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第8届卫斯理神学研讨会:
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The Theology and Ministry of Spiritual Warfare from the Wesleyan Perspective

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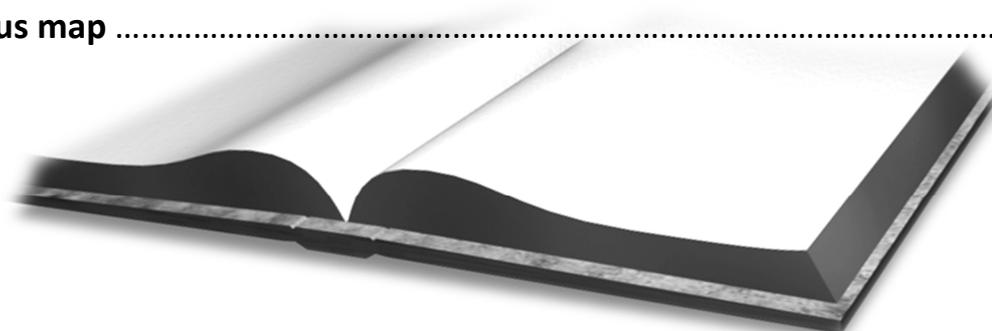


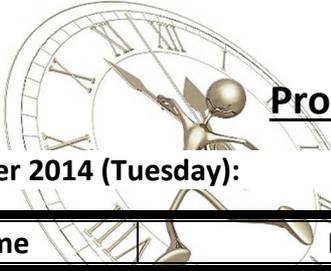
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Programs Timetable

2 September 2014 (Tuesday):

Time	Program	Venue
10:00am-12:00pm	Registration 注册	Admin Block-MTS Office
11:00am	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
12:00-2:30pm	Lunch and rest 午餐、午休	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅 *
2:30-4:30pm	Singspiration, welcome, introducing speaker, Lecture I, Q & A 歌颂赞美、欢迎、介绍讲员、第一讲、问与答	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
4:30-6:00pm	Recreation/rest 活动、休息	*
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner 晚餐	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅
7:15-9:00pm	Lecture II, Q & A 第二讲、问与答	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
9:30pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场

3 September 2014 (Wednesday):

Time	Program	Venue
5:15-6:15am	Morning service 早祷会	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
7:00-7:30am	Breakfast 早餐	Susanna Dining Hall/Hotel
7:45am	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
8:30-8:45am	Singspiration 歌颂赞美	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
8:45-10:00am	Lecture III, Q & A 第三讲、问与答	
10:00-10:30am	Break with refreshment 点心	
10:30-11:45am	Lecture IV, Q & A 第四讲、问与答	Sanctuary/MTS Classrooms 圣堂、卫神各教室
11:45am-12:15pm	Group Discussion/Sharing 小组讨论分享	
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch 午餐	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅
1:15pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场
1:00-2:30pm	Rest 午休	*
2:30-4:30pm	Free Time or 自由时间或 1. Self-Study 自习 2. Workshop: Bomoh and charms (3pm, English) 工作坊: 伊班巫师和巫术(三点正, 英语)	Library 图书馆 MTS Chapel 卫神礼堂
4:30-6:00pm	Recreation/rest 活动、休息	*
5:15pm	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
6:00-6:30pm	Dinner 晚餐	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅
7:15-9:15pm	Revival Meeting 培灵会	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
9:30pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场

4 September 2014 (Thursday):

Time	Program	Venue
5:15-6:15am	MTS Family Group 神学院家庭小组	MTS Classrooms 卫神各教室
7:00-7:30am	Breakfast 早餐	Susanna Dining Hall/Hotel
7:45am	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
8:30-8:45am	Singspiration 歌颂赞美	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
8:45-10:00am	Lecture V, Q & A 第五讲、问与答	
10:00-10:30am	Break with refreshment 点心	
10:30-11:45am	Lecture VI, Q & A 第六讲、问与答	
11:45am-12:15pm	Group Discussion/Sharing 小组讨论分享	Sanctuary/MTS Classrooms 圣堂、卫神各教室
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch 午餐	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅
1:15pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场
1:00-2:30pm	Rest 午休	*
2:30-4:30pm	Free Time or 自由时间或 1. Self-Study 自习 2. Workshop: Ghost (3pm, Mandarin) 工作坊: 鬼 (三点正, 华语)	Library 图书馆 MTS Chapel 卫神礼堂
4:30-6:00pm	Rest and Recreation 活动、休息	*
5:15pm	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
6:00-6:30pm	Dinner 晚餐	MPI Canteen 毕理学院餐厅
7:15-9:15pm	Revival Meeting 培灵会	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
9:30pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场

5 September 2014 (Friday):

Time	Program	Venue
5:15-6:15 am	Morning service 早祷会	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
7:00am	Pick-up (Hotel-MTS) 旅店 - 神学院	Hotel Lobby 旅店大厅
7:30-8:30am	Fasting and Prayer in the manner of Taize Community 泰泽式禁食祷告	Wesley Methodist Church Sanctuary 卫斯理堂圣堂
8:30-10:00 am	Lecture VII, Q & A 第七讲、问与答	
10:00-10:30 am	Break 小休	
10:30-12:00 am	Closing Ceremony and Holy Communion 闭幕礼拜与圣餐	
12:30pm	Return (MTS-Hotel) 回旅店	Basketball Court 神学院篮球场
1:50pm	Heritage Tour Gathering 文化之旅聚集	Orchid Hotel
2pm-7pm	Methodist heritage tour 卫理文化之旅	

*Please take note that a room located at Susanna ground floor will be opened at 12:30pm-1:45pm and 4:30pm-6pm during the seminar for off-campus participants. You may rest at your convenience.

Prof. Dr. Stephen Seamands Vitae...

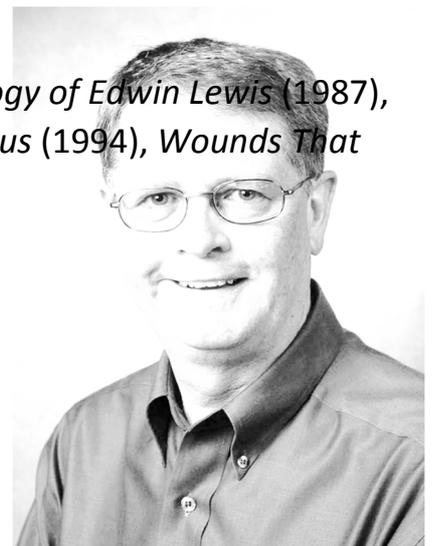
Dr. Stephen Seamands is professor of Christian Doctrine. He has served as a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary since 1983. He received a B.A. from Asbury College, 1970; a M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, 1972; a Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary, 1974; and a Ph.D. from Drew University, 1983.

Dr. Seamands was the 2005-2006 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award at Asbury Seminary. His book, *Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service* (InterVarsity Press, 2005), received the 2006 Christianity Today Award of Merit for books in the area of church and pastoral leadership.

Before coming to Asbury Seminary, Dr. Seamands pastored United Methodist churches in New Jersey for 11 years. He also pastored Hebron United Methodist Church in Kentucky from 1984 to 1986. He is an ordained elder in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to teaching and working with seminary students, Dr. Seamands is actively engaged in leading seminars and retreats and conducting spiritual renewal events in local churches across the United States. He has a particular interest in theological and spiritual renewal within the United Methodist church, as well as the larger body of Christ. He also has a deep concern for the spiritual needs of pastors and Christian leaders. His workshops, *The Healing Power of Forgiveness and Overcoming Barriers to Experiencing God's Love*, which he has presented at scores of churches and conferences, have ministered deeply to the brokenness in people's lives. He is regularly involved in what he describes as a ministry of healing prayer to seminary students. Dr. Seamands and his wife, Carol, have four children and eight grandchildren.

His books include *Christology and Transition in the Theology of Edwin Lewis* (1987), *Holiness of Heart and Life* (1990), *A Conversation with Jesus* (1994), *Wounds That Heal: Bringing Our Hurts to the Cross* (2003).



Words from the Organizing Chairman...

Selamat Datang! Welcome to the Methodist Theological School (MTS) which was established in 1954. This year, the school celebrates her 60th Anniversary! Besides endeavoring to offer academic degrees of high quality throughout these 60 years, MTS had established the Wesley Centre of Research and Practical Theology in 2002. This research unit has three purposes: (1) to **reclaim** Wesleyan heritage and **revitalize** the church by introducing and using Wesleyan resources; (2) to **collect** and **conserve** local Methodist resources and materials for research and study; (3) to **serve** as a research centre for Wesleyan and Methodist studies.

Since 2000, the Wesley Centre had organized seven seminars on various relevant ecclesiastical issues and studied them from the Wesleyan perspective: “Pastoral Spirituality in the Tradition of Wesley” (2000), “Renewing Sarawak Methodist Church from the Wesleyan Perspective” (2002), “Pastoral Leadership and Management in the 21st Century from the Wesleyan Perspective” (2004), “Scripture and Evangelism from the Wesleyan Perspective” (2006), “Wesleyan Theology and the 21st Century: Progress and Relevance” (2008), “Heritage Alive” (2010), “The Theology and Ministry of Healing from the Wesleyan Perspective” (2012).

This year, in our 8th Wesleyan Seminar, the Wesley Centre wants to investigate another significant issue, that is, the theology and ministry of Spiritual Warfare from the Wesleyan perspective. In his *Explanatory Notes Upon The New Testament*, John Wesley remarks that “**deliverance from the power of sin and of the Devil**” are what a real Christian wants “for himself or his brethren” (notes on Matthew 6:13). Wesley regards the Devil as “the grand **adversary** of all the saints, whether Jews or Gentiles” for the Devil has deceived the whole world “through all ages and in all countries into unbelief and all wickedness, into the hating and persecuting faith and all goodness” (notes on Revelation 12:9). Wesley doubts not the existence of the “wicked spirits in heavenly places” and he points out that they “continually oppose faith, love, holiness, either by force or fraud; and labor to infuse unbelief, pride, idolatry, malice, envy, anger, hatred” (notes on Ephesians 6:12). However, the Methodist prominent leader is convinced that the crucified and risen Christ Jesus has conquered Satan, as well as sin, death and hell!

No wonder, Charles Wesley, another key leader of Methodism, writes in his well-known hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (1739, UMH 57): “**Jesus! The name that charms our fears**” (stanza 3). In his hymn “Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose” (1749, UMH 153), he highlights that Jesus is “my all in all...in want my plentiful supply, in weakness my almighty power, in bonds my perfect liberty, **my light in Satan’s darkest hour**, in grief my joy unspeakable, my life in death, my heaven in hell” (stanzas 3-4). In his hymn “Jesus! The Name High over All” (1749, UMH 193), he accentuates, “Jesus! the name high over all, in hell or earth or sky; angels and mortals prostrate fall, and **devils fear and fly**” (stanza 1). In the hymn “’Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies” (1749-51 and 1762, UMH 282), he observes, “**Satan hath lost his mortal power**” (stanza 4). In the hymn “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” (1749, UMH 513), he declares, “From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray, **tread all the powers of darkness down** and win the well-fought day” (stanza 4)!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray that the purposes of this seminar will be achieved in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God the Father:

- To have more in-depth **study** of Wesleyan theology and its impact in the area of Spiritual Warfare on our church today;
- To **spread** Scriptural holiness across the land of Malaysia and other countries through a profound Biblical as well as Wesleyan understanding and practice of Spiritual Warfare.

During the Wesleyan Seminar, you are most welcome to visit the Wesley Centre in MTS’s administration building (next to the school’s chapel and library) which has more than three thousands books on Methodism and more than fifty Ph.D. theses related to Methodism. May God bless you!

Blessings, Rev. Thomas Lau Sie Ngiu.

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Lecture I:

Why a Conference or Class on a Wesleyan Approach to Spiritual Warfare?

1. Spiritual Warfare has been a Neglected Subject among Orthodox and Wesleyan Christians

A. Theological Concerns

- “Any teaching on spiritual conflict that leads us to fear the Devil to such an extent that we lose our confidence in Christ’s victory over him and in God’s sovereign power to protect us must be rejected” —*Nairobi Consultation on Deliver Us from Evil*, Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, 2000.
- “When Satan attacks you, command him in the name of Jesus to bend his neck. On the back of it you’ll find there is a nail-scarred footprint!” —E. Stanley Jones
- **“Put Christ in the center of our vision, and if Satan is lurking around he will appear on the margin only and be seen as but a shadow on the edge of the brightness. It is always wrong to reverse this--to set Satan in the focus of our vision and push God out to the margin.”--A.W. Tozer**
- C.S. Lewis: **“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an unhealthy interest in them. ” --*Screwtape Letters, preface***

B. Practical Concerns

2. Ministering Deliverance to the Captives was an essential part of the Ministry of ministry of Jesus and the Ancient Church

A. The Ministry of Jesus

- “Though it frequently embarrasses us today, Jesus was viewed by his own age as a great exorcist. His power to cast out demons was central to his ministry..., Jesus’ exorcism was in no way peripheral, but stood at the heart of his work.”--Harvey Cox
- The Threefold Ministry of Jesus (Mt 9:35). He *preached, taught,, & healed*
- Exorcism is an aspect of healing.
- *“The expulsion of demons and the healing of the sick go together, because people bring their sick and their possessed to Jesus, and he heals both.”--Jurgen Moltmann*
- Jesus gave his disciples authority to cast out demons in his name (Mt 10:1,7-8; Lk 9:1;10:17-19)
- The Three-fold Calling of the Twelve Apostles. “And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles... to be with him, to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons.”

B. The Early Church

- “An investigation into the life and work of the early churches shows that the early churches continued the practice of exorcism and that, rather than being peripheral to the ministry, exorcism was an important part of their mission.”--Graham Twelftree

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- “Making disciples” out of new believers who desired to be baptized (“catechumens”) involved:
 1. Intensive instruction in the scriptures and the rule of faith
 2. Training in Christian lifestyle with admonitions to give up and renounce ungodly practices
 3. Deliverance ministry
 4. Baptism, including renunciation of Satan and confession of allegiance to Christ
 - “Moreover from the day they are chosen, let a hand be laid on them and let them be exorcised [*exorkizein*] daily. And when the day draws near on which they are to be baptized, let the bishop himself exorcise each one of them, that he may be certain that they are purified (20.3)--The *Apostolic Tradition (Hippolytus of Rome CA 215)*”
 - The Expansion of the Church and Spiritual Warfare
 - Revealed the powerlessness of the demons people feared and the superiority of Christ over all.
3. Spiritual Warfare played an Important Part in the Theology and Ministry of John Wesley
- A. He firmly adhered to orthodox Christian teaching and affirmed the existence of Satan, angels and demons.
- Several of his sermons are explicitly devoted to these topics. (See #42 “Satan’s Devices; #71 “Of Good Angels”; #72 “Of Evil Angels”).
 - His concern is not to focus on these subjects in themselves, or to engage in speculation, but so that Christians seeking to be holy would understand the strategies of the devil.
- B. In holding firm to orthodox teaching on this subject, Wesley faced significant opposition in his day.
- The 18th century was the Age of Reason, and with the rise of modern science many educated people no longer believed in the invisible world and the existence of angels and demons.
 - Modern skepticism had also influenced the thinking of many clergy and bishops in the Church of England.
 - Wesley and the early Methodists were mocked and ridiculed for beliefs and severely criticized for playing upon the superstition and gullibility of the common people.
 - Contemporary Wesley scholars are also often critical of Wesley at this point.
- C. In addition to his formal teaching, Wesley included numerous accounts in his *Journal* of encountering persons who needed deliverance from evil spirits.
- See Daniel R. Jennings, *Supernatural Occurrences in Wesley*, p. 4-48 for 16 examples from Wesley’s *Journal*. (Available free as a pdf at www.danielrjennings.org/tsoojw2.pdf).
 - “A cursory reading of John Wesley’s journals and letter correspondence shows that he practiced and believed in the ministry of exorcism”—Robert Webster, *Methodism and the Miraculous*, p. 81.
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- He believed it was in keeping with the teaching of the Bible and so to give it up “is in effect giving up the Bible” (*Journal 17 May 1768*).
- He also based his belief on the testimonies of numerous Methodists and his own direct encounters with person’s who were under significant demonic influence. This was evidenced by their strange behavior and demons speaking through them.
- He understood the complexity of determining the source of human thoughts and actions.
- His purpose always was to set people free from demonic influence so they could be free to experience the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and grow in holiness.

4. Spiritual Warfare is crucial in fulfilling Christ’s command to make disciples.

A. Evangelism. Understanding the resistance we encounter in people’s lives. In places and communities.

B. Transferring persons from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light.

- Many people have been involved in various forms of occultic activity. Deuteronomy 18:9-13 (child sacrifice, divination, magic, spiritism) expressly forbids involvement in the occult.

C. Helping people grow in holiness.

- Many are emotionally wounded and those wounds can make them susceptible to demonic influence.

5. The Value of a Spiritual Warfare Perspective in our own Spiritual Lives

- The Christian Life as Battle. The devil’s schemes (Ephesians 6)
The Authority we have in Christ. The Incredible Greatness of Christ’s Redemptive Work.

Lecture II: Biblical Foundations of Spiritual Warfare

I. The Conflict Begins (Genesis 3:1-15)

A. The Serpent Was Wiser

“ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made” (Gen 3:1).

- Who is the serpent? 2 Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9 identify him as Satan
His character: subtle, craftier, shrewd
His origin: one of God’s creatures

B. The Anatomy of Temptation

1. From trust to mistrust (unbelief). “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”(3:1)

- “What is the real evil in this question?”
- “You will not surely die...for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
- A direct frontal attack on God: He accuses God of being a liar.
- “That the lie portrays the truth as lie is the ultimate possible rebellion.”--Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Attacks God’s character - God’s goodness
- Where sin always starts. “To doubt the goodness of God is the root of all sin.” —Oswald Chambers
- Distrust of God’s Character
- Satan—the Accuser. Almost every time he shows up in the OT, he is accusing someone (Genesis 3, Job 1-2, Zachariah 3)

2. Self-exaltation (pride). “You will be like God, knowing good and evil”(3:5)

- Satan’s own downfall “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn!... You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly...I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High”(Isaiah 14:12-15)
- Satan’s Five *I Will’s*
“I will ascend to heaven”(He wants to be in God’s realm)
“I will raise my throne above the stars of God (over the other angels)
“I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly (the throne of the messiah)
“I will ascend above the tops of the clouds (above the glory of God)
“I will make myself like the Most High (wants to be like God himself)
- Pride-Chief Among the Deadly Sins
- “According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride... It was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice:” — C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*,

3. Rebellion - I’ll do it *my* way. A deliberate turning away from God.

4. Evil desire. "The woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom"(3:6)
 - her appetite - "it was good for food" (bodily desires)
 - her eyes - "pleasing to the eye" (ambition, desire to impress)
 - her pride - "for gaining wisdom" (power)
 - "...the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life" (1 Jn 2:16)
5. Disobedience "she took some and ate it...her husband..ate it" (3:6)

C. Cursed Are You

(The Consequences of Sin)

1. Our relationship with GOD: Guilt, Shame, Alienation, Judgment
2. Our relationship with OTHER HUMANS: Alienation, Shame, Blame, Domination
3. Our relationship with NATURE:
4. Our Relationship with Ourselves: Insecurity, Self-Deception
5. Our relationship with SATAN: Enmity, Bondage

"I will put *enmity* between you [the serpent] and the woman and between your offspring and hers"(3:15).

NT on the *bondage* of humans to Satan:

- "The ruler of this world (Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- "turn..from the dominion of Satan to God"(Acts 26:17-18)
- "children of the devil"(1 Jn 3:10); "under the control of the evil one"(5:19)
- "sons of the evil one"(Mt 13:38)
- "You belong to your father, the devil"(Jn 8:39-47)
- we followed "the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient" (Eph 2:2)
- "rescued us from the dominion of darkness" (Col 1:13)
- "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers..."(2 Cor 4:3-4)
- "For Adam had become the devil's possession and the devil held him under his power, by having wrong-fully practiced deceit upon him, and by the offer of immortality made him subject to death."--Irenaeus

D. The First Promise of the Gospel (*Protevangelium*)

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his head"(Gen 3:15)

1. A Perpetual Conflict: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers."
2. The Promise of Victory over Satan "He will crush your head and you will bruise his heel."
 - Christ's incarnation - "the seed of the woman" (Gal 4:4; Rev 12:4-5)
 - Christ's sufferings and death "you will bruise his heel."
 - Christ's death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming - "He will crush your head."

II. The Final Battle: Christ's Death on the Cross

- All throughout his life and ministry (birth, temptation, ministry), Jesus was engaged in battle with Satan, but the final decisive battle was won on the cross.
- "Christ is the conqueror over all the power of the Enemy, and on the cross he inflicted such a crushing defeat on the devil that whenever his name is named in faith, Satan is bound to flee..." --Michael Green, *I Believe in Satan's Downfall*
- *Heb 2:14: "...so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death, the devil...and free those whose lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."*
- Making Sense of the Cross
"If our understanding of spiritual warfare doesn't make sense of the cross, then it is wrong."—Paul Hiebert
- How Christ wins the Victory on the Cross
"...He forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it" (Col 2:13-15)
- Forgiveness leads to Freedom
Cf. Eph 2:1-10; Heb 2:14-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; 1 Jn 3:5,8; Rev 12:7-11; Gal 1:4; Col 1:13-14
"Who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age"(Gal 1:4)
- What Christ Accomplished on the Cross
He erased the record - He set it aside – He nailed it to the cross
- How He Overcame the Devil
"It pleased God that for the sake of rescuing [us] from the power of the devil, the devil should be overcome not by power but by justice"—Augustine
- Implications for Spiritual Warfare...
We should not give the devil more power and attention than he deserves.
The *primary* focus of spiritual warfare is on dealing with issues related to sin, not directly confronting the demonic.
Where you see evidence of demonic activity (effects), look for its causes in sin (personal, communal, social, generational, etc) and make that your primary ministry focus.
- **In the lives of Believers, It is areas of Unrighteousness where We are most vulnerable to Satan**
"Our struggles trace to the unsanctified self --those parts of us not yet yielded to the Spirit or healed by grace." --Tom White
"In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."(Eph 4:26-27)

Lecture III: Understanding Worldview and Spirit World Principles

I. Worldview: A Matter of Perspective: How do we learn to “see”?

👉 The Nature of Worldview

Worldview=“the central set of concepts and presuppositions that provide people with their basic assumptions about reality.”—Darrell Whiteman

A system of ideas and values – A set of assumptions – A model to explain reality –

Learned unconsciously

👉 A. The Animistic or Tribal Worldview

1. Felt Needs for Spiritual Power

Reproduction Needs – Prosperity Needs – Health Needs – Security Needs –
Restitution Needs- Power Needs

2. Power Focus in Six Key Areas

Power Spirits - Power Objects – Power Places – Power Rituals – Power People
– Power Times and Seasons.

3. “High” vs. “Popular” Religion

👉 B. The Enlightenment (Western) Worldview

👉 C. The Biblical Worldview

II. Discovering Spirit World Principles

👉 Could principles and regularities exist in the spirit world, just as they do in the material and human worlds?”--Charles Kraft

👉 Four Spirit Realm Principles

1. What we do in the human realm has significant effects in the spiritual realm.

Daniel 10: 2-5, 12-14

2. The principles which govern the spiritual realm are essentially the same for both the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.

3. Spiritual power and control is released as a result of sacrifice, worship, allegiance, relationship, and obedience to God or to Satan.

● Israel attacks Moab (II Kings 3;24ff)

● ²⁴ But when the Moabites came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and fought them until they fled. And the Israelites invaded the land and slaughtered the Moabites.... ²⁶ When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. ²⁷ Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land (NASV).

4. Spiritual power can be imparted and conveyed through words, physical objects, and other cultural forms.

👉 Animism versus (VS) God-given Authority (Charles Kraft)

- Power is *contained* in people and objects VS. God *conveys* His power thru people and objects.
- Learn to *manipulate* spirit power thru magic or authority over spirits VS. We must submit to God and learn to work with God in using power and authority.
- Power is from Satan: He is the one who manipulates VS Power comes from God; He empowers and uses us.
- Those receiving power suffer great tragedy later VS Those receiving power experience God's love and blessings.

Lecture IV:

Ministering Release to the Captives: Essentials of Deliverance Ministry

A. What Can Demons Do to Saints?

- *External* influence - yes
- But what about *Internal* influence?
- Questions this raises:
 - ◆ Doesn't talk of internal influence or control imply possession of some sort?
 - ◆ How can demons be in a Christian if Christ and the Holy Spirit are there?
- Demon possession - NO
- Because possession implies ownership

B. In relation to Christians, it is better to use the term "demonize" than the term "demon possession"

- Gk. verb *daimonizomai* in KJV translated "demon possessed"
- *daimon* = demon
- *daimonizomai*= demonize
- **Essential meaning:** "to subject to demonic influence"
- Demonize is compatible with varying degrees of control. And can be used to refer to Christians

C. How can demons inhabit someone if Christ inhabits him or her?

- *The fallacy of this kind of thinking. Based upon an understanding of space not applicable to the spirit realm.*
- Similar problem with the meaning of "spirit-filled"
- Scripture does teach there are degrees of yieldedness to the control of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3)

D. Conversion transfers us "from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light"

- At conversion,, "There is an invasion of the Holy Spirit that breaks most of us free from direct internal demonic attachment"(Tom White). But not always.
- Demons do not have automatic access to humans
- "Always in my observation, demons are present for a reason. The bondage traces back to a particular cause, a point of entry or a lapse in the moral life" —Tom White, BGSW, 47.
- Conditions must be met to give them a right to be there

E. Three Major Causes of Demonization:

Persistent Sin. The Victimized Sins of Others. Generational Sin

1. Persistent Sin

- "Be angry but do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil"(Eph 4:27)
- Sins that are especially prone to open doorways:

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- involvement in occult practices
 - Idolatry (especially making actual images)
 - bitterness and hatred
 - persistent sexual sin or fleshly indulgence
- The sins of the flesh (Gal 5:19)
2. The Sins of Others which we have been victimized by
- Four Kinds of Abuse: Sexual, Physical, Psychological, Religious
- Not the wounds themselves, but our *reactions* (shame, anger, rage, bitterness, sadness, hopelessness, confusion) and the *lies* we believe as a result
- Results of Four Kinds of Abuse
 - i. Sexual – extreme shame, sexual problems, fear, anger
 - ii. Physical – extreme rage and interpersonal relationship problems
 - iii. Psychological – extreme negative self-image, self-rejection
 - iv. Religious – extreme confusion about God, inability to trust God
 - Wounds and reactions/lies are like *garbage*. Garbage often attracts rats (*demons*). The real problem is the garbage so that the garbage, not the rats, is the focus of ministry.
Not all emotional woundedness needs deliverance ministry.
3. Ancestral/Generational Sin...
- “Our fathers sinned and are no more. It is we who bear their punishment” (Lam 5:7)
- “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me” (Ex 20:3)
- “The Lord is slow to anger...yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation (Num 14:8)
- Confessing the Sins of the Ancestors
Daniel 9:4-19. Nehemiah 1:6-7. .Ezra 9:5-15. Lev 26:40:“But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers...then I will remember my covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will remember the land.”
 - The Cross and Ancestral Sin
“You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.”(1 Pet 1:18-19)
“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”(Gal 3:13)
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F. Results of Demonization

- *Harrassment.*
- *Oppression.*
- *Affliction.*
- *Bondage.*

G. Getting Rid of Demons

1. Deal with the Garbage First

- persistent sin issues
- emotional wounds
- generational bondage

2. Exercise Discernment

- Discernment is both 'Natural' and 'Supernatural'
- Look for Behavioral Clues and Overt Manifestations of Demonization

■ Behavioral Clues that there may be Demonization

- ◆ Compulsive Behavior
- ◆ Disturbing Dreams
- ◆ Strong Urge toward suicide or murder
- ◆ Strong self-rejection
- ◆ Involvement in habitual sexual immorality
- ◆ Involvement in the occult
- ◆ Serious generational dysfunction
- ◆ Paralyzed or Passive Will
- ◆ Pain that moves around in the body

■ Common Outward Manifestations While You are Ministering to the Person

- ◆ Lightheadedness, feeling sick, or like about to throw up
- ◆ Stiffness or shaking of body
- ◆ Headache or pain somewhere else in body
- ◆ Unusual sleepiness
- ◆ Strong desire to strike the counselor
- ◆ Strong desire to run from the session

■ Less Common Manifestations (Usually Indicating More Severe Demonization)

- ◆ Violent shaking
- ◆ Violent behavior
- ◆ Facial and/or body contortion
- ◆ Screaming, swearing
- ◆ Speaking with another voice
- ◆ Throwing up
- ◆ Eyes glazed, squinted or rolled back
- ◆ Acting out (e.g. trying to seduce counselor)

3. Conducting the Deliverance Session

- Bathe the session in Prayer (and fasting)
- Work in Teams if possible
- Begin by taking authority, claiming protection, and forbidding outside help or violence.
- Remember the Person being ministered to.
 - ◆ Do everything in love
 - ◆ Maintain the person's dignity at all times
 - ◆ Strengthen the person's will often
 - ◆ Continually encourage the person
- *'Love is the muscle of the arm of authority" T. White*

4. Challenge the Demons

- A Guess and Challenge Approach
- Ask permission to test the possibility of a demon's presence
- Challenge one demon by name, if possible (types of spirits: sin (flesh); trauma (wounds); generational/familial; occult)
- Getting information from demons (when did you get in? what do you say to this person? What right do you have to be here?)
- Discover the hierarchy of demons.
- Break off any grip demons may have through ancestral sin or curses

5. Expel the Demons

- Take authority and Command it to Leave
- If it refuses, command it to tell you what right/grounds it has to stay
- Be forceful, authoritative but patient
- How demons come out
 - ◆ person will usually know when they leave
 - ◆ often leave through the mouth, sometimes through other openings of the body
 - ◆ other signals such as flinch of body

When demons won't leave

- ◆ Demons like to hide to make you think they're not there or that they've left
- ◆ Sometimes demons will respond one after another so you won't know which one you're talking to (switching)
- ◆ They often talk big to get you to fear them
- ◆ They will deceive and lie
- ◆ They often give excuses and even plead to be allowed to stay
- ◆ They will try to wear you down
- Forbid the demons to return and seal the person with the Holy Spirit

6. Instruct the person concerning Follow-up (Surgery, Identity, Authority)

Lecture V: Corporate or Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare

■ The Role of Evil Spirits at a Cosmic or Corporate Level

“Could it be possible that satan...assigns certain of the demonic spirits under him to promote the kingdom of darkness in given nations, cities, regions, cultural groups, or other segments of the world’s populations?”—Peter Wagner

Biblical Basis for Territorial Spirits

- Dan 10. “The prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia”(vs 13). “Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come...(No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince).”(vs 20-21)
- “...not references to human rulers, but to angelic forces. There is a clear consensus among Bible scholars on this foundational point.”(Clinton Arnold, *3 Crucial Questions*, 154)
- Deut. 32:8 (cf.Ps 82). “When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples, according to the number of the gods (*LXX [Septuagint] “according to the angels of the gods)*
- “*The biblical evidence for the angelic government of the world is early. It goes back to the song of Moses in Deut. 32...This reading implies that the administration of the various nations has been parcelled out among a corresponding number of angelic powers.*”—F.F. Bruce, *Commentary on Hebrews*
- Eph 6:12 “rulers (*archai*), authorities (*exousia*), cosmic powers (*kosmokratores*)
- Rev 2:13. “To the angel of the church at Pergamum write.” Pergamum— “where Satan’s throne is.”
- “The biblical and historical evidence supports the idea that there are ‘territorial spirits.’ These are fallen angels that wield some kind of dominion over people groups, empires, countries, or cities.”—Clinton Arnold (*Three Crucial Questions*, 159)
- Engaging in Cosmic or Corporate Level Spiritual Warfare

1. Gather Information About the City/Area or Entity

- Spiritual mapping=Creating a spiritual profile of a community based on prayer and careful research so that intelligent prayer can then be aimed at the things hindering the spread of the gospel and the progress of God’s kingdom.
- Biblical precedents (Num 13, Josh 2, Neh 2, Acts 17)
- Three Crucial Questions: (1) What’s wrong with my community? (2) Where did the problem come from? (3) What can be done to change things?

2. Engage in Spiritual Actions based upon the Information Gathered through Spiritual Mapping

- A. Strive toward Unity in the Body.
 - The Need for Christians to come together across denominational and congregational lines for united prayer

“...when Satan has the upper hand in a city, we always find a Church that is deeply divided with members, congregations and denominations angry with each other. Consequently, it is futile to try to win a city for Christ without first resolving the anger expressed in divisions among Christians in that city.”—Ed Siloso, *That None May Perish*, 122-3

“The greatest playground for the devil in the body of Christ is relationships that have gone sour.”—Tom White

- The City-Wide Church
 - Pastors praying together
 - City-wide gatherings
 - Pulpit Exchanges
 - Reconciliation (racial and intra-church)

B. Identificational Repentance

- **The act of consciously including oneself within an identifiable category of human beings and confessing their sins as if they were our own.**
- **Involves (a) Ownership of Sins and (b) Offering them to God for healing and deliverance**
- Identificational Repentance in Scripture:
 - Nehemiah. He “mourned and fasted and prayed”(1:4). “I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly against you”(1:7)
 - Daniel. “in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes”(9:3)“We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and rebelled” (9:15-16)
 - Ezra 9:5-15

■ The Call to Identificational Repentance

What is Accomplished through this.

Doesn’t “remit” or “forgive” the sins of others.

- Doesn’t take the place of individual repentance.
- Sets persons/groups free from the “curses” or consequences of generational sin so they can repent and God’s blessings can be poured out.
- The Effects of Identificational Repentance
- “But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers...then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, I will remember my covenant with Jacob...and will remember their sin no more.”(Lev 26:40-42).
- Set the living free from the effects of damaged and repeating patterns of their corporate story. Release God’s grace so they can repent individually and corporately.

C. Intercessory Prayer and Fasting (both individual and corporate)

- “History belongs to the intercessors”—Walter Wink
- Intercessory Prayer Prepares the Way of the Lord
- Fasting Breaks Down Demonic Strongholds

- “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice...to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?”(Is 58:6)
- “For those occasions when Satan is long-entrenched and needs to be driven back and expelled, fasting added to prevailing prayer may be imperative...If possible, add collective fasting and prayer.”—Wesley Duewel
- Fasting is one of the 5 Wesleyan Means of Grace.
- “Prayer opens the hand of God, but fasting binds the hand of the devil”—Gwen Shaw
- To Confront or Not to Confront?
- An area of controversy in relation to Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare.
- “I can find no scriptural evidence suggesting that we have the right or authority to ‘serve notice,’ ‘evict,’ or ‘bind’ the spirits over cities, regions or nations. ”—Clinton Arnold, *Three Questions*, 164
- Steve Hawthorne, author of *Prayerwalking*, on Engaging Territorial Spirits

“There is a place where God authorizes mature Christians to speak to evil powers directly. But instead of the first thing you do all the time, this is the last thing you do some of the time.”

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Lecture VI: The Armor of God (Ephesian 6:10-20)

Introduction.

The Belt of Truth

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist”

1. Truth as the **sources** of truth God has given us:

Jesus Christ, the Person of Truth (Jn 14:6)

The Word of God (Scripture), the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15)

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:17: 16:13)

The Church, the pillar and foundation of truth (1 Tim 3:14-15)

2. Truth as **sincerity, integrity, and honesty**

- “Lord, you desire truth in the inward being” (Ps 51:6)

- “Happy are those...in whose spirit is no deceit” (Ps 32:2)

The Two Understandings of Truth Go Together

- “You cannot even begin to think of standing up in spiritual warfare unless you are first committed to personal integrity”--Gary Kinnaman

Letting the Truth Set You Free

A. Deal with the areas in your life where you know you are not being absolutely truthful.

B. Ask God to continue to reveal areas in your life where you are living in unreality and not facing the truth.

“The truth shall set you free--but first it will make you miserable”

--Jamie Buckingham

Satan attaches himself to dishonest people.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

1. **The Righteousness of Christ** (Imputed; Cor 1:30; Rom 4:5)

- “...Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption”— 1 Cor 1:30

- “However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.”-- Romans 4:5

- My Hope is Built

“My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus blood and righteousness,

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly lean on Jesus name...

On Christ the solid rock I stand...all other ground is sinking sand...

When he shall come with trumpet sound

O may I then in Him be found

Dressed in his righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus...Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn?” (Rom 8:1, 33-34)

- God intends to keep increasing your awareness of *both* your unrighteousness (sinner) and your righteousness in Christ (saint)
- John Wesley on his deathbed: “I the chief of sinners am, but Jesus died for me.”
- “Dark am I, yet lovely (SS 1:5)
- “Fire blackens wood before consuming it.”--Madame Guyon
- Talking Back to the Accuser
- “ ‘Yes, I am a sinner and I have well deserved death. You are right, but condemn and kill me on that account you shall not. There is One who will hinder you, who is called my Lord Christ, whom you have accused and murdered, although He was innocent. But do you not know how you were burnt and bruised by Him, thus losing all your rights over me and all other Christians.’--Martin Luther

2. Actual Righteousness (Imparted)

“For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth” (Eph 5:9; cf 4:2))

“For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield”(Ps 5:12)

“Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in Him”(64:10)

“Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart”(97:11)

- **Areas of Unrighteousness - Where We are most Vulnerable to Satan**
- “Our struggles trace to the unsanctified self --those parts of us not yet yielded to the Spirit or healed by grace.”--Tom White
- “In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”(Eph 4:26-27)

The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

- Do the shoes have to do with *firmness* of footing or *readiness* to proclaim the gospel to others? Again, both interpretations are valid

1. Firmness of Footing

- “Let the shoes on your feet be the gospel of peace, to give you firm footing”(NEB)
- Peace (Gk -irene; Hbw - shalom) = completion and fulfillment--of entering into a state of wholeness and unity, a restored relationship...It means peace, prosperity, health, completeness, safety (TWOT).
- Three Dimensions of Peace
- Peace with God (“Having ben justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” Rom 5:1)
- Peace with others (“He himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” Eph 2:14)
- Peace with ourselves (“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” Col 3:15)
- The Key to the Spiritual Life

- “The great principle of the interior life lies in peace of the heart; it must be preserved with such care that the moment it is in danger everything else should be abandoned for its re-establishment.”—Jean Pierre de Causaude

Three Areas Where Satan will take Advantage of a Lack of Peace in You

A.. When you’re going through a period of turbulence, trial or tribulation.

- Tempt you to doubt or question God

B..When you have inner conflicts.

Tempt you to believe lies about yourself.

C. When you’re having conflicts with others.

- Tempt you to become bitter or resentful.

– Heb 12:14-15: “Pursue peace with everyone...see to it that no root of bitterness springs up within you and causes trouble”

II Cor 2:10-11. “If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

Mt 18:21-35. How often should I forgive? Seventy x seven.

- We give the devil a foothold in our lives....

“Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, *and do not make room for the devil.*” --Ephesians 4:26-27

“When we insist on our right to revenge, we give the devil a right to us.”--Charles Kraft

2. Readiness to Announce to Others the Gospel of Peace

- “the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace”(NIV; cf JB Phillips; GNB); “the eagerness to spread the gospel of peace” (JB)
- Christ “came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.”(Eph 2:17)
- “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace (Is 52:7).”
- Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel (Eph 6:19).
- “Such tiptoe readiness has a very stabilizing influence on our own lives, as well as introducing others to the liberating gospel”-John Stott
- Methodism was meant to be...a moving Pentecost. It is not geared for standing still. It’s equilibrium depends upon forward motion. It wobbles only when speed is slackened. It will topple over in to the ecclesiastical scrap-pile if it stops. Therefore, it must not stop.”—L.W. Munhall,
- David facing Goliath (1 Sam 17) “This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.... and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”
- 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, **David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.** 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck

the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

- Our Need for Boldness. “Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:29-31)
- John Wesley endued with Power from on High
- . 'About three o'clock in the morning, as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us, insomuch that many cried out for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground. As soon as we were recovered a little from that awe and amazement at the presence of His Majesty, we broke out with one voice, We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.'—John Wesley (January 1, 1739)
- The Beginning of Field Preaching
- 'Sunday, January 21.—Preached twice, with great freedom in my heart and clearness in my voice, to two thronged congregations, especially in the afternoon, when as I was informed, near a thousand people stood out in the churchyard, and hundreds more returned home that could not come in. This put me first upon thinking of preaching without doors. I mentioned it to some friends, who looked upon it as a mad notion. However, we kneeled down and prayed that nothing may be done rashly.”—George Whitfield
- 'Friday, February 16,—Having long felt an earnest yearning toward the poor colliers, who were very numerous, and yet were as sheep having no shepherd, I went upon a mount and spake to as many as came to hear; upwards of two hundred. Blessed be God that the ice is now broke, and I have now taken the field.
- The World is my Parish! Mon.2.—At four in the afternoon I submitted to be more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation speaking from a little eminence in the ground adjoining to the city to about three thousand people. The scripture on which I spoke was this, . . . “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.”—John Wesley
- Not by might or power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord. “Unless the Holy Spirit fills, the human spirit fails.”—E. Stanley Jones

The Shield of Faith

“take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

Four Flaming Arrows

1. Fear
“You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day” (Ps 91:5)
2. Doubt “You of little faith, why did you doubt” (Mt 14:31)
3. Critical Words
“Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked...who aim bitter words like arrows shooting from the ambush at the blameless...But God will shoot his arrow at them” (Ps 64:2-7)

4. Confusion

“He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him”(Prov 30:5)

The Lord Himself is a shield (Ps 3:3; 5:12; 28:7; 33:20; 59:11; 84:9,11; 115:9; 119:114; 144:2)

Taking Hold of the Shield Through Faith

- “Faith lays hold of the promises of God in times of doubt and depression, and faith lays hold of the power of God in times of temptation”--John Stott
- “Faith mighty, faith, the promise sees And looks to that alone. Laughs at impossibilities, And cries, It shall be done”--Charles Wesley
- “It is when we are in intimate communion with our Lord and our heart responds to his that unbelief is overcome and conquered” --A. Murray
- “Lord, increase my faith!”
- “I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ who lives in me”“...The life I now live, I live by faith *in* the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20)
“The life I now live, I live by the faith *of* the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20)

The Helmet of Salvation

- Put on “the hope of salvation as a helmet” (1 Thess 5:8)
- Salvation – comprehensive - both negative (rescue or deliverance from) and positive (wholeness, health, blessing)
- Salvation is past, present and future

Salvation from the Past.....Salvation for the Future

- Salvation for the Present

1. Negative Thinking Patterns rooted in our fallen human nature, the flesh

“Your head needs salvation from wrong thoughts; immoral and impure thoughts; thoughts of suspicion and self-pity; thoughts of anger, hatred and violence; distorted thoughts; prideful thoughts, obsessive thoughts. Your head needs an infusion of divine glory.”--Gary Kinnamon

- By the Renewing of our Minds

“You were taught with regard to your former way of life to put off the old self which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”--Ephesians 4:22-24

2. Demonic influence on our thoughts.

Demons can't read our minds. They are not omniscient. But they can plant thoughts in our minds (Mt 16:23; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Tim 4:1)

The *Philokalia* - an anthology of Eastern Orthodox Spirituality

- St Simeon, the New Theologian :“When the devil with his demons had succeeded in having man banished from the garden of Eden through transgression...he acquired

access to the reasoning power of every man, so that he can agitate a man's mind by day or by night; sometimes much, sometimes a little, and sometimes exceedingly"

- St Gregory of Sinai: "Thoughts are the words of the demons and the forerunners of passions; for it is impossible for anything good or bad to be done, without its first suggesting and exciting thought about itself. Thoughts change instantly from one to another...the devil's suggestions can stick to anything even to divine thoughts."
- John Cassian: Conferences (c. 365-435): "The mind is under pressure in this life. From all sides temptation comes in torrents to drive it along and in no way will it be free of turbulent thoughts...Above all, we should realize that there are three sources for our thoughts—God, the devil, and ourselves." (p. 52)

Putting On the Helmet of Salvation

1. Guarding our Minds

"The moment a thought comes to mind that we recognize to be of the flesh or of Satanic origin, it is good to say, 'In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I reject this thought as being wrong. I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to replace it with his thoughts'--Mark Bubeck

"If this is from the enemy, I command you to stop it!" —Charles Kraft

2. Fill Our Minds with Christ

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things"(Phil 4:8)

Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

The Sword of the Spirit

- Only armor piece that can be used for attack as well as defense
- Gk word *machaira* - a small 12-14 inch sword
- The sword is *the Word of God*
- Word=*logos* or *rhema*
- *Logos*=the Word of God in general
Rhema=a particular statement, a word for a specific situation

A. The Word of God in General

- Heb 4:12 "The Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword"
- John Stott: "God's word has cutting power...We must never therefore be ashamed to use it, or to acknowledge our confidence that the Bible is the sword of the Spirit."
- The Sword of the Spirit (The Relationship between the Holy Spirit and Scripture)
- The Holy Spirit inspired it (Acts 1:16; 2 Pe 1:20-21).
The Holy Spirit enables us to understand it (Jn 16:13; 1 Cor 2:9-13)
The Holy Spirit shows us how to use and apply it.

Charles Wesley on Word & Spirit

- "Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee
The prophets wrote and spoke
Unlock the truth, thyself the key
Unseal the sacred book"--C. Wesley"

B. The Word of God given for a Specific Situation

- “If you are facing a particularly difficult situation, or trying to overcome a temptation or break a habit, you need a *rhema*, a special power word from the Spirit of God...Study the Bible with a purpose. Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you select three or four references that apply specifically to your problem.”--Gary Kinnamon

“The voice of my Beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.”--Song of Solomon 2:8

The Armor of God

- Six armor pieces - belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, sword
- It's God's armor, but we must put it on, and put it all on--the *whole* armor of God
- “Our enemies are on every side, and so must our armor be, on the right hand and on the left.”--William Gurnall

Soldiers of Christ Arise By Charles Wesley

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on
 Strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son;
 Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power
 Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.
 Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued
 But take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God;
 That having all things done, and all you conflicts passed,
 Ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.
 From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,
 Tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well fought day
 Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, “Come!”
 Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.

Revival Meeting (3/9/2014):**Scripture Text: Joshua 5:13-6:5****“The Man with a Drawn Sword in His Hand”**

How do we fight the spiritual battles that confront us as Christian leaders? How do we win the battle over the “walls of Jericho” that we face? How can we be “more than conquerors (Romans 8) through Christ?

Let’s look at what Joshua did. It has something to tell us about what we need to do.

1. Joshua looked up.

“When J. was near Jericho,” the scripture says, “he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand.”

In order to do that Joshua had to turn his vision away from Jericho.

What do you do to turn away from your Jericho? The importance of the Wesleyan “means of grace” and other spiritual disciplines.

2. Joshua fell down

Who was the man Joshua saw?

Are you for us or against us? Joshua got an answer he didn’t expect! “As commander of the army of the Lord I have now come!”

Have you been asking the wrong question? Joshua’s question changed from “Are you here to help me?” to “What can I do to help you.”

Joshua fell on his face. Do you need to fall on your face this evening?

3. Joshua took off his shoes

Vs 15—“The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”

But not what Joshua expected.

Joshua is called to worship first, not to war.

Worship causes our God to get bigger.

4. Joshua was called to exercise faith

Joshua 6:2—“Then the Lord said to Joshua, ‘See I have handed over Jericho to you.’

March around the city. And the last time, Shout.

Hebrews 11: “By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled seven days” (verse 30)

Faith is patient. Faith anticipates what God will do.

He’s here this evening. Christ Jesus--the man with the sword in his hand. Standing by your Jericho. So look up and see. Fall on your face. Take off your shoes. March around your Jericho and shout!

Fasting and Prayer in the Manner of the Community of Taizé
 Methodist Theological School
 September 5, 2014

ENTER IN SILENCE AND MEDITATION

BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE-

Parent and children; husbands and wives;

Believers and those who cannot believe;

Christians and their fellow Christians.

(taken from the entrance of the Church of Reconciliation at the Community of Taizé, France)

Bless the Lord

称颂主圣名，我心称颂上主。
 Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

称颂主圣名，领我出死入生。
 Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

My Soul is at Rest

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal - va - tion comes from God.

词义：我灵单单安静在上帝里面，我的拯救来自上帝

With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full ness, and in your light we shall see true light.
与主同在, 有丰盛不朽生命, 在主光中, 必看见真光。

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.
与主同在, 有丰盛不朽生命, 在主光中, 必看见真光。

Psalm 18

It is Good

It is good to trust in the Lord our God, trust and hope in the Lord our God.
信任上主是多么美好, 期望上主是何等美妙。

The Lord is my Light

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.
The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

词义: 上主是我的亮光, 我的亮光和拯救; 我依靠上帝。

Titus 2:11-14

Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. Let not my
 耶 稣 我 主, 祢 光 照 耀 我 们. , 不 要 让

doubts or my dark - ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with
 疑 惑 与 黑 暗 笼 罩 我. 耶 稣 我 主, 祢 光 照 耀

in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
 我 们. , 愿 我 心 迎 接 祢 的 爱.

Silence & Meditation 安静默观

The Lord is my Song

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
 Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Intercession 代禱

(Please refer to the Power Point)

Sing to God

Sing to God with joy - ful hearts. Praise the Lord for
ev - er - more, praise the Lord for ev - er - more.

Nothing can Trouble

No-thing can trou - ble, no - thing can frigh - ten Those who seek God shall ne-vergo want-ing.
凡事不忧虑, 凡事不惊慌, 只要有上帝一切都不缺.
No-thing can trou - ble, no-thing can frigh - ten. God a - lone fills us.
凡事不忧虑, 凡事不惊慌, 主同在 满足.

Throughout your day, let work and rest be quickened by the Word of God.
Keep inner silence in all things so as to dwell with Christ.
Be filled with the spirit of the Beatitudes, joy, simplicity, mercy.

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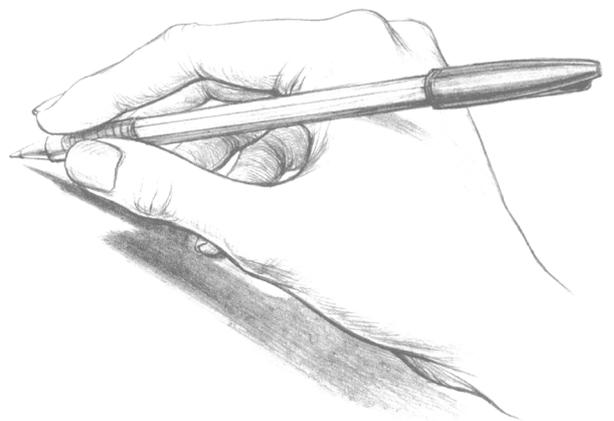
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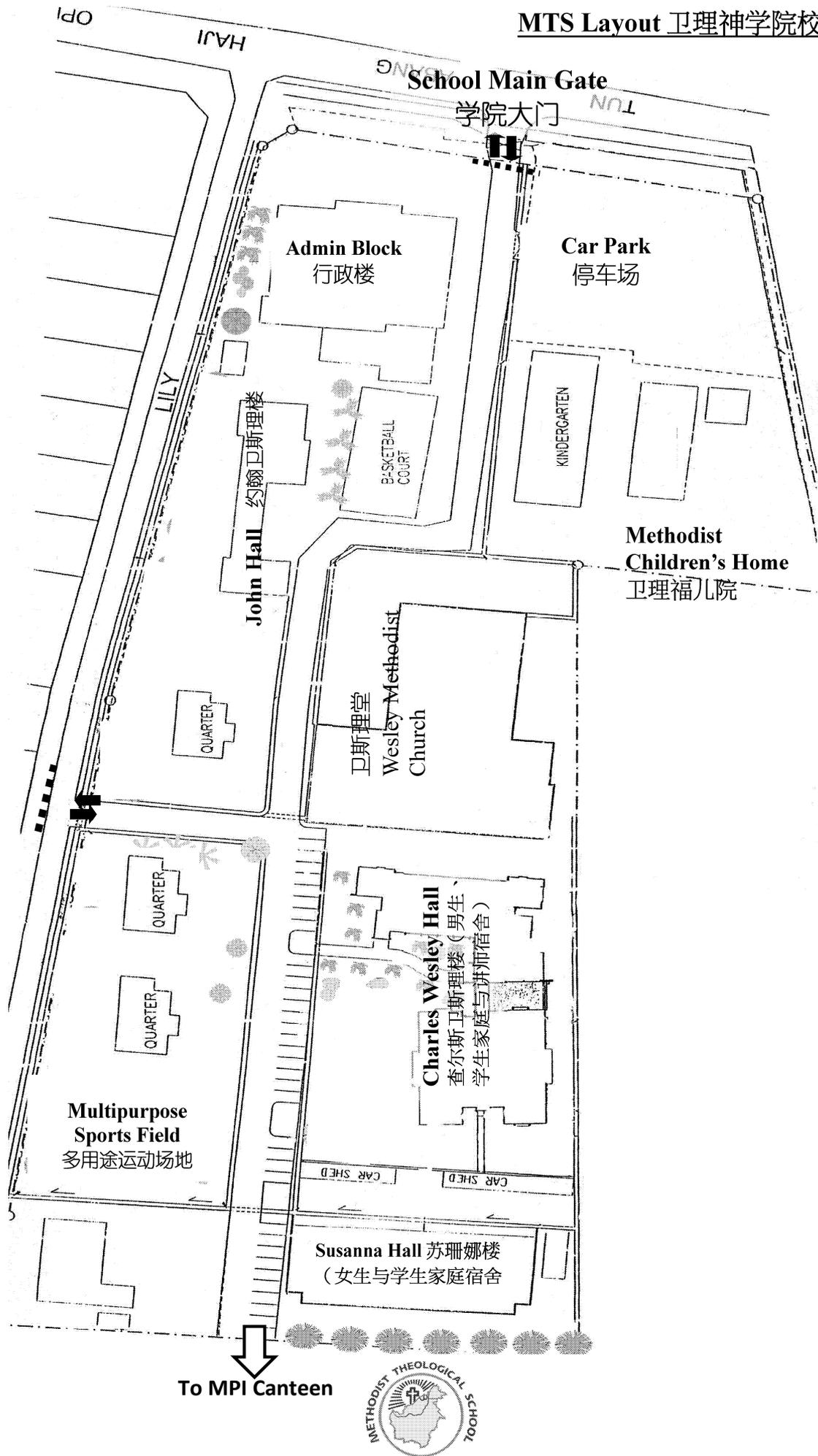
3. Workshops on Iban bomoh and Chinese's understanding of the Spiritual World:

4. Others (e.g., registration, meals, accommodation, venue, library exhibition of books on Spiritual Warfare, heritage tour):

5. Suggestion for the next Wesleyan Seminar in 2016 (e.g., theme, program):



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