

Notes: July 25, 2015

Start: 10 AM

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Spiritual Warfare – When the Enemy Attacks

Last week, I closed my sermon by conveying the tools needed for every believer in order to endure spiritual attacks of the enemy.

So, if Scripture identifies the need for these tools then the reality of Spiritual warfare must be real.

Eph 6:11 Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary.

During this week, we received comments and questions pertaining to last Shabbat for which I am going to go into more detail. In addition, the events of this past week have resulted in this sermon ultimately writing itself. Meaning that the spiritual battles we face were experienced this past week.

There are varying degrees of spiritual warfare, so, it is not just one aspect, but can be experienced in varying degrees of intensity.

As with understanding of Scripture, meaning, not everyone agrees with every aspect of Scripture, so to not everyone is in agreement with certain acts of Spiritual warfare.

I am not here to prove or disprove any aspect of Spiritual warfare, but to inform you, so you can utilize effectively, the full armor of Adonai.

From demonic possession of believers to demonic influence through oppression to attacks from within the body of believers.

All are serious, yet different.

Last week after service there was a time of prayer for a specific situation that was being facilitated by Jeri and involved potential demonic possession. Something that is never to be taken lightly, whether you believe it can happen or not.

These were Jeri's instructions regarding prayer on July 18th:

“She asked that anyone whose prayer life and walk with Yeshua was not where it needed to be to walk away. As scripture clearly indicates that this will hamper the effectiveness of prayer and intercession. She also asked that anyone who did not know how to conduct demon warfare or were afraid of demons to also leave. As demons were nothing to fool around with. She have seen disastrous results from believers who did not know what they were doing when it came to dealing with demons. She did not tell anyone they could not pray, just not directly in the circle. It was not the time or the place to go into demon warfare, their tactics, and how to fight them. IT WAS A TIME FOR PRAYER.”

These instructions were meant for your protection, but also to maintain a strong surrounding.

The adversary and his followers are not stupid by any means. They can tell the weak sheep from the strong sheep. They can tell if your faith is strong or weak.

We have examples of people possessed in Scripture. We have examples of eradicating demons, both success and failure.

Are these examples there to show us the result or are they there to show us that it is possible.

Both.

It can happen to the innocent child...

Luk 9:42 Even as the boy was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground and threw him into a fit. But Yeshua rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

Yudah from K'riot (Judas) was entered by the adversary.

Luk 22:3 At this point the Adversary went into Y'hudah from K'riot, who was one of the Twelve.

Possession is possible, Scripture doesn't clearly identify a believer being possessed, however, in talking with another Messianic Rabbi who has dealt with this on a more direct level, not only has he seen believers who were under demonic possession and through his ministry eradicated them, but he too was at one time possessed himself. He was a Spirit filled believer who was born again and was ministering, yet not in a fully anointed manner. His family life was greatly affected by the demons that were within him.

You talk with someone else, and you could get a different answer.

My point is that this shouldn't be taken lightly.

I am also not saying that everyone is possessed. Demonic influence doesn't require possession.

What does Yeshua say...

Mat 10:1 Yeshua called his twelve talmidim and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every kind of disease and weakness.

We have been given the authority to drive out unclean spirits as well as heal every kind of disease and weakness.

Just because you have received the authority, doesn't make you capable, nor an expert.

First, let's consider Yeshua as an example in that He is the one who gave us this authority.

Luk 4:32 They were amazed at the way he taught, because his word carried the ring of authority.

Luk 4:33 In the synagogue there was a man who had an unclean demonic spirit, who shouted in a loud voice,

Luk 4:34 "Yaah! What do you want with us, Yeshua from Natzeret? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!"

Luk 4:35 But Yeshua rebuked it: "Be quiet, and come out of him!" The demonic spirit threw the man down in the middle of the crowd and came out of him, having done him no harm.

Luk 4:36 They were all astounded and said to one another, "What kind of teaching is this? Why, he gives orders with power and authority to the unclean spirits, and they come out!"

He spoke with authority.

The adversary and his demons know Yeshua is Lord over everything and therefore must submit to Him.

Authority was given by Yeshua to His talmidim...

Mat 17:14 As they came up to the crowd, a man approached Yeshua, kneeled down in front of him,

Mat 17:15 and said, "Sir, have mercy on my son, because he is an epileptic and has such terrible fits that he often falls into the fire or into the water.

Mat 17:16 I brought him to your talmidim, but they couldn't heal him."

Mat 17:17 Yeshua answered, "Perverted people, without any trust! How long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!"

Mat 17:18 Yeshua rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, so that from that moment he was healed.

Yet they were unable to heal the child.

Just because you have been given authority to cast out demons, to subdue demons, doesn't mean you are properly prepared to do so...

Trained by Yeshua, yet were unable to heal the boy.

What was the problem?

Mat 17:19 Then the talmidim went to him privately and said, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

Mat 17:20 He said to them, "Because you have such little trust! Yes! I tell you that if you have trust as tiny as a mustard seed, you will be able to say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!' and it will move; indeed, nothing will be impossible for you!"

It stemmed from their diminished faith. They were given the authority, yet were unable to do so. It would be similar to a law student having passed the bar exam. He is licensed to practice law and has authority to defend their client in court. Just because they have this authority doesn't make them a good lawyer. They now have to put their equipping into practice.

Utilizing the name of Yeshua as authoritative isn't sufficient by itself either. It is not "magic", whereby His name invokes supernatural powers. Consider the following...

Act 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Sha'ul.

Act 19:12 For instance, handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were brought to sick people; they would recover from their ailments; and the evil spirits would leave them.

Act 19:13 Then some of the Jewish exorcists who traveled from place to place tried to make use of the name of the Lord Yeshua in connection with people who had evil spirits. They would say, "I exorcise you by the Yeshua that Sha'ul is proclaiming!"

Act 19:14 One time, seven sons of a Jewish cohen gadol named Skeva were doing this;

Act 19:15 and the evil spirit answered them. It said, "Yeshua I know. And Sha'ul I recognize. But you? Who are you?"

Act 19:16 Then the man with the evil spirit fell upon them, overpowered them and gave them such a beating that they ran from the house, naked and bleeding.

They came and invoked the name of Yeshua, yet there was no power behind their words. They had mimicked what others had done, yet were unsuccessful, to the point of being tormented by the evil spirit.

The evil spirit was able to discern that they did not truly believe in Yeshua, yet saw right through them. Ultimately, based on verse 13 there was no relationship between them and Yeshua.

Act 19:17 When all this became known to the residents of Ephesus, fear fell on all of them, Jews and Greeks alike; and the name of the Lord Yeshua came to be held in high regard.

Act 19:18 Many of those who had earlier made professions of faith now came and admitted publicly their evil deeds;

Act 19:19 and a considerable number of those who had engaged in occult practices threw their scrolls in a pile and burned them in public. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, it came to fifty thousand drachmas.

To give you an idea of how much we are talking about - A drachma was a day's wages for common labor; therefore think of fifty thousand drachmas as at least two million dollars by today's standard.

Hopefully you can understand when a specific instruction is given yet not everyone is permitted to participate. Believe it or not, Yeshua did the same thing as well. He made restrictions at times...

Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.

Torah itself sets aside provisions for certain people that don't apply to everyone, the Levites come to mind.

Your not being excluded because we don't like you. It has to do with the nature of the situation, giftings, Spiritual maturity and faith.

I would hope by now, after 5 years doing this that there is a certain level of trust in Jeri and myself leading the congregation.

I am not telling you to have blind faith, but to trust that we are both being guided by the Ruach ha Kodesh in everything we are doing for the congregation.

What I have just covered would be considered an introduction, it is in no way comprehensive. I did not cover generational curses or other types of situations that would keep you in oppression.

What about spiritual warfare that comes from other believers in the same Messiah, who read and affirm the same Scriptures.

Below is a comment posted on Facebook, from someone who has attended the congregation...

A certain messianic synagogue in Maine teaches that if the nation of Israel is terminated we have no more Messiah or hope of salvation or grace. The reasons behind this claim is that Christ came through Israel, Christianity was fundamentally a Jewish movement in the early years of the Church and Paul was Jewish. Also the individual mentioned that this why the current conflicts in the middle east are so serious. I did not hear scriptures to back up this claim.. Only that removing Israel would do away with salvation through grace. The leader was basically saying that Israel has sole ownership of their Messiah and can retract Christ's finished work of salvation through grace from all mankind if they are wiped from the earth. There are many scriptures that affirm our Salvation through Christ alone regardless of what comes or goes in this world. John 19:30 Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Ephesians 2:8,9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. Also the focus is on feasts and old testament law that does not apply through Christ.. Acts 10:13 Arise Peter, kill and eat comes to mind.. Meant that through Christ we are free from the law. 1 Corinthians 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing.

Also the emphasis of keeping feasts, the law and Jewish history takes away from being about the Father's business by obeying the great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Something that is urgent to do today. Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. We will still unite and stand with Israel and the Messianic movement regardless since our common ground is a relationship with Christ.. However it is important to be aware of the focus and doctrine of the Jewish Roots movement and to be sure to be about the Father's business by reaching souls if you should attend. Teaching your family and friends that Christ finished work of salvation is and that nothing can change it is crucial. Jesus final work of making us free indeed is where my soul rests in simplicity.. Wanting something more is an insult to his finished work on the cross.

This came from a believer who has attended our congregation.

The reality that spiritual warfare is around us in many forms is of no surprise, since we are warned about it, yet when it comes from believers, that is when you have to take a step back and regroup because you don't expect it to come from those that you have fellowshiped with and have talked about many things pertaining to Yeshua.

For some of you, you have not heard what I mean when I made the comment regarding Israel. Fear not, for I will convey my position in greater detail later.

When we look at Iyov, we see that once the hedge of protection was removed and the adversary was given free reign over his life with the exception of death, we see how others respond...

Job 2:9 His wife asked him, "Why do you still hold on to your integrity? Curse God, and die!"

Job 2:10 But he answered her, "You're talking like a low-class woman! Are we to receive the good at God's hands but reject the bad?" In all this Iyov did not say one sinful word.

The majority of the book is the interaction between his friends...Elifaz, Bildad, Tzofar and brings to mind...

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any wild animal which Adonai, God, had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say**, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Did God really say...

Do you trust yourself in what you have heard?

To where one of the tactics of the adversary is to manipulate what was said. I was not manipulated in what I said. I firmly stand behind what I have taught over the years. Yet, whether the Facebook response was of the Holy Spirit or influenced by the adversary, I would tend to think the latter, based on what was being written.

Within the comment it addresses...

"Also the emphasis of keeping feasts, the law and Jewish history takes away from being about the Father's business by obeying the great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Does this not incorporate what we are doing...The Great Commission conveys making disciples, teaching, raising up people. It is not sufficient to merely tell people of the Good News of Yeshua, but how much more powerful is it to lead by example and actually live by it. Unfortunately, many believers are unable to connect the dots regarding the connection of these very things we do, yet have been condoned for doing them. I firmly we as a congregation have been about our Father's business. It says we are to love and honor Him and to love one another as ourselves.

How do we show our love for Adonai? Simply, by honoring Him through His Word. It is through this manner that you are equipped to convey the Good News of Messiah and I will say – the Good News of Messiah in its fullness.

Influence does not mean possession.

Yeshua was influenced by the adversary yet did not succumb.

Luk 4:9 Then he took him to Yerushalayim, set him on the highest point of the Temple and said to him, "If you are the

Son of God, jump from here!

Quoting Psalm 91...

Luk 4:10 For the Tanakh says, 'He will order his angels to be responsible for you and to protect you.

Luk 4:11 They will support you with their hands, so that you will not hurt your feet on the stones.' "

Yet we are instructed through Yochanan's first letter...

1Jn 4:1 Dear friends, don't trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1Jn 4:2 Here is how you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from God,

1Jn 4:3 and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from God — in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah. You have heard that he is coming. Well, he's here now, in the world already!

I do not doubt for one minute that our critic is not a believer. They know Yeshua as Lord. They have said so. So how can they be influenced by the adversary?

Luk 11:17 But he, knowing what they were thinking, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, with one house collapsing on another.

Yet you must also weigh what was said in relation to Scripture. Throughout their post, the use of various Scripture references were being quoted, with incorrect context...

Galatians 5:1 addresses the heavy yoke of legalism, not Torah, for which many have been deceived into believing that Torah is legalism.

Acts 10 does not justify doing anything because you are free from Torah, it is about Gentile salvation.

Ephesians 2:8 – 9 starts a passage that goes into detail of the position of Gentiles in relation to Israel – their former state as non-believers in relation to their current state as believers in the Jewish Messiah.

Quoting the first part of 1 Corinthians 7:19, yet omitting the second half of the verse...

1Co 7:19 Being circumcised means nothing, and being uncircumcised means nothing; **what does mean something is keeping God's commandments.**

The use of Scripture to support a position that is ultimately coming against Adonai is futile. In referencing Luke 11:17 again, a house divided will not stand.

Scripture used to support a position regarding a position that is supported by Scripture is in essence pitting Adonai against His Spirit. One cannot contradict the other. If that were the case, Adonai and Yeshua would be divided.

The adversary has been deceiving believers for centuries. Even today many are being deceived. Scripture warns us of the false prophets and teachers. If they are false, they can't come from Adonai. The only other possible explanation is the adversary.

Wolves in sheep's clothing...(Matthew 7:15)

I am not calling all believers who do not support us to be wolves in sheep's clothing, not at all.

I am saying that even believers can be deceived, especially if they are firmly rooted in what they have been taught and do not rely on Scripture to be their final authority and confirmed by the Ruach ha Kodesh.

Those seeds were planted long ago, have taken root and are enormous trees.

This Facebook post is but one example, to where we are being talked about by others, either directly or indirectly...

Jeri's mother told us about a sermon by a guest pastor at their church this past Sunday in which he stated...

“Messianic Jews put themselves back under the law when they don't need to do so, implying that we are not enjoying the freedom as a believer.”

Whether he is aware of us or not I don't know. I certainly can testify that Ellsworth is not a hot bed of Messianic activity.

I have also been told by another person that their Pastors are preaching on Jewish Roots errors.

This same person informed me...

“Some Christian Leaders in Maine are spreading far and wide the warnings that they do not want any of their flock or those who don't know the Lord attending your meetings because of teachings on feasts and traditions that take people back to old works that cannot save and thus does away with the grace and freedom that has been provided through Christ on the cross. The response is a result of what others who have attended our congregation and conveyed our teachings to others.”

They are protecting their people for fear that we may put them back under the law. A comment and accusation that I have addressed on many occasions and will not do so here.

What they are teaching will likely come from secondary sources, likely internet research and people who have attended our congregation, maybe once and have provided a report of what we do.

What they will likely not truly understand is Jewish Roots is not Messianic Judaism, there are significant differences.

Jewish Roots focus is on teaching the Jewish / Hebrew Roots of their faith as believers in Yeshua. It is a primarily non-Jewish movement of people who have come out of the church.

Messianic Judaism is a movement led by Jewish believers that has been commissioned by God to be a light to the Jewish communities of the world in conveying the Good News of Yeshua. Our mission is not to specifically teach Jewish Roots, but to live it, because it is who we are. If you are part of this congregation for any length of time, just by being here you will learn the roots of your faith.

Bringing a tradition into this sermon...

Today is Tisha b'Av, a date on the calendar associated with many tragedies impacting the Jewish people, from...

- Destruction of Solomon's Temple: 586 BCE
- Destruction of the Second Temple: 70 CE
- Bar Kochba Revolt: 132 BCE (100,000 Jews killed)
- 1095 CE – Crusades declared by Pope Urban II, Killing 10,000 Jews in the first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and Rhineland.
- 1290 CE - Jews were expelled from England by official decree
- 1492 CE – Jews were expelled from Spain, causing one of the greatest upheavals in Jewish history, due to the success of this community
- 1496 CE – Jews were expelled from Portugal
- 1555 CE – Jews were forced into ghettos for the first time in Rome
- 1914 CE – World War I began (August 1st) causing devastation across Europe and leading the way for WWII
- 1941 CE – Nazi Reinhard Heydrick was ordered to enact the “Final Solution” (July 31st) Next day = Tisha B'Av
- 1942 CE – Deportations from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka death camp began
- 1994 CE – Bombing of AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires killing 86 Jews

So many tragedies against one people, that it is far from a coincidence, so much so that is intentional and demonic.

Yet, Adonai will overcome all, and turn sadness into joy...

Zec 8:19 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.'

Over the years I have continually posed this question "What if Hitler had been successful in his "Final Solution"? Meaning that every Jewish person on the face of the earth was gone. I alluded to this last week, but didn't fully convey the entire premise. So that there is no misunderstanding I will tell you again.

The adversary knows the key is Israel and the Jewish people to salvation through Yeshua and His return to complete what He had started.

All of the tragedies are a result of the adversary's infiltration of Israel, deceiving them into idolatry, whereby Adonai removes His protection, thus making them vulnerable to attack by the many nations that have come against them. It is through Israel's fall that the adversary is attempting to rob you of the promise of Adonai. Yeshua may have dealt with sin as our Passover lamb, yet there is still a people and kingdom to restore, that are contingent upon the people remaining.

1. His return is contingent upon the Jewish people:

Mat 23:37 "Yerushalayim! Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets! You stone those who are sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children, just as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you refused!

Mat 23:38 Look! God is abandoning your house to you, leaving it desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, from now on, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai.' "

Just as God abandoned King Sha'ul, Yeshua said after the "7 woes" to the Pharisees, God is abandoning your house. He concludes to the Pharisees that **YOU WILL NOT SEE ME AGAIN UNTIL YOU SAY**. Who is the You? The You is the leadership of the Jewish people. Adonai has poured out His Spirit on all humans, beginning in Jerusalem with the intent of drawing His creation back to Him. Yet it is done through God's establishment of Israel...

Therefore, the Covenants made with Israel and Israel alone are agreements by Adonai to where if there are no Jewish people remaining on the face of the earth, and with New Covenant established through a reunited Kingdom of Israel...

Jer 31:31 (31:30) "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

Jer 31:32 (31:31) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

how can God do this...

Jer 31:33 (31:32) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

How can He be their God if there are no Jewish people? How can they be His people if the people don't exist?

2. Reestablishment of His Kingdom

Act 1:6 When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?"

Act 1:7 He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority.

When will you restore Israel's Kingdom for there is a promise to David...

2Sa 7:12 When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

2Sa 7:13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be a father for him, and he will be a son for me. If he does something wrong, I will punish him with a rod and blows, just as everyone gets punished;

2Sa 7:15 nevertheless, my grace will not leave him, as I took it away from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before you.

2Sa 7:16 Thus your house and your kingdom will be made secure forever before you; your throne will be set up forever.' "

Eze 37:22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Isra'el; and one king will be king for all of them. They will no longer be two nations, and they will never again be divided into two kingdoms.

Eze 37:23 " 'They will never again defile themselves with their idols, their detestable things, or any of their transgressions; but I will save them from all the places where they have been living and sinning; and I will cleanse them, so that they will be my people, and I will be their God.

Eze 37:24 My servant David will be king over them, and all of them will have one shepherd; they will live by my rulings and keep and observe my regulations.

Eze 37:25 They will live in the land I gave to Ya`akov my servant, where your ancestors lived; they will live there — they, their children, and their grandchildren, forever; and David my servant will be their leader forever.

Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give to them, increase their numbers, and set my sanctuary among them forever.

Eze 37:27 My home will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Eze 37:28 The nations will know that I am Adonai, who sets Isra'el apart as holy, when my sanctuary is with them forever.' "

They will live in peace in the land with Yeshua, the descendant of David their King ruling from Jerusalem.

David was King of Israel. We know that Yeshua descends from him, therefore, if a united Kingdom of Israel, residing in the land does not exist, how can Yeshua establish His throne, which is to exist forever, if there are no people and no land?

Why else would all of these things that have transpired against the Jewish people have been so prominent among a nation so small, yet even without a land twice in their history, still exist? It is because of the Covenants that Adonai made that they still.

Whether it is demonic possession, demonic influence or attacks from within, don't let anyone separate you from the love of Adonai and what He continues to reveal to you and through you.

Eph 6:16 Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

When I speak of attacks from within, I am not only referring to other believers but also people who have regularly attended this congregation.

We have had people trying to influence our direction as a congregation.

We have had people promote their way of thinking, with a belief, that what they believe should be the position of the congregation.

We have had people challenge our decisions.

To question our decisions is within your rights. I would hope that if you don't understand something we have done or said you will come to us directly rather than post something online, gossip with others or worse just stop coming. Teachers encourage students to ask questions. It is this process that promotes learning and growth.

However, I will say this and I will quote, to the best of my recollection the words of Dan Gruber when he was at Brith Hadoshah in Buffalo for a weekend of teaching and preaching, several years ago.

During his first session, he prepared us regarding his methodology in conveying comments...

“I don't care what your opinion is. Anything you say or ask must be supported by Scripture.”

We have had people through the years give us their opinion regarding the congregation. You need (fill in the blank)...or this is what I believe, therefore you should believe it too.

We have had people challenge us privately and publicly.

If you believe there is something that we are doing that is not correct, your opinion doesn't matter. Your position, supported by Scripture matters.

Keep in mind, we do care about what you think and feel, as individuals, but not when it comes to the direction of the congregation. A few of you have already told me you don't want to be in our shoes. If you have been here for any length of time, hopefully you will have come to trust Jeri and I.

It is the strength of your trust and faith in Yeshua, which is the Shield for by which you are able to extinguish and deflect anything that comes from the adversary.

Remember it was a lack of Trust that prevented the talmadim from removing the demon from the boy. Don't let your faith be weak, but be certain to exercise it on a daily basis.

We strengthen our faith daily through prayer, reading of the Word and living our lives according to all of these things. As we implement these things into our lives, Adonai will multiply our increase. Anything that grows comes from Adonai...

1Co 3:5 After all, what is Apollos? What is Sha'ul? Only servants through whom you came to trust. Indeed, it was the Lord who brought you to trust through one of us or through another.

1Co 3:6 I planted the seed, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.

1Co 3:7 So neither the planter nor the waterer is anything, only God who makes things grow —

When you call upon the Name of the Lord, Yeshua, whom all authority has been given, it is the strength of your Faith that will keep you safe in Him.