

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"The Invisible Fight"
Ephesians 6:10-12
Study-25

Ephesians 2:1-3

There are many verses in the Bible that speak of the Christian walk as a "Battleground."

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 1 Timothy 6:12;
2 Timothy 2:3-4**

**"Walk of Harmony" Ephesians 5:18-6:9 Paul goes from
Walk of Harmony to War? "Walking in Victory" Ephesians 6:10-24**

**If we walk in the Spirit, you better plan on warring
in the spiritual realm too.**

Note the word "**against**" it is used **6X** in **verses – 11-12** Jesus wants us to know that we are seated with Him, that we have the Spirit of God within us, but we are up against the archenemy of God.

Thought Of The Passage: "The Believer's Strength, And Protection For Battling The Enemy Is To Be Found In The Lord"

- 1. Verse - 10 The Strength:**
- 2. Verse - 11 The Armor:**
- 3. Verse - 12 The Battle:**
- 4. Verse - 12 The Enemy:**

1. Verse - 10 The Strength:

Ephesians 6:10 Finally,

"furthermore, or the rest of the time" Paul now comes to the end of what he has to say, but wants the believers to understand that this new lifestyle of the child of God is radical.

be strong in the Lord,

This is what the first part of the book is all about. **Ephesians 1:19**

strong - *"to receive strength, be strengthened, increase in strength"*

in the Lord The believer is to draw from God's strength. (Greek is passive, it is allowing the power of God to be experienced in your life.)

strength - *"power, might, mighty with great power"*

(Strength in operation)

Paul has spoken about the power of God in 3 ways.

- 1. Power is towards us - Ephesians 1:9** God has done it all for us.
- 2. Power in us - Ephesians 3:16** It is to reside in us, not just on Sundays.
- 3. Power for us - Ephesians 6:10** It is available for all Christians.

might - "ability" (This is residual of inherent strength)

The people of Ephesus had seen firsthand what the power of God was, there had been a great work of God. People set free from the occult, magic, idolatry.

The people also saw what it was to take on Satan in the flesh.

Acts 19:13-16

2. Verse - 11 The Armor:

Ephesians 6:11 Put on This speaks of God's part and ours. God has provided everything we need to serve Him. We are to avail ourselves.

**Ephesians 1-3 Doctrine,
Ephesians 4-6 Duty.**

2 extremes when it comes to facing Satan!

- 1.** Some are self-confident so they try and take on Satan in their own strength.
- 2.** Some are self-distrustful. They think they have nothing to contribute to victory in the battle.
(We need the power and we need to be strengthen)

full armor of God, He gives us a description of what it is. It is armor that you put on not a uniform that you can take off and on.

There are 6 pieces of armor. 7 Including prayer.

- 1. The Belt of Truth** - Integrity, not whether we have truth. Does truth have us?
- 2. The Breastplate of Righteousness** - We are to live lives of purity that we would not give the enemy room for accusations.

3. **Shoes of Peace** - We are to have peace in the battles, and to offer the gospel to those who are lost.
4. **Shield of Faith** - Jesus is a person that we are to have fellowship with daily, we are to have a living faith.
5. **Helmet of Salvation** - Saved from the penalty of sin, saved from the power of sin, and will be saved from the presence of sin.
6. **Sword of the Spirit** - Not just the Word of God, but the Word of God for every specific situation is the living Word. It cuts right to the heart.
7. **Prayer** Makes it all Work!

so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. The Roman armor was to protect the body. The Christian is to have his soul and mind, and thoughts protected.

stand firm - means *"to hold a critical position while under attack"*
That is God's desire. That we not lose ground as a Christian.

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against the schemes of the devil. schemes - methodeia AV
We get our word method, lie in wait, cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery.
Same word that is used in

Ephesians 4:14 by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

The fall of the human race was the result of 2 errors:

1. **Deception** - Eve was deceived by the serpent.
2. **Disobedient** - Adam disobeyed God.

3. Verse - 12 The Battle:

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle

- Means, *"to sweat, to fling in the air"* This is speaking of an exhausting hand to hand combat between the spirits of darkness and the child of God.

is not against flesh and blood,

4. Verse - 12 The Enemy:

Ephesians 6:12

Satan: Who is he? Where has he come from? Some of his names are:

1. Devil - accuser.
2. Adversary - enemy of God.
3. Tempter - Tempts us to sin then goes and rats on us, what a guy!
4. Murderer and liar.
5. Lion - fear
6. Serpent - Tricky
7. Angel of light - Comes supernatural
8. god of this age - Temporally in control.

Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-17

Revelation 12:4

1/3 of the angels followed the rebellion of Satan in heaven.

Paul names 4 classifications:

1. **rulers, (principality)** the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader, the first place. Archangel, cherubim's, seraphim's.

against is used **3X**

2. **against the powers,**
- jurisdiction - strength, liberty of doing as one pleases; physical and mental power; domestic affairs.
3. **against the world forces of this darkness,**
World leaders, **Daniel 10:13.**
4. **against the spiritual forces of wickedness,**
Immoralities, terrorism, women's liberation, abortions, the drug world, murders, occult, Satan worship.

Application:

1. The Believer's Strength Is Provided. God's Power Is Towards Us, God's Power In Us, God's Power For Us.
2. God's Protection For The Battles Is Through The Full Armor Of God, So That We Can Stand Against The Schemes Of The Devil.
3. For Our Struggle Is Not Against Flesh And Blood, But A Spiritual Battle.
4. Our Struggle Is Against Rulers, Against Powers, Against World Forces Of This Darkness, Against Spiritual Forces Of Wickedness In The Heavenly Places.