

“The Strength of His Might ”
“Ephesians” — Part 19
Ephesians 6:10-13

1. The strength of the Lord

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
Ephesians 6:10

We must think of this as Paul’s call to arms!

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

***“In our own strength we are no match
for Satan or any of his wicked minions.”***
Chuck Swindoll—Pastor

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.
Ephesians 1:18-21

2. The schemes of the enemy

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6:11

The armor of God:

- Notice, it is God’s armor!
- You can’t provide it yourself.
- We must put on the armor.
- We must put on the full armor.
- Because we fight a spiritual battle, only spiritual armor can protect us.

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. 1 John 5:19

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3. Our true struggle

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

The reason we need God's armor:

- We do not fight against flesh and blood.
- Satan and his demons are not flesh and blood, but rather, spiritual beings.
- Their presence and power cannot be detected through our five senses.
- We must trust what God says about the spiritual realm.
- The forces of evil are unparalleled in their wickedness.

“Satan has no conscience, no compassion, no remorse, no morals. He feeds on pain and anguish and filth.”

Kent Hughes—author

4. Our firm stand

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13

The effects of wearing God's armor:

- The ability to stand firm in spiritual victory
- The ability to discern the devil's schemes
- God's armor can help protect us from Satan's devastating assaults.
- We will be ready for anything that comes.

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13

Application: No satanic assault is stronger than God. Nothing is stronger than the Spirit of God living in us. Without spiritual protection we are exposed to every assault of the enemy. Full surrender to Christ is our only option for defense.

...“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.” Zechariah 4:6

Finally, Satan can never prevail over God's church. The Spirit indwells us individually and corporately.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25