

Ephesians 6 Spiritual warfare- Lesson 1- Why the believer should never fear - Pastor Larry

TEXT: Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
(Ephesians 6:10-11)**

Intro: Luke 10:17-20 (KJV)

¹⁷ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

²⁰ Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

I. God commands us to Fear NOT-

Matthew 10:28 (KJV)

²⁸ And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm *and* well-balanced mind *and* discipline *and* self-control.

1 John 4:4 (KJV)

⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

II. We understand Jesus' purpose

Judson Cornwall writes in his book, *It's God's war*, that Satan has been stripped of all his power. He writes "At Christ's ascension, He paused at Satan's headquarters to strip him of all rank, position, authority, and power."

1 John 3:8 (KJV)

⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

John 17:4 (KJV)

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Colossians 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

John 20:21

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

III. We know who is our greatest enemy

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. (Ephesians 6:12)

Terry Law wrote: It is important to understand the reality of Satan and just who he is: the father of lies and essence of evil. He is the first and chief sinner. Chafer wrote, “The fall of this mighty angel was not a compromise between good and evil. He became the embodiment of evil and wholly void of good.” What more, we should not elevate him to an evil equivalent of God. The Bible shows that Satan is very limited, and he is never given a position equal to God.¹

1 Peter 5:8-10 (KJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

IV. We are not ignorant of Satan’s devices-

2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV)

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

John 10:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

A. He uses men to do Evil things- Ephesians 2:2

B. He uses the flesh to control us

C. He uses our own desires against us

D. He attacks our minds with lies

¹ Terry Law, [The Truth About Angels](#), (Orlando FL., Creation house, 1994), p.123

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

V. We are called to stand- The wrestling match- Jude 9

Ephesians 6:13-14 (KJV)

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

VI. Conclusion- we have put on Christ and our armor

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

The Greek word for “flee” is *pheugo*, it means to “escape” or “flee away, or seek safety by flight.” It literally means, “to run in terror.”