

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 6:10

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TITLE:

“The Christian in Complete Armor, Our Source of Power“

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

SUB-TITLE:

“The Growing Up” of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text

vv. 6:10

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

Last Week India Detonated several nuclear bombs at a secret test site.

their hopes? To show the world that they possess the influence to be considered a world power

Power is influence in this world

But what is considered to be power in this material universe
is of no impact or influence at all in the multidimensional
realm of the spirit

The Kingdoms of this World

are not the same as the Kingdoms of the spirit Realm

The Most Important Series of Teachings

*As Christian's Our Existence is of a Dual
Nature...*

John 18:36a

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world.
If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight"

A nuclear Explosion in this world,

- is Nothing in the other world

We move in the flesh but we live in the Spirit

Acts 17:28

"for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also
His offspring.'

This is not a P.R. session on Satan and His powers to spook you
though his powers are real and very dangerous without God

Satanic Powers vs. God

Asking and Answering Questions

can Save your Life in Confrontation

1.) Who Goes to Battle in this War?

vv. 10

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

Verse 10

Finally, my brethren,

After having said all that I have said... this is the key to it
all

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

Who Goes to Battle in this War?
the Christian - you and me

Of course many don't think at all that there is any
battle whatsoever

Apathy is a Killer

The Declaration of War

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Verse 10a

1a.) And there are terrestrial forces (earthly)

vv. 10a

Finally, my brethren,

The terrestrial forces (The human church of God in the earth)

Here Paul is desiring to educate the brethren
that we are in fact soldiers for the cause of Christ

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one **engaged** in warfare **entangles** himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who **enlisted** him as a soldier.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, ²⁰ of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Verse 10a

1b.) There are celestial forces (heavenly) vv. 10a

The celestial forces

There are angelic and demonic powers at work

John 17:14-16

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

- The Holy Spirit Himself - the second person of the divine trinity
- The Angels - holy creations of God, some having become unholy
- The Demons - the lost souls of those who perished in the judgment

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, **He made a public spectacle of them**, triumphing over them in it.

Here Paul is desiring to inform the brethren that our warfare is for the most part is invisible

An Ongoing Conflict

2.) How do we Fight a Spiritual War

vv. 10b

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

Very Unlike a Natural War

In My Own Personal Life
Spiritual Attacks often Manifest Themselves

- In Emotional Stress or Depression - Oppression
- In Physical Weakness or Illness - Suppression
 - In Unusual Confusion

and several times in my life, a physical appearance

Daniel 10:10-13

Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. " ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia... ²⁰

Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

(Washington / Los Angeles / Rome / Jerusalem / Moscow)

Understand that there are
ranking orders and levels of authority in the spirit realm

I John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Verse 10b

2a.) Waking up to the war around us

vv. 10b

be strong in the Lord

Is our direct base of operation - our headquarters!

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and they are safe

Our Address is in God !!!

We can be **BOLD** now

2 Timothy 1:7-8a

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,

Ephesians 3:16

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with **might** through His Spirit in the inner man,

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Verse 10b

be in the power of His might

Our resources for the battle

Ephesians 1:18-21

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power²⁰ which ((being the same as)) He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead...²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age ((physical)) but also in that which is to come. ((spiritual))

Paul is not Telling Us to Be Strong

((But to be strong IN the Lord))

To Be Strong in Myself

((Is impossible for me))

But To Be Strong IN the Lord

((Now that is possible))

Romans 7:18a

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The power of His Might

HOW STRONG IS GOD ANYWAY ?

lightning / the tides / a cloud / an earthquake / the wind / instinct / rotation

Nehemiah 8:10b

.....for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Micah 3:8

But truly I am **full of power** by the Spirit of the LORD,

His Power is Available - Mine is Not

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive **power** when (only when) the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be (only then) witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1 Chronicles 28:20

And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God-- my God-- will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Verse 10b

2b.) The things that are at stake

vv. 10b

Truth is not at stake here - it never can be
God's throne is not at stake here - it never was
My salvation isn't even at stake here - not anymore !!!

But The Lives of Billions of Human Beings who
have not yet received Christ...

- But who cares?

**How many of you have children
Satan hates your child's existence**

Ephesians 3:9-12 NIV

to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the **rulers** and **authorities** in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Satan's Pleasure - your eternal soul and spirit

- So he forges false doctrine

- He floods the market with counterfeits
- Apathy - Satan's general anesthesia

Satan's Cause

John 10:10a

"The thief does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**."

- * **Steal** **GRK 2813 klepto (klep'-to)**
to rob, to sneak off with, to steal
- * **Kill** **GRK 2380 thuo (thoo'-o)**
to slaughter by any means, to take the life of another - murder
- * **Destroy** **GRK 622 apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee);**
to take away life, to remove the ability to live.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Verse 10b

2c.) Understanding our mission

vv. 10b

We are to be obsessed with reaching the lost

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

We are to act like an evangelist

2 Timothy 4:5

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Satan's desire is keep us depressed

Satan's desire is make us sterile

Satan's desire is hold us down

Discouragement is his secret weapon

**Satan never bothers me Pastor Jack.
well then - you are really messed up**

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Like Never Before

emotions / physical / doctrinal / marital / relationship / ministry / children