

Calvary Evangelistic Outreach International

Ephesians 6:10A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

I. Power Up in the Lord -

A. We can't do the Lord's work in our own power.

B. We have power from the Lord that we need to tap into.

Ephesians 1:19And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

C. There are other Sons of God - God's other family that have power with God. They are what we call "angels."

1. We are seated in Christ above them, and the messenger angels, and demons.
2. They are rulers over territories, but we have power over them.

Deut. 32:8. When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court.

3. Some have rebelled against the Lord and we battle them.

Gen. 6:4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Mark 5:6. Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "[a]What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" 8For He had already been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you

unclean spirit!" 9And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he *said to Him, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region. 11Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding [b]nearby on the mountain. 12And the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us into the pigs so that we may enter them." 13Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea.

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

II. Put On the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

A. **Belt of Truth - reality verses delusions** - **John 4:24** "worship in spirit and truth" **John 14:6** "I am the way the truth and the life" **John 8:32** "know the truth and the truth will set you free" **John 8:44** "44Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.", **John 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

B. **Breastplate of Righteousness** **Romans 3:22** *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Philippians 1:10* That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Satan means the "Accuser." *It is more his title than name. He is like the prosecuting attorney in Heaven's court. Our only defense against Satan is the blood of Jesus and living for Jesus.*

Rev. 12: 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Jesus is our Defense Attorney - 1 John 2:1 *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

C. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

2 Corinthians 5:20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

We have to stay on the mission of bringing people to Christ. We are Christ's Ambassadors in this spiritual battle. **Romans 16:20** - *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

D. Shield of Faith - Roman soldiers would interlock their shields to ward off the swarms of arrows launched by their enemies. Their shields could stop these arrows. In the same way, our shield is faith, which is trusting the Lord. **1 John 5:4** *because everyone born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. 5 Who then overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

E. Helmet of Salvation - Our mind is protected by thinking of Jesus, Yahweh our Salvation. He is our Shepherd whose rod and staff comforts us. **3 He** *restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:4* *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Isaiah 26:3* *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

F. The Sword of the Spirit - **Isaiah 49:2** *And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

III. Pray

A. Prayer is more than an occasion, it is a lifestyle.

Matthew 26:41 *Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Ephesians 5:19 *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

B. Interceding in prayer - Paul asked them to pray for him because he knew there was strength in corporate prayer.

Matthew 18:19 *Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Acts 4: 29 *And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **30** By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

IV. Preach

A. The Preaching of the gospel sets people free.

B. The people who receive Christ become witnesses that take countries away from Satan and spiritual wickedness in high places.

Mark 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Decapolis was a region of 10 Cities known as the Land of the Rephaim - Giants who died and became demons living there. Now, what was Satan's territory was being brought under Jesus through the man that Jesus set free!

C. Our Sword is Preaching the Word!