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THE STRONGHOLD: Part 1 of 2

A strong hold (stronghold) speaks of a position of strength. It can be something of good or of evil. In the natural, a stronghold would be perhaps a fort or fortress, a tower, a bunker or a place of protection and safety from harm.

Numerous Old Testament references speak of Israel in their sin and idolatry. They had walled cities as a natural stronghold where they would seek safety from enemy attacks. They had alliances with pagan nations for protection, another type of "stronghold" that they saw as safety. For their unrepented sinful ways, God sent enemies to attack them as chastisement for their evil ways. The walls would be breached and allies would fail them. It was a "tearing down" of their strongholds.

On the spiritual side of things, our enemy, Satan, can also establish strongholds in our lives. He can attack us or afflict us from that "stronghold," and we feel powerless to "tear it down" and overcome him.

Is there anything in your life that feels like a stronghold that you are unable to tear down? It could be an addiction, it could be clinical (chronic) depression. It could be any variety of things in your life that you seem to be unable to break off or to get away from.

These strongholds have an unseen demonic entity behind them. Dealing with such a stronghold by natural means is usually ineffective or very difficult. That is because it is best handled in the spiritual realm because that is where the spirit dwells that afflicts you.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 says, ***"For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we do not war (fight or struggle) after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshly), but (our weapons) are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."***

Tomorrow we will look at how to tear down the bad strongholds in one's life. We will look at the true identity of our stronghold that protects us from evil.

Stay tuned for the good news.