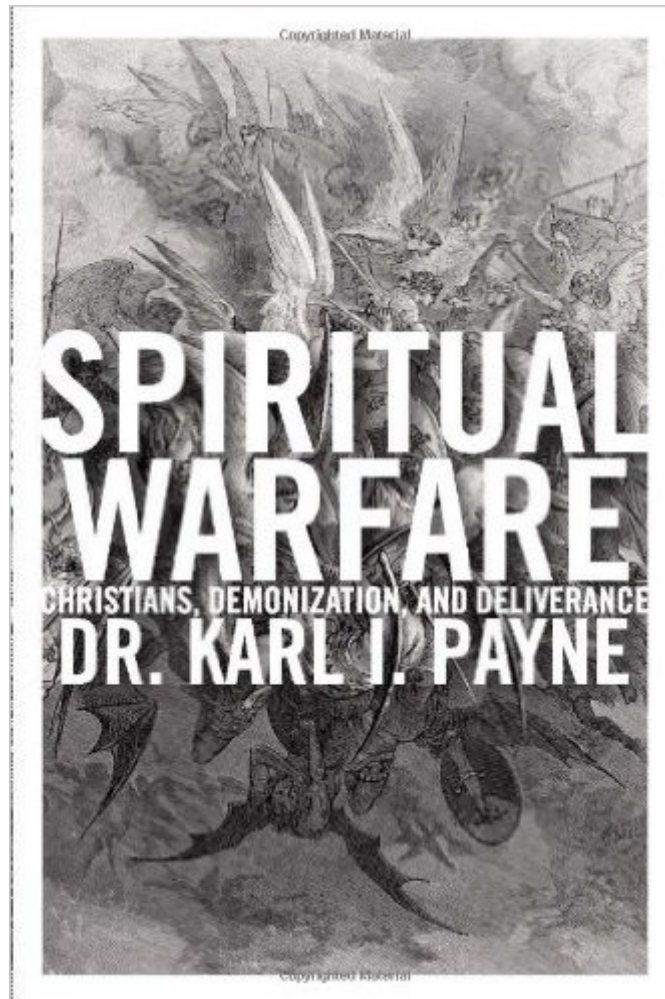


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# Spiritual Warfare: Christians, Demonization And Deliverance



## Synopsis

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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I will start with Ergun Caner's comments about this book because they echo my sentiments: "Books on spiritual warfare usually make me cringe. On one side, some authors write incendiary works that see a devil behind every bush and every sneeze. Inversely, other theological works often ignore the demonic realm completely as if Satan is simply a metaphor, and not real. This work by Karl Payne is a Godsend. Finally we have a balanced and theologically sound examination of demonic oppression and possession..."What I personally have found invaluable are:1. He talks about the three areas that Christians need to battle- the flesh, the world and the devil. Therefore, this book is not just

about demons, though a large part is devoted to that area.<sup>2</sup> The section that is about demons is very specific and practical. He walks every Christian through how to overcome demons through Christ's authority by laying it out step by step. I also appreciated his sharing of some of his experiences, including his first encounters where things did not go well because everyone involved was unaware of the specific steps he talks about. I found after reading this book I went from pleading ignorance in spiritual warfare as my way of [falsely] "protecting" myself to understanding the simple steps under Christ's authority of how we can overcome.[and continue to study] Also, an important thing to note- "His book has recently been selected as one of just two books that Wycliffe Bible Translators will utilize in the training of all their missionaries." [...] I really feel this book is a must read for Christians. Thank you, Karl, for sharing your wisdom and experiences for us all to learn from.

I was given this very helpful Biblically based book after a confusing experience I had with a friend who I knew to be a true believer in Christ. I had always been told that believers can only be oppressed by evil, but never possessed. Yet this friend was experiencing something beyond oppression. She was being tormented by evil that would not permit her to read her Bible, nor even hear other believers when we would pray with her. She was crying out for help as she was slowly being destroyed, but I didn't know how to help her. Some would say she was crazy and needed mental health care, but I knew this friend very well and that was not the case. Others would say she must not be a true believer, but again I knew from years of close friendship as prayer partners that also was not true. Karl Payne explains very clearly exactly what this friend was experiencing, a level of demonic attack that he calls "demonization". He explains that demonization is different than oppression and possession. From his many encounters with true believers that have suffered from demonization, Dr. Payne exposes the tactics that demons use to try to destroy Christians. He goes beyond describing to explaining step by step how we can help those who are experiencing this kind of attack. His approach is Biblical and supported every step of the way by scripture. I believe that every Christian needs to be wise regarding the schemes of our enemy, and I am encouraging every believer I know to read this book. Thank you Karl Payne for your willingness to speak out on this often unpopular and usually misunderstood topic with sound Biblical wisdom.

I really like this book. Surely it will become a modern day classic. The approach that Dr. Payne takes towards spiritual deliverance is refreshingly efficient. I particularly like how he reframes the issue of "oppression" and "possession" of Christians so that the real issue of deliverance can be addressed. The Biblical teaching is on point with references to resolve controversial interpretations

that are not always biblically-based. Having been involved in intercession and deliverance ministries; I find the methodical and almost "clinical" approach to deliverance to be encouraging in that many believers are very uncomfortable if not scared of the historical attempts at deliverance. These very attempts are often lampooned in the media (and the church) as a circus-like atmosphere which is not helpful in terms of giving credibility to deliverance activities regardless of their good intentions and somewhat effectiveness. I believe that widespread studying of this book will quickly advance the Body of Christ in recognizing and winning spiritual warfare as evil spiritual activity continues to increase in the world until Jesus returns to claim His Bride. Beyond Belief

If you are looking for a book to challenge your thought process and give you insight about Spiritual Warfare this is it! Regardless of your theological background, this book offers practical yet Biblical explanations that are in a clear and simple way to understand. Karl Payne is brilliant and passionate about Spiritual Warfare and it shows! :)

Spiritual Warfare: Christians, Demonization and Deliverance Dr. Karl Payne's academic work is well established. He has authored books that are well researched and clearly written. He has developed a wide variety of training material for use in apologetics and evangelism. Karl organizes World View Conferences that bring in well known speakers and educators to discuss a wide variety of contemporary issues. Karl is current and informed. He has collaborated with others in writing on social issues, such as the book on Just Defense, see: A Just Defense: The Use of Force, Nuclear Weapons, and Our Conscience (Critical Concern Book) Karl plainly addresses the issues at the real world level; he's pragmatic, coherent and direct. He is not afraid of an intellectual confrontation and maintains a level of dignity and professionalism that is expected of someone who walks the talk. I've known Karl for many years and enjoy his pedagogy. Karl stands unquestionably on the Word of God and is able to make his points through the scriptures. His confidence is in the Word. Karl's day job gives him insights into the issues addressed in this book that very few will ever see or experience, thankfully.

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