

Ephesians 6:10-13 Our Spiritual battle

1)Our Power

V.10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

To be strengthened by the Lord is:

- 1) to be convinced of the supreme power of Almighty God.
- 2) To be sure that his power is engaged for my good.

Ephesians 1:19-21, “what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.[20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.”

Romans 8:11, “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

“When the terrain is rough, the father holds his arm for his child to take hold of. Likewise, God reaches out His Almighty power for His saint to lay hold of by faith,” -William Gurnall.

2)Our Task

“[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *stand* against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not *wrestle* against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *withstand* in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Our task is: to wrestle, to take up, to stand, .

3) Our Enemy

V.12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

“I am certain that one of the main causes of the ill state of the Church today is the fact that the devil is being forgotten. All is attributed to us; we have become so psychological in our attitude and our thinking. We are ignorant of this great objective fact, the being, the existence of the devil, the adversary, the accuser, and his “fiery darts,” -Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

Discussion questions:

- 1) How are you tempted to wrestle with flesh and blood instead of against satan?
- 2) Which areas of the armor of God (belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel shoes, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the spirit) do you feel strongest in? Which do you feel weakest? Take a moment to pray for one another in your areas of weakness.