



“Pulling Down Strongholds” pt 3 May 15, 2022

Foundation Scripture: **II Corinthians 10:3-5**

I. ***The Stronghold of Debt***

A. ***Deuteronomy 28:11-13***

1. Most people do not realize the power that debt has on their lives. Debt is a financial strain that enslaves God's people.
2. Over 80% of Americans have debt....why? ***The lie: You cannot have the things you want and need without me!*** (Debt takes the place of Jehovah Jireh....the real one that provides!)
3. ***(Deuteronomy 28:38-39)*** – If you feel like you can't ever get ahead...living from paycheck to paycheck...this is a curse, and there is a better way!

B. ***Proverbs 22:7***

1. Come to grips with the truth first and then you can become free: Debt invades your life like a nagging pest (Millions of dollars are spent on advertisement on how to keep you in debt for the rest of your life).
2. Debt's goal: To enslave you (make you its servant). Once you realize the stronghold behind it, then you can turn the tables and become a child of the King.
 - * ***Egypt is the system***
 - * ***Pharaoh is the Spirit***
3. Debt is a spirit – Begin to speak to it and ask God for wisdom on how to eliminate the Egypt mentality out of your life!
 - * ***Debt Freedom takes determination and the willingness to do things that very few people are willing to do.***
 - * ***Satan will do anything he can to keep you in debt; he will challenge you in the beginning once you have made the decision....but the more you stick to the plan, the weaker his voice becomes!***

II. ***The Stronghold of Fear***

A. ***II Timothy 1:7***

1. Spirit – this identifies that Fear is more than an emotion; it is a stronghold
2. ***Proverbs 3:23-26 (The Promise of Safety)***
3. ***Psalms 3:5-6***

B. ***Hebrews 2:14-15***

1. Fear....You will not have a hold on me!
2. No weapon that is formed against me will prosper....(Satan may try to form the weapon, but it doesn't have a chance of prospering against you!)
3. ***Ephesians 6:10-12***
 - * When you are STRONG in the Lord, no stronghold can have a grip on you.
 - * See yourself the way God sees you...See yourself victorious and triumphant...See yourself free from every stronghold!