



“All of Life is War”

October 4, 2026 | Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

Ephesians 6:10-13 - *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ 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.*

I. Our strength is in the Lord (vs. 10-11)

- A. God provides weapons for the war (Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7)
- B. God provides His strength for the war (John 15:1-5)
- C. We are called to action

II. Our enemy is in this world (vs. 12)

- A. The reality of spiritual warfare
- B. The ploys of our spiritual enemy (1 Pet. 5:8; James 4:7)

III. Our need to stand (vs. 13)

- A. The importance of our spiritual posture
- B. The importance of our mindset (Gen. 3:15; Eph. 3:20)

From *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices* (Thomas Brooks)

Ordinary demonic temptations

- Sexual sin
- Marriage between Christians and non-Christians (2 Corin. 6:15)
- False religion / false teaching (2 Corinthians 11:1-4)
- Bitterness (Ephesians 4:17—5:2)
- Foolishness and drunkenness (Ephesians 5:8-21)
- Idle gossip and busybodying (1 Timothy 5:11-15)
- Lies (John 8:44)
- Idolatry (1 John 5:18-21)

Extraordinary demonic temptations

- Torment (Acts 5:16)
- Physical injury (Acts 8:4-8)
- False miracles (Acts 8:9-11)
- Accusation (Revelation 12:10)
- False spirits (1 John 4:1-4)

Next week's sermon text: Ephesians 6:14-17

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Why is it dangerous to forget we are currently involved in spiritual warfare? What does it mean to fight in the power of God? What practical steps can we take to put on the armor of God daily? What ploys of Satan and his forces most often lead you to sin? How can we best prepare our minds for the spiritual battle?

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