

Ephesians 6 Spiritual warfare- Lesson 2- Why the believer should never fear part 2 - 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)

I. God commands us to Fear NOT- Matthew 10:28 , Proverbs 3:25

II. We understand Jesus' purpose- 1 John 3:8

III. We know who is our greatest enemy

1 Peter 5:8-10 (KJV) resisting Satan is the affliction here/ persecution not sickness

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

⁹ Whom resist steadfast 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*.

Dake: [**same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world**] These refer to persecutions of Christians in all the world and not to diseases. The word for afflictions means the same as the sufferings of Christ in [1Pet. 5:1](#), and not to sicknesses and diseases. It is *pathema* (GSN-[G3804](#)) (note, [Rom. 7:5](#)). It is not necessary for Christians to be sick in order to enjoy the blessings of [1Pet. 5:10](#).

IV. We are not ignorant of Satan's devices- "mind tricks"

2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV)

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

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- Romans 7:5-6

C. He uses our own desires against us-James 1:13-15

D. He attacks our thinking- Spiritual warfare is against our minds

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (AMP)

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds,

5 [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud *and* lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),

6 Being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission *and* obedience [as a church] are fully secured *and* complete.

A. Stronghold of thoughts-(GK. noema) Schemes or thoughts Romans 12:1-2

B. Stronghold of reasoning's-thought systems- Communism, socialism, philosophies

Martin Luther warned: "I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates to Hell, unless they diligently labour to explain the Holy Scriptures and to engrave them upon the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution where men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."¹

C. Stronghold of theories- Darwinism 2 Cor. 4:3-4

D. Stronghold of purposes- works of the flesh Galatians 5:19

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)

Philippians 4:7 (KJV)

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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."

¹ Tan, P. L. (1996). *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times*. Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc.

