

The SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST | "STAND AGAINST THE WILES Pt. 1" | LESSON 13

I INTRO/REVIEW:

- ① The Whole Armour of God
- ② Purpose - To stand & withstand

II PREVIEW:

- ① Implication of standing & withstanding
- ② Examining Wiles

III LESSON:

- ① Implication of standing & withstanding
  - ① Attempts to get you to faint or fall, to stop walking
    - Rom. 8:35; 2 Cor. 4

Darkness

- Bewitched, Bequile
- Subtle

▷ Wile = method (trickery, lie in wait)  
 ▷ Device = design (stratagem) - deceiving (lie)  
 ↳ advantage

- Nature of the war in the mind / thoughts
  - Get you to think contrary to God and spend your time in vain

② Attempt to get you to walk with the Adversary

- 2 Tim. 2:24-26
  - "share" - trick, stratagem
- 1 Tim. 4:1-3
  - teaching a form of godliness, but are doctrines of devils

• Leaven

- ① Leaven of Error - Matt. 16:11; Gal. 5:1-9
  - ② Leaven of Sin - 1 Cor. 5:1-9
- } Rom 12:1-2
- ① Renewing Mind
  - ② Body Service

## ② Examining Wiles

- ① Pandemic is God's judgment upon the world
- ② The vote is how we fight, how we win
- ③ Republicans are Christian, Democrats are not
- ④ Riots are being done for a worthy cause - join the fight

### ① The Pandemic is God's judgment upon the world

- many Christians may refer to the intentional modification & dispersion of the virus
- "O yea, but let me tell you about Christ"

- where does most of the world get their information

- in combating the thought of the darkness of this & similar thoughts do you want to combat it with the light (if it be light) that has temporary truthfulness or with the light that is eternal.

- say, undoubtedly, the world accepts the intentional modification & dispersion of the coronavirus, "Pandemic"

- people go to jail, truth is told, what gain is there in that

- Mat. 15:24-27

- you gain some measure of truthfulness

- they gain nothing > lose their own soul

- we are not to measure success of truth based upon its temporary earthly victories, but upon eternal opportunities

- Luke 13:1-5

- Christ didn't come and say "well that tower the Romans devised to fall and people died, they deserve to die too"

- even if he could expose Roman conspiracy (by the way all secrets will be judged Rom. 2)

what gain would that had.

- instead we see Him use it for an eternal opportunity

(a) Such a saying gives us opportunity to teach people (believers & unbelievers) about God.

- ① 2 Cor. 5:18-21 - not imputing trespasses against the world  
 • Rom. 11 - reconciled the world

② His wrath is coming! If you were to die from the virus, where would you spend eternity?

• How foolish of us to receive the grace of our ambassadorship in vain by trying to prove a temporal truth that Christ will judge, instead of sharing the gospel.

### (b) Conclusion of 1

- The thought is already showing Satan's subtlety
- We do not stand by revealing temporary truth, but by having our minds occupied with eternal truth and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

② The vote is how we fight, how we win is in the ballot box  
 • This was wisdom until the possibility of election fraud

- What are we fighting? What means are you using to fight?
- We are fighting for our guy or gal in office? The fight we need not fight
- We are using the weapon of the vote? a weapon God did not give

### • Titus 3:1-3

- the fight is a fight of grace.
- of kindness when not deserved.

• need that breastplate of Rt not to become what your fighting against

- I know,
  - "but my party stands for godly principles or acts godly, or allows religious liberty."

- ① Godly principles from the ungodly? } Horrible Theology
- ② Acts godly from the ungodly? } Horrible <sup>Biblical</sup> anthropology
- ③ Allows religious liberty?

- (1 Cor. 7) ④ yes, but do you use it - if Christians gave a small measure of their time <sup>with these things</sup> to the church <sup>could get the word out</sup>
- (Rom. 6) ⑤ will you only worship and serve God when your free to do so.
  - you have been set free from sin
  - you don't need to be free by your govt to do so
- (2 Cor. 1)
  - just may have to suffer

"but my children will have to suffer the consequences of all this ungodliness"

- <sup>want</sup> now, they are ungodly?
- have children not been suffering from ungodliness
- Action: teach them the Word of God

• Ecc. 5:8

The good fight of faith would first start with their immediate realm of influence -

- don't fight for marriage in the law, but not fight for your own
- don't ridicule for the break-down of the family, but not fight for godliness in your own
- don't say you fight for your country, but speak evil of leaders
- don't say you have lost hope, when you have an eternal one
- Get busy teaching & displaying godliness in the church and labor in the church to get the world out, be careful for nothing & be careful to maintain good works