

Bat14 – The Battlefield: Prayer – Eph 6:18

Last week – We looked at 6th & Final Piece of the ARMOR  
*The SWORD of the Spirit – Which is the Word of God*

& we tried to Make it CLEAR – that the Word of God  
is the OFFENSIVE Foundation  
for EVERY Defensive Article of the Armor

ALL of those articles of Armor are EMPOWERED  
by the OFFENSIVE Weapon of  
*The SWORD of the Spirit – Which is the Word of God*

& we Stand Firm in the Victory Jesus has WON for us  
BY FIRST - Using the Offensive Word of God  
to PUT ON – Every Defensive article of Armor

And Then we USE The Word of God - Directly on the ENEMY  
Enabling us to STAND FIRM against his attacks

That was what we did – LAST WEEK

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So – After 13 weeks of Pretty Intense Study:

We're UNDERSTANDING our Enemy more  
We've UNDERSTANDING God's Armor more  
& We're UNDERSTANDING the Battle more . . .

So Now - Where Do We Go . . . ??

*No, Really . . . WHERE Do We GO From Here?*

WE GO TO THE BATTLEFIELD !!

**From here** - We learn how to **actually Get ON** the **Battlefield**  
& **TAKE PART** in The **Spiritual Battle**

& Guys – **That Battlefield** – **is PRAYER !!**

**When** You are **Ready** to Actually **Take Part** in **The Spiritual Battle**  
**Your BATTLEFIELD** – **IS PRAYER**

& **THAT** is where we're **going today**

**Let's Pray**

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You **MAY Remember** – We started this **Spiritual Battle** Series  
In the Book of Daniel

**Dan Ch's 9 & 10** Launched us **INTO** this little "**Side Series**"  
which has **now** become **14 messages**

Well – **Finally** - **Today's** Message **RECONNECTS** us to  
the **Ch's** in Dan - that **got us started** down this road

It was **IN PRAYER** that **Daniel** was able to **SEE** into  
the **REALITY** of The **Spiritual Battle**

**AND** - It was **IN PRAYER** that **Daniel realized** that he had  
a **Very Real ROLE** to play – **IN** the **Spiritual Battle**

**Daniel** Entered the **REALM** of **The Spiritual Battle** **in PRAYER**  
& **Daniel's ROLE** in **The Spiritual Battle** - **was PRAYER**

**Prayer is like a WORM-HOLE**

That takes us **OUT** of The **PHYSICAL** Realm  
& **INTO** the **SPIRITUAL** Realm

**PRAYER TAKES** us there

**And** - **PRAYER** is our **ROLE** there

## **PRAYER – IS THE BATTLEFIELD**

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SO – **Let's go back** & do a **QUICK Review** of some of **DAN 9 & 10**

### **Daniel 9:2–3 (NLT)**

***2 During the first year of his reign (Darius The Mede), I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the Lord (notice), as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years.***

***3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting (no casual prayer). I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes.***

Here **Daniel** was **Moved** by the **Word of God** – into a **time** of **Intense Prayer & Supplication** for the **people** of God

I want you to **See the connection** – Between **the Word of God** & being **moved** to **Intense Prayer** (*Same in Eph 6*)

### **& then we read in Daniel 9:4 (NLT)**

***4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! . . . .***

& **then** what **follows** is an **incredible prayer**  
**Perfectly aligned** with **God's Word**

**This** is Praying **“IN”** (In accordance with) **God's Spirit**  
*which is **also KEY** in the **Spiritual Battle text** of Eph 6*

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& **then** we see **Daniel's ENTRANCE** into the **Spiritual Realm**  
**THRU** His **Prayer** – in . . .

**Daniel 9:21–23 (NLT)**

***21 As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice.***

***22 He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding.***

***23 The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was . . .***

**Our only point here today is to see that:**

- 1) Daniel was **PRAYING** – Using The **Word of God**
- 2) He was **Praying ACCORDING** to **God's Spirit**
- 3) He was **Praying** In **Intense Supplication** for **God's people**

**& God's RESPONSE was**

to **Usher him** onto the **Spiritual Battlefield**

& **allow him** to **SEE** the **Angelic Warriors** – Working on His behalf

& **we see ALL** three of **these things** – in our **Eph 6 text**

to **usher US** onto the **Spiritual Battlefield**

**Where** the **Angelic Warriors** are working on **OUR Behalf** as well

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& **Then** In **Ch 10** Agn **Daniel** is **brought** onto the **Spiritual Battlefield**  
after **Praying** & **Mourning** & **Fasting** for **21 DAYS STRAIGHT**

**Daniel 10:2-14 (NLT) → →**

## **Daniel 10:2-14 (NLT)**

**2 . . . I, Daniel, had been in mourning (& fasting & praying) for three whole weeks.**

. . .

**4 . . . as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River,  
5 I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist.**

. . . (skip to v.11)

**11 And the man said to me, “Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you.” . . .**

**12 Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.** (notice - in answer to your prayer)

**13 But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way (the spiritual enemy). Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.**

**14 Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future . . .**

### **Catch this one truth very clearly**

**Daniel is BROUGHT onto the Spiritual Battlefield – THRU PRAYER  
& Daniel’s Role in the Spiritual Battle – IS PRAYER**

### **In the Same Way**

**You & I enter the Spiritual Battlefield – THRU PRAYER  
& Our OFFENSIVE ROLE in the Spiritual Battle – IS PRAYER**

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- 1) **Jesus** Christ has **ALREADY WON** the **VICTORY** in **our place**
- 2) We **MUST** Put on **ALL** the **ARMOR** to **STAND** in that **Victory**
- 3) & **TAKE UP** the **Sword of the Spirit** (Word of God)
- 4) & **Then** – we **actually ENTER** the **Battlefield** – **THRU PRAYER**

**Do we** want to **just READ** about the **Battle**  
& **Learn ABOUT** putting on **the ARMOR** . . . ??

Or **do we** actually **want to GET IN** where the **Battle** is occurring  
& **have** an **ACTIVE PART** – **IN that Battle ??**

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**After watching our Son Train for Battle for 2 solid years**

**Pam & I** kinda had a **hard time understanding** how **anxious**  
he **was** to **actually get** to the **battlefield**

**David** had been **Putting on** the **Armor** for **2 years** –  
He had been **Preparing & Training** for the **Battle** for **2 years**

& he **knew** that his **brother's-in-arms** were **out there** in the battle

& he **Wanted Badly** – to actually **GET** to **the Battlefield**  
**Because** he wanted to have a **Positive Impact** on the **Battle**

& **HE KNEW** - that **all the preparation** in the **world**  
Was **NOT** actually **BEING IN** the **BATTLE**

**ONLY** Being **ON** the **BATTLEFIELD** – **IS** Being **IN** the **BATTLE**

& he **wanted to BE THERE**  
**Putting ALL** his **ARMOR** - & his **TRAINING** – **to GOOD USE**

**SHOULDN'T WE BE THE SAME WAY ??**

**HOW LONG** have we been **LEARNING** about **the ARMOR**  
**HOW LONG** have we been **TRAINING** for **this Battle**

& **HOW LONG** are we gonna **SIT on the SIDELINE**

**While** are **Brothers & Sisters** are actually **ON the Battlefield**  
In **Genuine NEED** – of **US** to be there **WITH THEM**

**PRAYER** brings us into **the REALM**  
where the **Spiritual Battle** is actually **OCCURRING**

**PRAYER IS THE BATTLEFIELD**

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*Are you **READY** to Actually **ENTER** the **Battlefield**?*

***Alright** – **Let's look** at **HOW** we **Do that***

**I've been using the NLT for this study**

But I **really want** to break **Eph 6:18** down into **Bite-Size** pieces  
& the **NLT** "**over-simplifies**" it a bit for **my purpose** today

So – **From the ESV** – I **want** to read **Eph 6:17-18** together  
cause **I want you to see** one **cool thing** to start

**Ephesians 6:17–18 (ESV)**

***17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,** (Notice the punctuation mark)  
**18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,***

The **Command** to **Take Up** the **2nd half** of the Armor . . .

The **Shield of Faith** – **Helmet of Salvation** - & **Sword of the Spirit**

**End with a COMMA – Not a Period** – which is **meant to show**  
a **Continuation** of the **same thought**

Of the **10 Primary Bible Translations** I use for **every message**  
**FOUR of them** make **v.18 part** of the **same sentence** as **v.17**

**The NKJV writes Ephesians 6:17–18 this way (NKJV)**  
***17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (notice punctuation) 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . .***

**Do you see** the **SEMI COLON** After **“The Word of God”**

The **Semi-Colon** is to show a **close BOND** between **two statements**  
& to **show** an **EXPANDING** (or Connecting) of **two thoughts**

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Now - **Listen** to what the **Translation Notes** say in **one** of the  
**best translated Bible Versions** available today – **The NET Bible**

**NET Translation Note:**

***Both “praying” and “being alert” . . . are connected with all of the preceding instructions. As such, they are not additional commands to do but instead are the means through which the prior instructions are accomplished.***

**Praying** - & **Being Alert** - ***are the means through which the prior instructions are accomplished***

**PRAYER** is **WHERE** these **instructions**  
about the **Spiritual Battle** – **ARE ACCOMPLISHED**

**PRAYER** is where **We TAKE PART** in the **Spiritual Battle**

**PRAYER – IS THE BATTLEFIELD**

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Now – Don't let me lose you -  
we've been studying this for 14 weeks

We Need to See – This is ALL a “SINGULAR TRAINING”  
for our Victory in the Spiritual Battle

Its just that we are now down to The HOW & The WHERE  
do we TAKE PART in this Battle

& the answer - is IN PRAYER

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So - Let me SUM UP your Spiritual Battle Training

To be STRONG in the LORD - & in the Power of His Might  
To STAND FIRM in the Victory Jesus Christ has WON for you

Live in TRUTH – RIGHTEOUSNESS  
PEACE, FAITH, & SALVATION

Take Up the Sword of The Spirit . . .

& then – to GET ON the Battlefield

To Start RESISTING the Enemy - so he will Flee from you . . .

To Start STANDING Your Ground

GET – TO – The battlefield – OF PRAYER

WHEN you are Actually Ready to JOIN the Battle

You do so – On the battlefield – of PRAYER

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So – Let's go thru Eph 6:18 again – in more detail

## **Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)**

***praying at all times  
in the Spirit,  
with all prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert  
with all perseverance,  
making supplication for all the saints,***

There is **actually** a **TON of instruction** – in this 1 Vs

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### **PRAYING AT ALL TIMES**

There are **TWO Words** translated **TIME** in the N.T.  
**CHRONOS**, & **KAIROS**

**CHRONOS** means the **passing of time** – like on a clock

**IF** this **were that word** – It would **mean** we're to Pray – **ALL the TIME**  
which **we** are **encouraged** to do in **1Thes 5:17** (pray w/o ceasing)

But **this word** is **NOT CHRONOS**  
**This word is KAIROS**

& **KAIROS** Refers to a **Specific POINT time**  
or a **specific SEASON of Time**

A **Paraphrase** could be – **“Praying at ALL of these times”**

**All of WHAT “TIMES” . . . ?**

**ALL of these TIMES** of **Spiritual Battle**

**ALL of these TIMES** when the **Attack** is on,

**AT All of these times** – You **better get** on the **Battlefield** of **PRAYER**

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& **HOW** are you to **Pray** - at **ALL of these Times ??**

**You Are To Pray - IN THE SPIRIT**

This **does not automatically** mean praying in **tongues**  
*tho if you have that gift it may include that*

This **means Primarily** Praying **IN THE POWER** of the **Holy Spirit**

**Jude 20 (NLT)**

***20 . . . pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,***

& the **#1 way** for you to **Pray in the Power of The Holy Spirit**  
is to **PRAY GOD'S WORD !!!**

**God's Word** is the **Sword of the Spirit**  
& **Prayer** is the **Battlefield** . . .

**What better place** is there – to Use God's SWORD ??

**The SWORD is MADE for the Battlefield of Prayer**

We have **GOT to learn** to use the **Sword of the Spirit**  
On the **Battlefield of PRAYER**

**If I could only** Teach a Christian **ONE THING**  
about **The Spiritual Battle**

It would be **HOW to USE** the **Sword of the Spirit**  
**ON the Battlefield of Prayer**

**PRAYER** is the **Battlefield**  
where our **Spiritual Life** is **WON or LOST**

& we **have GOT** to go **out** on **that Battlefield**  
with the **Sword of the Spirit**

& **we've got** to **KNOW HOW** to **USE that Sword**  
So we can **start ROUTING** the **Enemy** with it

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& **HOW else** does **Eph 6:18** call us to do **Battle** in Prayer ?

**Pray WITH ALL PRAYER & SUPPLICATION:**

**The word means ALL KINDS (types) of Prayer**

**Deliberate** prayer - **Spontaneous** prayer

Prayer of **Confession** – **Praise** – **Adoration** – **Thanksgiving**, etc

This is **ALL KINDS of Prayer** – It's like

**UNLOADING ALL** the **Guns** on the enemy - **At Once**

**& it's PRAYER – WITH SUPPLICATION**

**Supplication** is an **Intensity of Prayer** – a **Purposefulness**

It is **Beseeking** – **Imploring** – & **Petitioning** God

With **Earnestness & Intensity**

This is **NOT child's Play**

this is not “*Now I lay me down to sleep*” prayers

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& **What else does Eph 6:18** say ? → →

**“TO THAT END” KEEP ALERT:**

**“To That End” Means - For This Purpose –  
in order to do some GOOD in this Spiritual Battle**

**We MUST - KEEP ALERT  
STAY FOCUSED – & Not Become DISTRACTED**

If we are going to STAND in Victory on THIS Battlefield  
We have GOT to Stay Alert

**1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)**

***8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.***

**We’ve got to be ON ALERT – ON GUARD**

**READY at all times - to STAND FIRM in ALL the Armor  
READY at all times - to DRAW the Sword of the Spirit  
READY at all times – to DO Battle – In PRAYER**

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**How ELSE does this Vs call us to PRAY ?**

**WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE:**

It means - with PERSISTENT DETERMINATION  
Or INTENSE EFFORT

**Are you Fighting the Spiritual Battle – ON the Battlefield of Prayer  
With PERSISTENT DETERMINATION - & INTENSE EFFORT ?**

**Victory – ON the Battlefield of Prayer  
takes Persistent – Dedicated – Disciplined – Determination**

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**OR** we can just **GIVE IN** to the **Enemy**  
& be **another NOTCH** on his **belt**

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& **Finally** in **Eph 6:18** – We are to be

**MAKING SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS:**

We are to be **doing battle** - **WITH one another** & **FOR one another**  
The **Body of Christ** is **ALL FOR ONE** & **ONE FOR ALL**

We've **got** to be **taking part in** this battle of prayer **For Each Other**  
**Praying FOR** Each **Other**  
**Holding** Each Other **UP**

**We're IN** the battle **TOGETHER** -  
We've **got** to be **Fighting in Prayer** – **TOGETHER**

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**Does that give** you an **Idea**  
of **what** the **Battlefield of Prayer** **LOOKS LIKE**

**Does it give** you an idea – of **why** we are **so easily**  
**TAKEN OUT** by the **enemy** - over & **over again**

**When** we are **NOT** on **this Battlefield** – **With this Intensity?**

**The problem** is – now **I don't have any time** left  
to **teach** you **HOW to pray**

So **instead** – I've **put together** a bit of a **Library on Prayer** for you

If **you seriously want** to start **DOING** Battle  
**ON** the **Battlefield of Prayer**

Then **I want** to give you **10 MSG'S** to **Listen to & study**

**I'm** just going to **put them** on the **screen** & **read** them  
**that way** you can **pause** the **video** or **rewind** the **audio**

**Or** you can **just ASK US** for these **10 messages**  
& begin to **Learn how to ENTER** the Battlefield in Prayer

- 1) Meet God Daily
- 2) Abide in Prayer
- 3) Quiet Time
- 4) Meditating on God's Word
- 5) Praying According to God's Word
- 6) How Do We Pray?
- 7) Are You Praying?
- 8) Four Marks of True Revival
- 9) A Prayer of Restoration
- 10) Jesus Prays For His Disciples

**ALL** of those **messages** will help you **understand**  
the **IMPORTANCE** of - & **HOW** – **To PRAY**

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OK – **PLs Listen very closely** (as we close) → →

**I'm going** to give you **THREE STEPS** – of **WHAT to DO**  
In **order to FIGHT** The **Spiritual Battle** – **Victoriously**

- 1) **DISCERN** the area of the Attack
- 2) **STRENGTHEN** that part of the Armor
- 3) **DO BATTLE** in Prayer

**I had** to actually **DO THIS** – **Myself**  
**WHILE** I was **preparing this message**

**In this series** – I **feel** like I'm **uncovering** the **Enemy's tactics**  
& **revealing** how we can **actually BEAT him**

& **in response** he is **definitely unloading**  
some **extra special attacks** on me

**HE** is **continuing** to **come at me** with **CANNONS**  
of **Doubt** & **Discouragement** & **Depression**

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& on Fri he kept Bringing Up to me – THE ATTACKS  
that people have leveled against me over the years  
until I was feeling Physically Sick from it

& THIS is exactly what I did . . .

1) I stopped preparing the msg

2) I got clear in my mind – in what area I was being attacked

3) I got out the Offensive Weapon of God's Word  
& I Strengthened that area of My Armor

I Meditated on the Word – I Prayed the Word  
I Spoke the Word to Myself - & back to God

4) & then I BATTLED the Enemy's Attack – IN PRAYER –  
Using the Word of God the entire time  
Until the Enemy Backed Off

& THAT is what I want you to do too – When Your Attacks come

1) DISCERN the area you are being Attacked in

2) STRENGTHEN that part of the Armor

3) Then GO TO BATTLE in Prayer

James 4:7 (NLT)

*7 . . . Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

But that Resistance – is an Aggressive - Purposeful BATTLE  
IN the Battlefield – OF PRAYER

Let's Pray