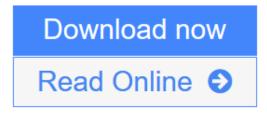


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The Bible is explicit: We live in a world of distinct opponents; our very lives are a battle. Yet too many Christians lose more battles than they win and endure their walk with God rather than enjoy it because they don't recognize the enemy when they see it. More importantly, they have no idea how to respond. While society tells us we can react simply, the truth is that a wish, a hope, and a prayer are not the best responses to attacks from those who stand between us and the Father. Christians must be strategic in their reactions to these clearly defined enemies, learning how to fight biblically and effectively rather than just sincerely. In Spiritual Warfare, Dr. Karl Payne - pastor of Leadership Development and Discipleship at Antioch Bible Church and Chaplain for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks - has written a guidebook for defense that is simple, biblical, and transferable. Through his teaching on how to recognize and resolve attacks from the world, we learn that we are more than conquerors in Christ.

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#### **Brandon Carpenter says**

#### Great book

The best book that ive read on this subject. Very balanced view. Also, very practical and educational for anyone wanting to help someone be delivered from the world, the flesh, or the devil.

#### **Dana says**

Amazing book. I feel better equipped and less fearful to protect myself from demons and curses. My favorite quote is "Americans worship the creations instead of the creator."

I would strongly recommend this book.

#### **Raymond C Odom says**

#### **Amazing Book**

Dr Payne and his book showed me how God could deliver my son from demons that had tried to dismember a family member. His writing and his personal commitment to equipt Christians is unparalleled in this area. EVERY Christian should have and use this book.

#### Sam says

This book has an interesting premise that Christians can still be "demonized," or afflicted by demons internally through the granting of "footholds" (unconfessed and unrepentant sin). The idea itself seems to align with Scripture at a general level, and Payne is careful not to pump up fear or cause undue focus on demons, balancing "the world, the flesh, and the devil" quite nicely, although the focus of the book naturally leads to more time being spent on demons. He also emphasizes quite appropriately the fact that all Christians are victors over demons through the victory of Christ, and argues that it is only when a Christian clings to sin that he gives demons footholds, and those footholds can be removed as soon as sin is confessed. In other words, Payne doesn't teach a self-serving exorcist view of demons, but at the most basic level is merely reminding Christians of the victory they already have in this battle. Through this he also argues that Christians need to stop either ignoring the supernatural realm altogether or living in fear of it. All of this is very helpful and commendable

Unfortunately, the book suffers from much proof-texting, ad hominem arguments against those who denigrate his efforts or disagree with his exceesis (although his own exceesis is often non-existent). He also

repeats himself over and over again--the book reads as though he distilled several different lectures/sermons on the same topic without very careful editing. Most importantly, he barely makes an argument for his view of spiritual warfare, instead assuming it to be true from his experience and expecting the reader to come along for the ride.

I would love to read a book on the same topic that featured more responsible exegesis and less defensive arguments--or rather, arguments at all. It's an interesting premise of which I would like to see a better treatment than Payne is ultimately able to provide.

#### Marcus Constantine says

Solidly biblical and so practical -- this book was a Godsend, so helpful and timely; I read it just before an extended season when we served on the mission field in Africa. Applicable for followers of Jesus everywhere

#### **Douglas Beck says**

Very good, balanced view of the world, flesh and the devil.

#### Laura DW says

#### Awesome truths!

All Christians are in a battle and are often living in defeat, frustration and discouragement. Dr. Payne gives great insight into the battle as well as the weapons, resources and strategies at our disposal to walk in victory! Every believer should read this book!

#### **Randy Alcorn says**

My friend Karl Payne has written a thoughtful book based on years of study of the Scriptures and personal experience counseling Christians under demonic influence and attack. You need not agree with all the author's positions, but if you trust God's Word then you are compelled to believe that there are powerful demonic spirits at work in the world, and that the goal of Satan, prince of demons, is to distract, deceive and devour us. Spiritual warfare is a reality, and the person most likely to lose the battle is the one least aware of it. I recommend Karl's book to help you become more aware of our enemies' strategies, and prepare yourself for spiritual combat.

#### Peggy says

Spiritual Warfare is a must read for anyone who wants victory in their Christian walk. Karl Payne gives a

detailed accurate account of how to fight the world, the flesh and the schemes of the devil. This is a book not only to read but to study.

#### His Love Studios says

Useful, but takes ages to get to his points.

#### Janet says

I had no idea what to expect when I started this book. I learned of it from Janet Parshall's show and since I know very little on the subject, why not try it. I did learn a lot about spiritual warfare. It's not talked about much and I've learned why. Not politically correct, fear and so forth. So I learned of the three things that can harm man but oh so much more. I think it brought me closer in my walk with God and brought back some things I had learned in my youth. Do not fear man, fear God. Serve Him and follow scripture. this is a book I will revisit.

#### **Ben Laur says**

I found this book to be helpful on many fronts. The advice he offers on living a holy life is perceptive and clear. His idea that we must not oversimplify demonic activity to a paradigm of "oppression or possession" is something that I likewise think is prudent. The main argument and contribution of the book then is the introduction of a third category which presume calls "demonization". The book is filled with many stories of Payne commanding demons out of believers and seeing then free from their demonization. Payne seems to build the bulk of case upon three arguments, starting with his personal experiment as the first. The second is the believers delegated authority from Christy over the demonic world. The third is his interpretation of the word  $\tau 0$ ? $\pi 0v$  in Ephesians 4:27 as a place where a demon had been welcomed by the individual to reside and exhibit an influence over the individual. Payne elaborates on this a deal, explaining that this is possible in the life of a true believer, just as it is possible for a renter to sub-lease a room of his house to a new tenant even though neither the renter not the sub-leaser is the legal owner of the house. While Payne may be correct to say that  $\tau 0$ ? $\pi 0v$  means that a person has given a demon a "place" in his/her life, I am very weary of building an entire theology of of the interpretation of a single word in one verse.

Payne anticipates a significant amount of criticism for his views, and writes that a person's beliefs should be based upon careful study of what the scriptures say, no matter how loudly or how frequently people day things to the contrary. A falsehood does not become true no matter how many times it is adamantly repeated. Though I did find the book to be helpful in many ways, I found it ironic that at least to me, many of Payne's ideas do not seen to be carefully or clearly explained from what Scriptures teach, but that he frequently and adamantly repeats them nevertheless. Without this explanation, the book often gives the appearance of proof-texting. An example is Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 2:11, interpreted by Payne to mean that the church was very well aware of the apostolic teaching on demonization which was then lost, but which had been recovered by Payne in this book, as well as by others. I'm skeptical of this to say the least.

#### **Paul Herriott says**

The book starts off with a Bang and then keeps a more level approach. Payne talks through not only demonization but temptation of the flesh and world. These three are often confused or ignored. He also pushes against the common Protestant belief of the demonic possession and/or demonic influence, by developing from scripture a more nuanced view of demonization. Recommended for all Christians.

#### **Trenace Hayes says**

#### **Excellent Book**

Very insightful. Plainly written and easy to understand. I learned a lot and would recommend this to any one interested.

#### **Taylor Ince says**

worth reading. much neglected topic in western evangelical church, to our great loss.