

## Chapter 9

# *Overturning Strongholds*

2 Samuel 5:7

In this text, David took over the stronghold of what would become the capital of the Jewish Kingdom, Jerusalem. When a stronghold is captured, a new commander takes charge, and it is normal for the old flag to come down and a new one to go up representing the change. Considering the strongholds we have allowed the Satan and sin to erect, we must conquer them and turn them over to the Lord. It's a day of celebration when this occurs!

### **The Common Battle of the Ages**

The plan of God is to overturn the Satanic strongholds of the world and the flesh that have been affected by sin. Our daily battle is one of faith, believing God's plan will ultimately be fulfilled. We need to see our place in God's plan! Psalm 2:1-12; 9:7; 33:10; Matthew 6:10; 16:18; Romans 12:11; Ephesians 6:10-11; Revelation 11:15; 22:3

### **How to Overturn Strongholds**

1. Focus on Loving \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Matthew 6:10; Deuteronomy 30:20
2. Pray and \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 17:21; Mark 9:14-29
3. Develop a Godly \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 3:5-6; 24:6; Isaiah 8:10; Jeremiah 23:22
4. Rest and \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Corinthians 14:33
5. Identify the \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:41-42
6. See It and \_\_\_\_\_ It. Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Laying Aside Sin and Weights. Hebrews 12:1-2 ; Ephesians 4:27; 1 Corinthians 6:12

Common Battle. Uncommon Grace.

## **Remember the Future**

We live in faith looking to the \_\_\_\_\_ God promised. 2 Peter 1:4

God is the \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 2:44

## **Where Are You**

1. Considering your common battle, what steps are you actively taking to overturn the strongholds you regularly face? (Check off the ones you are actively employing.) Will you add to them the other steps you may have left unchecked? Pray and ask God for help.

- 1. Focus on Loving Obedience
- 2. Pray and Fast
- 3. Develop a Godly Council
- 4. Rest and Rebalance
- 5. Identify the Strongholds
- 6. See It and Say It
- 7. Keep Laying Aside Sin and Weights

2. Considering step 6, "Identify the Strongholds," are the strongholds you fighting really the strongholds you should be fighting? What underlying strongholds are you noticing that would be better battles to fight to overturn them for God's glory?

3. Who is on your council to impart Godly wisdom? Do you need to add or replace members?