

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 2 – Saturday

Matt. 16:18 – Footnotes 18⁴, 18⁵, 18⁶

This warfare is not just in the future when the Lord comes back; this warfare is not just in the church in general. It is there, but not only there. This warfare is in our being. Our focus, our attention should not be on the warfare; our focus should be on the romance. But when the enemy comes, we need to be empowered so that we can we can stop the enemy's attack that is coming to interrupt the dispensing of the Lord into our being. So saints, be empowered in the Lord in your personal fellowship with the Lord. In the next message we want to have more fellowship on developing the romance and how to exercise in taking captive every thought. My real burden is the quality of our time with the Lord. I know that many saints are faithful to spend time, but the enemy is relentless.

In Matthew 16 we have what is possibly the greatest prophecy in the Bible: "I will build My church". There is no period after that declaration but a comma, because right away the Lord unveiled something else: "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." On the one hand, you can take this, and we should, as a promise. The gates of Hades shall not prevail. Has it not seemed sometimes that the gates of Hades were prevailing? I think that all of us would sometimes when we look back say, "Oh oh, the gates of Hades were prevailing." But we can take the promise: "I don't live by what I see; I don't believe the appearance. I live by faith; I live by the Word. The Word says that the gates of Hades shall not prevail." On the other hand, this is a kind of warning that whenever the Lord is building the church, the gates of Hades are right there. The gates of Hades will always try to prevail. Where does the Lord build His church? How does the Lord build His church? There are some aspects of His building in the meetings of the church and in the church life, but when you are meeting with the Lord in the morning, the Lord is making His home in your heart. The Lord wants to build Himself into you more. Do not think that the gates of Hades will not be there. How do they try to prevail? Mostly in your thoughts. We want to expose the enemy and open our eyes to see the spiritual warfare around us. Still, I want to emphasize again, "Don't focus on the warfare; focus on the romance." "Amen, Lord Jesus we love You."