the road into the mechanic village close to our church and he saw a lady who asked for a lift. He obliged. As they approached the entrance to our church, she said she would not go any further.

The man began to ask her a few questions:

"Would you not get to your destination? Where exactly are you going now?"

"To hell!" she replied. The man pretended he never heard her.

Then he asked her again, and the answer was the same. Baffled by what he heard, he put his head on the steering. When he lifted his head, the lady had vanished "back to hell" as she said. The man fled and located our church, screaming, "I just saw a devil; can someone pray for me?"

Prayer was offered for him to be saved but that same day, his car caught fire!

LOOK BEYOND THE NATURAL

You see beloved, there are people who shake hands with you, look into your eyes and interact with you every day, but they are not what you may think. There is more to them than what is obvious.

It is important to live, walk and see beyond the natural. Most times, as a pastor, you might be standing in the church preaching, not knowing there is an agent of the devil sitting in front of you, who came to tempt you. Also, there are people who bring their heads for hands to be laid on, meanwhile, it is not prayer they seek; they want to neutralize something in your life!

Over two decades ago, while conducting deliverance on someone in a church, I shook hands with him, and my hands began to burn on the spot! The man had several rings on his fingers. The burning sensation continued until we had to return it "back to sender."

You've got to look beyond the natural. You've got to realize that there are things the ordinary eyes cannot see. So, you must be battle-conscious.

HIGHER MANTLES, HIGHER BATTLES

In 2 Samuel 5:17-19,

when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they all came to seek him.

But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

If there is oil on your head, the Philistines will look for you; except it is not God's anointing that is on your head. If God in heaven anointed you, in one way or the other, the Philistines will look for you.

They did not look for David until the anointing came upon his head. Everyone left him alone for as long as he was as ordinary as the rest. But the moment the oil came on his head, things changed. Those who ask for higher "anointing" are actually asking for higher battles. Those who ask for higher mantles actually ask for higher battles.

"And when the Philistines heard" The enemies will always hear! They will always know when a man of God has moved to another level of grace and anointing, and they will go looking for him.

When David heard of it, he went and hid himself. Then the Philistines went and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. David enquired of the Lord (and that is our secret and strength) saying, "Shall I go up to them? Will you deliver them into my hands?" And the Lord said unto David, "Go up for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand." And David came to Baal-perazim and he smote them there (in the strength of the voice of the Lord). And said, "the Lord has broken forth upon my enemies before me as the breach of waters therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. And there they left their images and David and his men burnt them (2Samuel 5:17-21).

Look at that! Charms in the battlefield! The Philistines went to battle, not only with spear but also with satanic altars! One would think the battle was between gun and gun or knife and knife. But these ones went to the battlefield with images, deities, and altars.

You see, you are dealing with people from the physical point of view, whereas they are dealing with you from the spiritual. The things you see as normal are not. The first day I saw that Scripture, it shook me. David went to war innocently but the Philistines went diabolically.

Again, when I saw what Goliath did, it confirmed it. The Bible says Goliath cursed David by his gods. In other words, he was not depending on his power only. He took the battle into the supernatural realm. A little boy dared him. It was unusual. He did not know what was backing David up, so he took the battle to the realm of the supernatural and cursed him by his gods.

You know beloved, there are believers whose names are used by occultic people for demonic incantations. However, while these believers are sleeping and snoring, whiling away their destiny, some spiritual projections are going on against them unchecked.

There is war!

The aim of this book is to wake us up to battle-consciousness. There is war going on and I want us to awake in our nations and in our generation.

CHAPTER TWO

BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

We must match force with force, fire with fire, and raise the banner of God's power thousand times over the activities of satan

---Dr Paul Enenche

There are five levels or dimensions to the war we are in. We will peer into each dimension in the few chapters that follow. This chapter introduces the first dimension of that war - the battle for supremacy.
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