



## **I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist PODCAST with Dr. Frank Turek**

*Demons, Depression, and Spiritual Warfare with Dr. Karl Payne  
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### **Offensive Prayer: A Biblical Response to Demonic Attack**

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**Intro:** Offensive Prayer is both a weapon and tool that too many Christians have never considered or employed to ensure we win more battles than we lose when demonic spirits shoot their flaming arrows or destructive accusations at us, **Eph.6:16; Rev.12:10-12.**

Demonic arrows can be physical, but they are more often mental. Too much preaching and teaching ignores the subject of demonic warfare or relegates it to the irrational insecurities of neurotic people who value their subjective feelings more than the fact of Scripture. The result of pride and self-imposed biblical illiteracy leaves too many Christians assuming they are forever relegated to the position of helpless victims rather than confident victors in their daily walk with Jesus Christ, and standing on the outside looking in. Christians should not have to feel like they are being trampled under the gates of hell rather than standing on top of the gates of hell, but that is the sad reality for many Christians who typically suffer in silence..."you never..., you always...your prayers...your bible reading...Jesus does not love you and you are a fool for believing he does...no one loves you, not even God...if God really loved you, why would He allow you to go through the pain you foolishly endure...you have lost your salvation if you ever had it in the first place...your body is not a temple of God, it is a prison...nothing is ever going to change...you would be better off dead, and do a lot of people a favor if you just killed yourself"

**Warning:** This subject may initially confuse, offend, or scare some of you here today or those listening in by various media options, but be a Berean, and be determined to subject your feelings, clichés, or what you have always heard from others, to Scripture rather than subjugate Scripture to your feelings, clichés, or what you have always heard from others. I think you will find this tool very helpful. The subject of demonic warfare, as it relates to offensive prayer, should be biblically based and contextual, simple, straightforward,

matter of fact, easily applied, and transferable, not frightening or theoretical. Remember, Christians are on the team that won, demons are on the team that lost. We win because He has won, **Col.2:13-15**.

- 1 Observe basic Concepts of Defensive and Offensive Prayer in Response to Opposition.

*Defensive Prayer: Psalm 18:1-6; Psalm 27:1-6*—briefly walk through.

*Offensive Prayer: Psalm 35:1-8*---briefly walk through.

*Defensive and Offensive Prayer can be in the same Psalm: Psalm 70: 1-3; Psalm 71:12-13.*

- 2 Observe More Examples of Offensive Prayer in Response to Opposition.

**Ps. 58:3-11; Ps. 59:5-13; Ps. 69:22-28; Ps. 83:13-18; Ps. 109: 6-20; Neh. 4:3-5; Jer. 18:18-23**

- 3 Observe the Parallelism between Psalm 35:1-4 and Psalm 109:26-29.
  - A Both implore God for help: **35:2/109:26.**
  - B Both credit God alone for their victory over their enemies: **35:1-2/109:27.**
  - C Both ask God to shame and dishonor their oppressors: **35:4/109:28-29.**
- 4 Observe the Motivation for David's Offensive Prayer in Response to Opposition.

**Psalm 58:11; Psalm 59:13; Psalm 83:18; Psalm 109:27**—*Glory to God, not revenge or self-aggrandizement.*

- 5 Practical Application of Offensive Prayer in the daily life of a Christian under demonic attack.

A According to Scripture, a Christian's greatest opposition in daily living is supernatural, not natural. The worldview that dominated the 20<sup>th</sup> century in North America and Europe was largely naturalism, which rejects theism and views the supernatural as superstition. God disagrees, and His people should have the courage to do so also. **Eph.6:10-12; 2 Cor. 10:3-5.**

B According to Scripture, a Christian's authority over demonic spirits is delegated by Jesus Christ to everyone whose name is recorded in heaven; who are all saved and sealed when we believed, and

positionally made members of the body of Christ, seated far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come: **Luke 10:18-20; Eph.1:13-14; 1:18-23; 2:6.**

C According to Scripture, Christians have been commanded to resist Satan and his demonic host, not run from them: **Eph.6:13; James 4:7; 1 Pet.5:8-9.**

D According to Scripture, offensive prayer is one form of actively resisting the devil and his demonic host. Offensive prayer represents an act of raising our shield of faith that will usually put out demonic flaming arrows. Christians who choose to passively ignore, tolerate or run from these attacks, are in reality choosing to lose confrontations we should be winning. **Eph.6:16-18.**

E Christians who consistently view themselves as victims of the devil and his demonic host, rather than as victors in Christ because of His death, burial and resurrection, are choosing to live in disobedience to God, inviting further beatings, and losing battles they should be winning. **Jesus: Matt.4:1-11; Paul: Rom.8:31.**

F Bullies visit and revisit those who fear them. Demons are bullies. It is time to obediently resist demonic attack rather than disobediently run from it, and stand up to demonic archers, rather than represent little more than target practice for them because of fear or pride. **1 Cor.16:13; Eph.6:13-14; 1 Pet.5:6-11.**