



## The Warfare Worldview

The blueprint view vs the warfare view.

### The Blueprint View:

Everything that is happening is the result of God's divine decree.

If the devil is involved in anything, it is because God has ordained him to do that.

Sickness, death, tragedy, and poverty are all part of God's "blueprint" plan.

To explain suffering and pain we use phrases like, "There is a purpose for everything," "His ways are not our ways," "God is in control," and "Satan is on the leash."

### The Warfare View:

We are in a cosmic conflict between evil and good, Satan's will and God's will.

Satan, demons, and evil people have their will and they are responsible for their will and what happens is not consistent with God's character as revealed in Jesus.

Jesus opposed disease, demons, and disasters originating from the will of Satan, fallen angels, not God.

God has already won but we are called to wage spiritual warfare against evil through prayer, evangelism, and deliverance.

### God doesn't will evil, He is at war with evil.

Jesus heals from demonization. Mark 12:22

Jesus treats sickness like a demon. Luke 4:39

Jesus treats a storm as a demon. Luke 8:42

Jesus delivers demons of muteness and deafness. Mark 9:25

Apostolic fathers held this view until about the 4th century.

Evil is evidence of Satan's activity rather than God's mysterious will.

### 1. Life is more like a Normandy beach, than a Disney vacation.

It's immoral to act like you were on vacation when you are, in fact, in a war.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Vacation question.

What are some good things that happened in this hellish place? Warfare question.



*2 Timothy 2:3-4 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.*

*Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

## **2. The Church is a Warship, not a Cruise ship.**

*Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

The gates (defensive) of Hades (the realm of the dead) can't stand a chance against a militant church.

HungryGen is not your grandma's church, it's a BATTLESHIP church!

## **3. The War is Won but the Battle Still Rages.**

D-day marked the turning point in World War II when the Allied forces began to win their fight against the Axis powers. The invasion was code-named Overlord.

V-E Day stands for Victory in Europe Day.

*Hebrews 2:8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.*

"Already" won and "Not Yet" manifested.

## **4. You are a Victor, not a Victim.**

Pray prayers of revolt, not prayers of resignation.

*Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Default settings have to be of attack, not acceptance.

*2 Corinthians 12:8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.*

When hell breaks loose, take revenge against the enemy, don't get resentful against your Commander.



*Judges 15:7 Samson said to them, "Since you would do a thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease."*

*Judges 16:28 Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!"*

Don't waste your ammo on that which is not your enemy.

*Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood...*

The spiritual battle has physical symptoms and mental strongholds.

*2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.*