

BREAKING RANK (Breaches)

1. When we do not see our rank (place) in the light of the bigger mission.

-no longer see the importance of our task and slack off
-only see the importance of our own task and become self-absorbed and a lone ranger or solo soldier

2. When we begin to covet other peoples rank.

-We decide that the anointing of someone else's gift looks "better" or "stronger" than our own and we begin to covet their anointing and their position, and especially their authority.
-Whenever we step outside of our anointing we have stepped outside of our authority and people get hurt.

3. Insubordination

-Refusing to submit to authority comes from an independent spirit and an attitude that says, "I know better than the leader."
-Covering and protection come with submission to authority. Why? Because you are operating under orders and when you are operating under orders they've got your back!

4. Offenses

-Offenses bring division, suspicion, and hardened hearts. They cause us not to "be there" for one another.

5. Unrepentant, Willful sin

6. Negative Words

- Critical, negative, unbelieving words

7. Unfocused Worship

- Distractions, lateness, etc.

BATTLE READINESS

Part 4 – Ranks & Authority

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INTRODUCTION

-God is moving us from a "Moses Generation" where we came out of Egypt, were delivered from our past, and are being prepared for our inheritance – and moving us into the "Joshua Generation."

Matthew 11:12 AMP – And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force, as a precious prize – a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion.

MILITARY RANKS

-In the military there are many lines of authority, ranks, positions and functions, without which they could not operate or fulfill their mandate.

-Every person has a function, a role, a position, a place.

SATAN'S ARMY

Ephesians 6:12 MKJV - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

-Satan counterfeits the ranks and authority of God.

-The high-ranking demons operate in the 2nd heaven, while lower ranking demons infiltrate our earthly world.

-If the enemy has such a highly organized army with ranks and authority than how much more so is it true of God, who is the true Author of authority?

Acts 19:13 to 16 – They weren't sent

GOD – TOP RANKING GENERAL

-God is referred to as “Jehovah- Sabaoth” which means “Lord of Hosts or God of Armies” more than ten times more than any other title.

Exodus 15:3,6 AMP – (3) The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His name. (6) Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Isaiah 42:13 HCSB - The LORD advances like a warrior; He stirs up His zeal like a soldier. He shouts, He roars aloud, He prevails over His enemies.

Isaiah 42:13 AMP – The Lord will go forth like a mighty man. He will rouse His zealous indignation and vengeance like a warrior; He will cry, yes, He will shout aloud, He will do mightily against His enemies.

Psalms 24:8 AMP – Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

1 Peter 3:22 AMP – And He has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with all angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him.

HEAVEN’S ARMIES

-God rules from the 3rd Heaven where His throne exists and the host of spiritual beings he created: archangels, angels, seraphim and cherubim.

-The various beings have different functions, positions, and distinctions.

Eg. Comforting Angels

2 Kings 19:4-5 AMP – (4) But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a lone broom tree and asked that he might die. He said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers (5) As he lay asleep under the broom tree, behold an angel touched him and said, Arise and eat.

Eg. Warring Angels

Daniel 10:12-13 AMP – (12) Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind and heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of and in response to your words. (13) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief of the celestial princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia.

-Angels are mighty, powerful, intelligent, glorious supernatural beings. They are fierce warriors of righteousness; clothed in light and mighty in battle.

EARTH’S SPIRITUAL ARMY

-The Kingdom of God is God’s government.

-Throughout history, God has manifested His authority through men.

-If we do not receive our instructions through men, we are not likely to be a part of His army.

Ephesians 4:11-13 ESV - (11) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, (13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

-The five-fold ministry is going to help bring order and unity to the body, and help each member find their place of service in the ranks.

-It’s not about equality, it’s about function!

Ephesians 4- Gifts of Jesus – Equipping/Ruling

1 Corinthians 12 – Gifts of the Spirit - Ministering

Romans 12 – Gifts of the Father – Serving/Doing

-In the military everyone has a function from giving out supplies to taking up arms and going to the frontlines. Every task is important to the overall mission and functioning of the army.