

Review: Divorce – updated page 4 online to add more detail and rewrite for clarity.

Warfare:

Many people don't like to talk about war, fighting, etc. As believers, we are all involved in a war. What type of soldier is more successful, one who understands the war that's raging around them or one who is oblivious?

Chapter 6 Verse 10 Whats the Focus of Spiritual Warfare?

This verse is foundational for the rest of the chapter while also being foundational to understanding verses 1 -9.

Be GK Passive voice verb (receive from Lord)

Strong GK: *to make strong, to endue with strength.* "The idea is, "to clothe one's self with strength as one puts on a garment." 'capable power' From **GK** word which gives us **dynamite** in English.

In the Lord denotes a union and ongoing union with Christ. Walking with him in daily communion.

Remember the Vine and the Branches from the Gospels?

Mighty GK ischúos "power as an endowment." **Wuest** the idea is, "in the active ability to produce a desired and intended result of the might inherent in Him."

Power GK Kratos relative or manifested power. Power to rule and control. 2 Tim 1:7; Eph 1:19

STANDING.... STANDING.... STANDING.... STANDING.... STANDING.... STANDING...

How has God displayed his power in bible as people stand? 1) David Balsam trees troops marching. 2) Joshua road to Jericho and man with drawn sword. 3) Elisha's servant sees hills filled with flaming chariots!

Verse 11

Put On GK: Like putting on clothing before going out in public. Aorist Imperative Middle voice.

Do different environments cause us to choose different clothing? Why? We need to choose to armor up!

Stand GK: (Lowu) to cause to be in a place, with or without the accompanying **feature of standing position**—'to put, to place, to set, to make stand, **to be there.**

Not just a stand but "**YOUR**" **Stand!** Its **Personal!** All of us have a stand to take.

- We chose to ask Christ to be our Personal Savior.
- We must choose to take our stand in our own personal life.

Schemes/Wiles GK: Method, pursuing of a cunning, orderly, & technical **procedure** in **handling** a person.

Devil has a **well thought through** plan to attack believers in a deceitful manner. EACH of us need to be ready!

The Armor of God

- Ephesians is a **prison epistle**. Paul was noting how the Roman soldier was well-equipped!
- The armor of God is our protection from all that devilish scheming!
- What is that armor of God? Do I buy it on Amazon or does Walmart sell it locally?

Verse 12 Who are We Fighting?

Struggle GK: A wrestling, struggle, or hand-to-hand combat. (**Lowu**) to engage in **intense** struggle, involving physical or nonphysical force against **strong opposition**—'to struggle, to fight.'

Bible says our struggle is **Not Flesh and Blood!** What does that mean?? **Not People!**

- But people attack our beliefs and walk! They give me a rough time at work! Some "friends" mock me!
 - Drunk people act in stupid and dangerous ways. Is that really them or is it the alcohol acting?
 - **John Phillips Quote:** "We must see **beyond people**. Satan may use people to persecute us, lie to us, cheat us, hurt us, or even kill us. But our **real enemy** lurks in the shadows of the unseen world moving **people** as **PAWNS** on the **chessboard** of time. As long as we see people as enemies and wrestle against them, we will spend our strength in vain."

Rulers Despotism **ENG**: exercise of absolute power, especially in a cruel & oppressive way. **GK** 1st or head officers
Authorities, Powers of Dark World, Spiritual Forces of Evil in Heavenly realms/places.

Satan and his **fallen angels** desire to block you from working for God! Seek to discourage, dilute our time & energy, and tempt us in our weak areas to promote sin in our lives to distract, discourage, and demoralize us!

- **There are NO Edifying verbs attached to Satan in the bible!**
- **I John 5:19** “whole world is under Satan’s control”

Who is Satan?

Devil originally called Lucifer “shining one” “morning star”. Chief of the Cherub.

- **Ezk 28:12** “Full of **wisdom** and perfect in **beauty**”.
 - **Jude 1:9** Michael and body of Moses.
 - NOT omniscient! How does he **operate all over the whole world?**
 - **Beauty**: Not a guy in Red suit with horns and a pitchfork!
- **Ezk 28:13** Lucifer minister of music and worship. **HB** for **settings** = timbrel; sockets = pipes
- **Ezk 28:14-17** Fuller description of Satan.
- Satan’s fall **Isaiah 14:12-14** I will ascend above Most High. **PRIDE!** “like Most High” **Eve trickery**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs fallen angels. • During Tribulation he requires all people have mark of beast.

Satan means “adversary or enemy” **I Peter 5:8**

- **John 8:44** “When devil lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
- **II Cor 4:4** God of this age has blinded unbelievers so they can’t see the light of the gospel.
- **II Cor 11:14** devil masquerades as an angel of light.
- **II Cor 11:15** Satan’s servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Example: Anti-Christ
- **Rev 2:9 Rev 3:9** Synagogue of Satan. Devil has his own ‘church’ throughout history!
- **Satan** knows he’s **doomed**, but he goes around trying to undermine God. You know how a person can talk behind a person’s back to make them weak and look bad? Devil tries this but God laughs.
- He also tries to **mimic God**. Rev: Beast, False Prophet, and Dragon (devil) Trinity of evil.
- How **far can Devil go?** Rem when he asked God for permission to strike Job? God put limits saying you can’t take Job’s life. Satan did everything to try to break Job’s faith but worked within limits.
- **David Jeremiah** “Satan would rather be a king in Hell than a servant in Heaven!”

Fallen Angels (demons)

Satan deceived **one third** of the angels. **Rev 12:3-4**

Demons documented: Mark 1:32, 39; Matt 4:24; Luke 7:21; James 2:19, **Matt 8:28 – 29** (know their end)

Two Levels of demons:

- Fallen and Free meaning they can move about the earth.
- Fallen and in chains in prison **Jude 1:6**
 - Why some chained? These are the worst of the worst! I Cor 10:13 ?

Can demons inhabit believers or separate believers from God?

- **I John 4:4** Greater is He that is in you than...
- **Luke 10:17** demons submit to us in your name.
- **Romans 8:38-39** convinced that neither angels nor demons or anything else separate from God’s love.
- There is **NO instance** in the **bible** of a demon indwelling or being cast out of a believer.

We are at war! The spiritual bullets are flying by and many people are oblivious. **WAR VERSES**

- Rev 12:7-8, Rev 19:14 We are the armies of Heaven. Wherever Jesus is, we are there too!
- I Tim 1:18; 6:12
- II Tim 4:7; 2:3-4

Let’s check **Dan 10** to view this **hierarchy** in action in the **heavenly realms**.

Dan 10:1 - 3 READ Great War

Dan was praying and fasting for understanding for three weeks. How many of us consistently prayer 3 weeks? Demonstrating humility by fasting and denying himself pleasures of life for 3 weeks. **God** appears **SILENT!**

Dan 10:4 – 9 Angel visits Dan.

Others terrified and fled even though they did not see the angel. Only Dan was able to see the angel. Who is this angel?

- Gabriel – Dan 8:16; 9:20
- Luke 1:19 (announcement 2 Zachariah about John’s birth) and 1:26 (announcement 2 Mary about Jesus)

Dan 10:10 – 11 Why Angel sent to Dan?

Gabriel was sent to Dan because Daniel is highly esteemed!

Dan 10:12 – 14 Trip Delays Airports Weather etc

This angel started on the trip to enlighten Dan three weeks ago on the very day Dan first started praying!

Why the 3 week delay?

Gabriel ran into interference. Prince of Persia. Michael came to help. Imagine what the fight scene must have looked like above Persia!! Why did God let the battle and delay last for 3 weeks? Scripture does not say.

- Was this wait 4 Dan’s spiritual growth? His trust in God? How badly did Dan desire to understand vision?
- Was the evil angel of Persia stronger than Gabriel? Why was such a powerful force of evil there at Persia?
- Medo Persian was THE “**world power**”. Devil puts his best demons where they have more impact!

Eph 6:12 “spiritual forces of evil in Heavenly realms.

Dan 10:20 – 21 Closing

Was this the final end of the spiritual battle with evil?

Then Prince of Greece will come Dan 10:20 after Persia falls.

No one supports Gabriel except for Michael. Does that mean Gabriel is alone? Is Gab strong enough to restrain? Why does God allow this war to continue instead of just ending it all?

1. **II Peter 3:9** Lord not slow in coming but is patient not wanting anyone to perish!
2. **Testimony to devil.** Why let such a powerful being free? Shows qualities of God and brings him glory.

What have we learned from Dan 10 passage for our study in Eph 6:12?

- There is an organized hierarchy of evil from top to bottom.
- Devil coordinates it all to try to hinder and destroy God’s plans.
- Every country/kingdom has an evil force overseeing that area. The USA has a **Prince Of Evil** trying to trip up and make the nation stagger. **Certain politicians** are **helping** that process along in USA.

2 Thess 2:18 - For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.

Any effort to weaken the family or promote sinful behavior.

The forces of evil in heavenly realms is why its so important to:

1. **Vote** in our country for **people** who **stand** for the **Lord**.
 - a. Economy, Environment, etc are important issues to lots of people.
 - b. Does the Lord want us to focus on being holy & righteous or helping lead USA down sinful paths?
2. Lift up our present leaders in prayer as Paul commanded us earlier in Ephesians.

Three Heavens

1. Earth’s Atmosphere
2. Stars and Planets
3. God’s Abode. 2 Co 12:2, Act 7:55, Rev 4:1-4

Angels (Good) are here to Help we humans!

Acts 5:19; Angel opened prison door. **Acts 7:23** Angel stood before Paul to strengthen him to testify

Matt 4:11 Jesus after temptations

Heb 1:14 angels are ministering spirits sent to help us.

Verse 13

THEREFORE THEREFORE THEREFORE!!!!

Put On/Take Up GK: (Lowu) to lift up and carry (away) (Aorist Imperative, Middle voice)

IE: take the full armor of God with us everyday and everywhere!

Day of Evil? Some day way off in the future? **I Peter 5:8** Adversary roars like roaring lion ... drink down. When you are being tempted! That is **your day of evil!**

Able to GK: aorist subjunctive passive (The **Subjunctive** means you may not feel like you can do it, but you are more than able through the power dwelling in you because of Jesus!!!)

Stand/resist GK: to stand firm against, resist. What does this mean?

- **James 4:7** Resist the devil and he will flee you.
- **II Chron 20:17** You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm see deliverance
- **Rev 19:11-13** “standing/sitting firm” on white horses behind Jesus. “armies of Heaven”
- Don’t give in or give up!! Just say NOOOOO!!

Your Ground Your area of influence in life including home, work, social, and church!

done GK: (aorist participle middle voice) **everything**

to **stand(firm) GK:** to cause to be in a place, with or without the accompanying feature of standing position— ‘to put, to place, to set, to make stand, to be there.

* Note one may not necessarily be in the upright position, but they are still “there”! Doing battle with evil on this side of Heaven can have an impact on us as indicated by not necessarily standing but still being in the fight!

Please note from this verse there is a lot of energy and umph being invested by the believer in standing. We believers are all in a battle! The **more you feel the heat** of the battle, the more you can tell you are **walking closer** to the **Lord!** If you don’t feel any attacks, its time to check out your walk for Christ. **II Cor 13:5**

We are not to try to engage the devil or demons in an argument, but are to stand! Jude 1:9

2 Cor 10:4 our weapons for warfare
are not of flesh

Verse 14

Paul was in prison with a Roman guard. He probably observed his guard’s attire. How all the soldier’s “armor” worked together with each piece for the benefit of the soldier.

Stand GK: Aorist Imperative Active voice Stay in place. Stand your ground. Same **GK** as end of **verse 13**.

Belt of Truth What is truth? Pilate asked this question. The **truth** is the **Word of God!**

Buckled/Girded GK: Aorist Participle (ing word) Middle voice. **Belt held rest of soldier’s armor in place.** So so soooooo **IMPORTANT** to be **in**, and **learning**, and **knowing** the Word of God! The truth of the Word of God is what **keeps** us, **grows** our faith, and **protects** us.

Breastplate of righteousness

“with the” NASB/KJV **put** on/having on **GK:** aorist participle middle voice

Right living is a marvelous shield for our lives! **I Thess 5:8** Love and faith lead to right living.

In place NIV way of saying to have breastplate on your body all the time! (aorist participle middle)

What does this mean? **NEVER** go anywhere without having that breastplate of righteousness in place! The minute we choose to stop being righteous, its like a soldier going into battle taking off their bulletproof vest!

Righteousness

1. **Positional** – Righteous in and because of Christ. **I Cor 1:30**
2. **Practical** Our day-to-day life choices. We choose to live for Christ rather than self.
The little sins we nurture in our lives are like little holes in the breastplate.
Chose to **LOVE** agape style instead of trying to do better. Love always wins out!

Verse 15

Feet “**fitted**”/shod **GK**: To bind under, as sandals under the feet. **Roman soldier sandals**: Thick and hobnailed soles with wide leather straps. All this provided **traction** and **protection**.

Horses have their feet/hooves shod with iron shoes. Why?? **traction** and **protection**

We need solid footing under us that only comes from knowing and being in the gospel that brings peace.

Peace GK: set of favorable circumstances involving peace and tranquility

Hurricane is a violent swirling of wind, but in the center of the **hurricane** is the **eye** which is eerily peaceful!

Christ makes even the most challenging warfare times contain peace for us! **Is 26:3** keep in perfect peace him...

Gospel of Peace The gospel brings peace in our relationship with God. We were once His enemy, but now we are at peace and dearly beloved! Gives us **traction** and **protection** in our daily walk to stand!!!

Verse 16

Take Up GK:

Shield of Faith Roman shield base was solid wood (2 ply plywood) wrapped in leather with metal edging. The shape was oval and covered much of the soldier’s body. (Like the “shields” on Star Trek!)

“When a legionary charged with the shield, he would hold it with a straight arm and rest it on his left shoulder, then run towards the enemy with full force in an attempt to knock his foe over. He would then kneel behind the shield and fight from behind it.” Source: <https://romanmilitary.net/tools/armor/>

- The Roman shield is like the size of a door and heavy! 4 feet high and a little more than 2 feet wide.
- Covers all the other armor!
- The Romans would stand side by side **shield to shield** allowing the enemy to fire all they possessed. Then Romans would attack the ammunition-less enemy!

We need to learn to **stand side by side** with other **believers** as there is more **strength in numbers**.

- Church, small groups, and bible studies enable us to lock our shields of faith together

Our **faith** in Jesus is **incredibly important**! Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God **Rom 10:17**.

Little faith, little shield! Bigger faith gives us a bigger stronger shield!!!

Be Able GK: Future Middle voice

Extinguish GK: Lowu: to cause a fervent activity to cease—‘to stop, to quench. Resist the devil!!!

Flaming Arrows GK: perfect participle passive. **Perfect** is something started in the past and keeps on going!

Luke 4:13¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting of Jesus, he left him until an opportune time.

How many “flaming arrows” of the devil can be extinguished your shield of faith? **ALL**

So are we saying we are more powerful than devil? NO, BUT JESUS is all powerful! **I John 4:4**

Satan and his angels fire lots of **fiery arrows** at us to produce **doubt, depression, disappointment, and defeat**

Verse 17

Take GK: aorist imperative middle voice

To accept an offer deliberately & readily. To take to oneself what is presented or brought by another, to receive.

Helmet of Salvation

Salvation is a free gift given to us but it also Protects our head!

- As non-believers try to distract us, the helmet of salvation protects our thoughts, mind, and head! (People make you doubt Salvation) If they get you doubting, then you are ineffective in the kingdom!
- **Romans 12:2** renew your minds...
- **II Cor 10:5** take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ!
- Salvation always gives us HOPE! We know the outcome of the story! Who wins!

Please note that all the armor is for the **front** and **sides**. *Nothing really for the rear*. What does this mean? We need to always be standing! Standing our ground! When we retreat, we are readily and **wide open to attack**.

All the armor is **defensive** up to this point, next week we will look at two **offensive** weapons at our disposal.

Application to us:

1. Standing!

- a. How well are we standing?
- b. Are you being lulled into acceptance of specific sinful behavior or are you standing and resisting?
- c. Don't cave in to the moral positions of the World. "Damien Kyle"
 - 1) BIG BIG push to promote and protect homosexual "rights".
 - 2) Sin against even nature, not just God.
 - a) "Plumbing doesn't line up" "Damien Kyle"
 - b) Do you ever hear about 'homosexual' animals? Even the animal kingdom hasn't fallen to the depths that the human race is falling.

2. How aware are you of the spiritual battle daily being waged?

- a. Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- b. Devil assigns his fallen angels (demons) according to who is more on fire for Christ.
 - a) If you are feeling the heat, REJOICE! James 1:2
 - b) If you don't sense any attacks, maybe check on your faith. Has your stand for the Lord grown cold?
 - c) .

3. How often should we put on or take up the armor of God?

- a. Daily!
- b. In prayer appropriate each piece.

NOTES:

Rev 12:7

Then a war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

In end times during tribulation we learn from Revelation that an **evil trinity** of three beings will rule. Beast, False Prophet, Dragon Devil himself.

Armor of God verses <http://www.acts17-11.com/armor.html>

Daniel and spiritual warfare

<http://www.itiswritten.com/unsealing-daniels-mysteries-lesson-10-without-a-doubt>

<https://www.gty.org/resources/bible-qna/BQ011613/Caught-Up-to-the-Third-Heaven>

Exactly what was the reality of the experience was unclear even to Paul, as the twice-repeated phrase **whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know** emphasizes. He did not know **whether** his body and soul were **caught up to the third heaven** or whether his soul temporarily went **out of his body**. **Caught up** translates *harpazo*, the same verb used of the Rapture in [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#). Paul was suddenly snatched up into the **third heaven** which, transcending the first (earth's atmosphere; [Deut. 11:11](#); [1 Kings 8:35](#); [Isa. 55:10](#)) and second (interplanetary and interstellar space; [Gen. 15:5](#); [Ps. 8:3](#); [Isa. 13:10](#)) heavens, is the abode of God ([1 Kings 8:30](#); [Ps. 33:13-14](#); [Matt. 6:9](#)). The parallelism of the two phrases demands that **Paradise** be equated with **heaven** (see [Luke 23:43](#); cf. [Rev. 2:7](#), which says the Tree of Life is in Paradise with [Rev. 22:2, 14, 19](#), which place it in heaven). The Persian word from which the Greek word translated **Paradise** derives means "walled garden." The greatest honor a Persian king could bestow on one of his subjects was to grant him the right to walk with the king in the royal garden in intimate companionship.