



# Where Eagles Dare

## Persecution Combat

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I read news almost every day of the persecution going on around the world against Christians... in such countries as Mali, Somalia, Syria, North Korea, Vietnam, and Israel and even in the United States!

Here's one example... Pastor Michael Salman is currently in jail in Arizona USA for holding home Bible studies! That's strange enough in a "free" country but jail officials dispersed a Bible study he was holding with about 20 inmates and threatened to put him "in the hole" (solitary confinement) if he didn't cooperate! He's also deliberately been given new work duties making him work on Sunday, even though attorneys have warned these officials that they are in violation of the United States Constitution, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalization Persons Act and Arizona's Free Exercise of Religion Act. ([www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org))

Muslim terrorists receive better treatment in US prisons!

This is a milder form of persecution compared to the church burnings, beatings, rape and murders going on daily around the world against people just because they're Christian. And I would agree, but I wanted to point out that persecution is escalating more and more in Western countries also and that Christians need to get out of their "comfort zone" and into the "combat zone"!

The greatest challenge this ministry has experienced is the indifference and outright rejection of spiritual warfare applications in Western countries.

Sad to say this but our experience has shown that Christians in the West are more interested in coffee time than combat time!

We hear from Christians in countries where persecution is a way of life (i.e. Egypt, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria) who take persecution combat seriously as part of their survival.

Persecution Combat goes beyond spiritual warfare against evil spirits in a person to set them free... this is Xtreme Big Game Hunting against physical attack... to protect and save your physical life, the lives of family and friends and of other Christians in your area!

We can see many examples in the Bible of Jesus encountering persecution from the Pharisees and Sadducees who wanted to kill Him for 3 1/2 years, BUT, their plans were always blocked until Father's strategy was timed to be fulfilled at the Cross! Until then, these "poisonous snakes" (Matthew 3:7) were kept from harming Jesus in any way!

Death at the Cross happened because Father and Jesus allowed it to happen... "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" Matthew 26:53-54

12 legions is about 72,000 angels!



Just one angel in **Isaiah 37:36** killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night!

Imagine what 72,000 can do!

So if Jesus stated that He could just ask Father to send 72,000 angels to protect him, then we can also do the same to protect us from both spiritual and physical enemies, as Jesus said we can do greater works than He did...

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:12-14*

Every day I surround myself, Rhoda and our lives with legions of angels! I've done this every day for many years! Jesus said it's possible and so it is! There are so many angels they look like smoke in the distance!

They protect us and/or attack physical and spiritual forces that come against us!

I've taught this to many people over the years personally and through my eBook. Some apply this teaching, and some are more interested in coffee time! One leader told me this teaching was ridiculous, as she said, "We can't tell angels what to do"! Does anyone really believe such spiritually dead, "religious" comments from personal doctrines?

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:18*

Jesus said that He could have been provided with 72,000 angels if He asked. Does anyone think these angels would have stood around drinking coffee if Jesus directed them to protect Him or do whatever He commanded them to do under Father's will? Jesus is our example! WE CAN DO THE SAME AND GREATER!

### HUNTING TIP

Associate with Christians that prefer a Sword of God in their hand to a coffee cup!

In "Persecution Combat" we can utilize angels to assist us in protection. The Holy Spirit will guide us and inform us of impending danger and how to deal with it. Seek His counsel and be in touch with His voice, as He may direct us to stay home today or leave an area or avoid a person, etc.. He may direct us to say something specific or be quiet. We may be in a situation where the angels or Holy Spirit will make us invisible to people to avoid being attacked, such as happened to Jesus in Luke 4:28-30, *"So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."*

This is why it's important to follow Father's perfect will at all times for our lives, as He knows what's best for us, even if it means walking into what we perceive as a very dangerous position. We don't want to avoid, run and hide like chickens from our responsibilities, as we are to present ourselves into combat zones, whether spiritual, physical or both. But we go with guidance, timing, weapons, and back-up!

And yes... like Jesus... an aspect of persecution combat may be to fulfill His will in prison like Pastor Salman in Arizona! Many have also gone into prisons and were tortured there, such as Richard Wurmbrand or Brother Yun and although this looks like combat failure, they came out to start immense ministries that affected countless lives! We may end up beaten and put in prison like these men or like Paul and Silas in Acts 16 only to be released to glorify God or perhaps put to death as happened finally to Paul or Stephen (Acts 7). This happens to many and may one day happen to us, BUT, remember that God's plan will work even if we don't see it! God gives the ability to withstand persecution if we are sent into it! Also, don't make a personal decision to let's say fly to Somalia to walk the streets looking for martyrdom! That sounds fearless and courageous but it's just dumb... as is any personal decision to conduct any ministry of our own will! ONLY move with God directing you! His will be done!

**Add "Persecution Combat" into your arsenal and Good Hunting!**