



“Pulling Down Strongholds”

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I. **II Corinthians 10:3-5**

A. Stronghold

1. **Greek: Fortify; Castle**

2. The best physical example of a stronghold in the Bible is Jericho (**Joshua 6:1-2**)

B. Spiritual Understanding

1. Anything that has a “strong grip” or strain in your life; bondage (a stronghold on your life is just like Jericho; it keeps its habitat safe on the inside while keeping God’s freedom outside).
2. Principalities & Powers, Rulers of Darkness, Spiritual Wickedness (**Ephesians 6:12**)
 - * *Principalities & Powers – Individuals*
 - * *Rulers of Darkness – Regions*
 - * *Spiritual Wickedness – Cities & Nations*
3. Political Strongholds & Religious Strongholds are some of Satan’s highest dominions in this world (Men ruling over men)
 - * *Nimrod – mighty hunter “of men” (Genesis 10:8-9)*
 - * *The leader that constructed the Tower of Babel; he was the first tyrant!*

- **Every Stronghold has a spiritual root; it cannot remain unless it has something that gives it the right to remain!**

II. Strongholds Revealed

A. **Sickness**

1. All sickness is under the curse; **Galatians 3:13** reminds us that Jesus redeemed us from the curse....but why are so many Christians still sick?
2. Spiritual roots (strongholds); many times, people are only treating a symptom and not the root cause of a sickness. The medical world and its pharmaceuticals actually enhances the livelihood of strongholds today.
3. **Galatians 5:19-20** (**Witchcraft: Pharmakeia – Medication, Sorcery, Magic**)
Revelation 18:23 (*Sorceries – same work as above – pharmacy*)
4. Ask: Will this drug cure me? Does this drug have side effects? (SIDE: not normal or on my side / EFFECT: a change that is not wanted)

B. Financial Strain

1. This is also under the curse (**Deuteronomy 28:38-39**)
2. This stronghold weighs on the mind (Children of Israel carried this spirit with them even when they were free from Egypt. You cannot go to the Promise Land until you remove Egypt from your heart!