

Putting on the Whole Armor of God



Ephesians 6:10-20

- **Statements About Spiritual Warfare:**
- A. **To understand the battle of spiritual warfare, we must first recognize that we in a spiritual war to begin with.**
 1. **What does Spiritual Warfare mean? Dr. Tony Evans gave a good definition – “Spiritual warfare is the cosmic conflict waged in the invisible (spiritual realm), but simultaneously fleshed out in the visible (physical realm).**
 2. **The root of the war is something you cannot see, but the effects of the war are clearly seen and felt. This is because everything physical is influenced or cause by something spiritual.**
 3. **Spiritual warfare is that conflict being waged in the invisible (spiritual realm) that is being manifest in the visible (physical realm). The effects from this invisible war even though we can’t see it in the (spiritual realm), we do experience the effects from it in this natural or physical realm.**
- B. **Jesus would use “Parable” to help the multitude and His disciples to understand what was happening in the spirit world.**
 1. **Jesus would often use natural things that was a part of their custom in order to explain spiritual things. (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)**
 2. **In (John 4:34-36), Jesus used the example of a “natural harvest” to illustrate the “great spiritual harvest in which He declares that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.**
- C. **What are the main Objectives of War?**
 1. **The main objective of warfare in this natural world is victory over our enemy. The same is true in the spiritual world.**
 2. **To achieve victory in “spiritual warfare” we must know and understand God’s objective in this spiritual fight.**
 3. **To achieve victory spiritual warfare – every soldier in the army of the Lord must know what God has called and assigned them to do. (1Corinthians 12:11-18)**
 4. **You become a “spiritual liability” on the battlefield when you do not function in your God-given assignment. Not only will you suffer for it, but even those around you will suffer also.**

D. Why is Basic Training Necessary?

1. It's not enough to know what the objective for war is – Every soldier must receive “Basic Training” (Bootcamp) in order to achieve their objective during war.
2. Every believer can achieve their objective in this spiritual fight against our enemy (Satan and his demonic army) because God has given us His Word and the Holy Spirit who lives in us and walks with us, He helps us to interpret the Word of God rightly.
3. In (2 Timothy 2:3-4), Apostle Paul tells Timothy to war a good warfare.
 - In the “spiritual realm” in order to war a good warfare we must not be entangled in the affairs of this life. “Jesus told us that we are in this world, but we are not of this world.”
 - In (Ephesians 6:10-11), Paul writes, “Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
 - In order to win this spiritual fight, we need help from a Heavenly Source (Almighty God) who dwells in the Heavenly Place.
 - We need our “spiritual armor and weapons” provided to us by God.
 - We should never take our spiritual armor off nor should we ever go into a spiritual battle against the enemy without being armed with our spiritual weapons.

E. Who are we fighting against? (vs. 12) Paul tells us against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.

- It's not against flesh and blood – Your spouse, your children, your relatives, your job, co-workers they are not the problem – The real problem is Satan and his demonic cohorts.

○ Where is the Spiritual Battle fought?

1. Again, Paul tells us (Ephesian 6:12) it is in the heavenly places (spiritual realm).

- In (Ephesians 2:4-6), Paul declares this great truth, But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace you are saved), and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places (spiritual realm) in Christ Jesus.
2. The phrase “sit together” means to place or cause to sit down together.
 3. It refers to an act of benevolence whereby a king or ruler extends his kingdom to friends, family, and dignitaries as an expression of equality or co-authority.
 4. In other words, through Jesus Christ as true believers we possess that same authority that Jesus Christ has.
 5. His Kingdom has been extended to us as His children, through Christ – We are now heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:16-17)
- F. Satan and his demonic army have been “disarmed” by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Satan’s greatest weapon is deception. He uses it to distort the truth about God and how God relates to us as His children. “It started in the Garden (Adam and Eve)” (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-6).
- G. Called us to Conquer (Romans 8:37).
- To conquer means to overcome and take control by military force.
 - To conquer is descriptive of a powerful army seizing control of a fortress.
 - The Word of God calls us “more than conquerors”. We have a great power that is a work in our lives through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
 - The Greater One lives and dwells inside of us as true believers. (1 John 4:4)