

Ephesians 6:10-24
Standing Firm—To the Praise of His Glory!

“...you then...take strength from the grace of God...” (2 Timothy 2:1, The New English Bible)

Introduction:

Ephesians 6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”

1. Paul faithfully reminds us that we are never to be strong of our own accord:

2. Paul faithfully reminds us where we are to get that strength:

Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

1. The armor of God is not a uniform we wear for special occasions:

2. The armor of God is to:

3. The armor of God is all that is necessary to:

The schemes of the enemy are:

1. Strategies:

2. Tactics:

3. Deceits:

Ephesians 6:12, “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.”

1. Our greatest enemy is not the world we see:

2. Demonic forces operate under:

a. Rulers:

b. Authorities:

c. Cosmic powers:

d. Spiritual forces of evil:

Ephesians 6:13-14a, “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. Stand therefore...”

1. When we understand what we are up against:

2. There is no ability to stand against the enemy:

3. No matter how intense the battle becomes:

Ephesians 6:14b-15, "...having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace."

1. The belt of truth:
2. The breastplate of righteousness:
3. The shoes of the gospel:

Ephesians 6:16-17, "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..."

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1. Regardless of the situation:
 2. As we take up the shield of faith:
 3. As we take up the shield of faith:
 4. As we take the helmet of salvation:
 5. As we take the sword of the Spirit:

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

Ephesians 6:18-20, "...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

1. The most precise way to use the sword of the Spirit is:
2. We are to pray in the Spirit:
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Conclusion: Ephesians 6:21-24, "So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible."