

The Armor of God

Our Preparation and the Reality of our Enemy

Ephesians 6:10-11

May 21, 2023

I. The Preparation for the Battle (v. 10)

- A. We must discipline ourselves to prepare for battle
 - 1. We prepare by our position (Eph 1:4)
 - 2. We prepare by living faithfully (Eph 4:1-3)
 - 3. We prepare by dependence on God's power (Eph 6:10)
- B. We must fully arm ourselves
 - 1. Stand on God's truth (John 8:32)
 - 2. Stand on His imputed righteousness (2 Cor 5:21)
 - 3. Stand on the peace we have with God (Romans 5:1)
 - 4. Stand on your faith that God is able (Eph 3:20)
 - 5. Stand on the surety of our salvation (2 Timothy 1:12)
 - 6. Stand on the sufficiency of the scriptures (John 17:17)
 - 7. Stand on the power of prayer (1 Thess 5:17)

II. The Reality of Our Enemy (v. 11)

- A. We must understand the enemy is real
 - 1. He tempted Eve (Genesis 3:1)
 - 2. Jesus spoke of Satan (Luke 10:18, John 8:44, John 12:3)
 - 3. Jesus spoke with Satan (Matt 4 & Luke 4)
 - 4. Peter, James and John spoke of the Devil (Romans 16:20; James 4:7, Rev 12:9)
- B. We must understand that his work against God is real
 - 1. He opposes God's work (Zechariah 3:1)
 - 2. He perverts God's word (Matthew 4:5-6)
 - 3. He hinders the Lord's servants (1 Thess 2:18)
 - 4. He hinders the gospel (1 Cor 4:4)
 - 5. He fights with other angels (Jude 9)
 - 6. He appears attractive (2 Cor 11:44)
 - 7. Those outside of Christ are under His power (1 John 5:19)
- C. The Bible gives Him personal names
 - 1. Anointed Cherub (Ezekiel 28:14)
 - 2. Ruler of Devils (Luke 11:15)
 - 3. Ruler of this world (John 16:11)
 - 4. God of this world (2 Cor 4:4)
- D. His Deceptions Are Real
 - 1. His deceptions can be personal in nature (John 8:44)
 - 2. His deceptions can be corporate in nature
 - The church at Ephesus (Rev 2:4)
 - The Church at Pergamum (Rev 2:14-15)
 - The church at Thyatira (Rev 2:20)
 - The church at Sardis (Rev 3:1)
 - The church at Laodocia (Rev 3:15)
 - 3. The apostasy due to his deception (2 Timothy 4:4)
 - Some will leave their perceived faith (1 Timothy 4:1-2)
 - Some will never believe (Luke 8:12)
 - Some will follow demonic signs and wonders (Matthew 24:24)
- E. Our Victory is Assured
 - 1. Our salvation is complete (Romans 8:28-30)
 - 2. Our security is sealed (Eph 1:13)
 - 3. Our eternity is sure (Jude 24-25)

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