

Ephesians 6 Spiritual warfare- Lesson 3- Why the believer should never fear part 3 - Pastor Larry

TEXT: Ephesians 6:10-18

Intro: Luke 10:17-20 –All power and authority over the enemy

Review:

- 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**
- 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)
 - 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.

1. Stronghold of thoughts-(GK. noema) Schemes or thoughts Romans 12:1-2
2. . Strong Hold of reasoning’s-thought systems- Communism, socialism, philosophies
3. . Stronghold of theories- Darwinism 2 Cor. 4:3-4
4. . Stronghold of purposes- works of the flesh Galatians 5:19

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Verse 12: We wrestle against..... There is a wrestling match

Satan’s forces are real, but how to we fight? Do we give him equal power to God?

V. 3 powerful “P” commands from verse 10-18:

A. Purpose to be strong in the Lord and His power-vs10

B. Put on the armor-vs11-17

1. Loins covered with truth
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Feet covered with the preparation of the Gospel-Romans 10:15
4. Shield of Faith
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the spirit- word of God

C. Praying always-vs18

VI. We are called to STAND- The wrestling match-Jude 9,Ephesians 6

Ephesians 6:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Three great blessings of the armor of God:

1. The ability to stand against all enemies (Eph. 6:11-14)
2. The ability to withstand all attacks (Eph. 6:13)
3. The ability to quench every fiery dart of Satan (Eph. 6:16)

[wiles] Greek: *methodeias* - methods -- the different means, plans, and schemes used to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men

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;

VII. 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.”

Philippians 4:7 (KJV)

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