



05/15/2022 – Online Bible Study Chat Notes
“Armor of God Series”
Ephesians 6:10-12

Dale Hudson, 5/15/2022 1:03 PM: Good afternoon everyone!

We died with Christ; therefore, God has eulogized (spoken well) over us! We need to know, walk, and live in this.

Agree with Him and receive what God has already provided via the death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

In Christ:

We are seated in Him, in heavenly places at the right hand of the Father.

On earth, He is in us...in heavenly places where we're seated, we're in Him.

Jesus never tells us to pray for the sick...He said heal the sick. (Not that we don't pray for people because in the Epistles we are told to call for the elders if there are any sick among you and they will pray.)

God wants us on the same page with Him to do the work of the ministry.

Read: Ephesians 6:10ff

Wiles - "*Methodia*" - cunningness, craftiness, strategies the enemy uses

- That connection to God / the mind, has to be renewed every day.
- So the road/method Satan uses is to distract and deter - to break that connection with God.

Methodia – Gr. “*Meta* (with)”, “*Odos* (road)”

- With a road
- To operate with a road or a single lane or a single avenue.
- The enemy has primarily one avenue of attack.
- **All road lead somewhere, so where is the enemy going?

The name "Satan" means accuser / slanderer (treacherous informer)

Devil – Gr. "Diabolos" from Gr. "Dia (through) / to penetrate", Ballo (to throw) like a ball

- This is his job description
- "Satan" is what he is; "devil" is what he does.

Devices – Gr. "noema" from "Nous (mind/intellect) - We are not ignorant of Satan's devices

- The mind is battered with anti-Christ, anti-God thoughts trying to lead us to deception (pateh)

Our goal: Keep our minds clear with/by meditating on the Word of God.

"If you continue in My Word, then you are my disciples indeed. You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 in the Amplified Classic

Our fight is not against people, even though the face of the fight is people.

- We fight the one controlling people like puppets. ***Our fight is with the puppet master!***
- What fiery darts (of lies / deceptiveness) did the enemy use to convince that young man to shoot innocent people in Buffalo, New York yesterday?
- The young man opened his mind to another idea other than what God had planned.

It's the arguments, theories,, and reasonings that seek to possess our mind and thinking processes; thus, aiming to create strongholds in our mind to control behavior.

Stronghold: "Ochuroma" - meaning to fortify through the idea of holding safely (fig. argument)

- a place that has been fortified as to protect it against attack
- a place where a particular cause or belief is strongly defended or upheld. (Wrong belief)

Strongholds take two forms:

1. Prison - A building or place of containment in which people are legally held as punishment for a crime they have committed or while awaiting trial.
2. Castle / fortress - A military stronghold, especially a strongly fortified town fit for a large garrison (troops stationed in a town to defend it)

- A person or thing not susceptible to outside influence

The wiles (methodia / roads and avenues, stratagems) and devices (noema - battered mind leading to a perverted perception) are what the enemy uses to take us captive, at his will

The idea and goal of the enemy is to trap you so you cannot get out and / or the Rescuer / Truth cannot get in.

Read 2 Tim. 2:24-26

God's intention is for us to grow and mature in the knowledge and wisdom of His Word by embracing precepts and working examples of them by the exercising of Faith in His Word.

(Dr. I.V. Hilliard):

However, *"God has limited Himself to work within the framework of how He has designed us to function to develop us."*

...And he uses four (4) factors to develop our belief system: Experience, Environment, Repetition info, Credible others

- Environment = where & how we grew up & where we are now
- Experience = what we've gone through
- Repetitious information = What we are hearing consistently
- Credible Others = Those whom we allow to speak into our lives

The problem: The enemy has interfered in our process of development and tried to ensnare us in the area of our thoughts by the ungodly influence of an unrenewed mind. (Romans 12:1-3)

The way the enemy entangles us is by us giving him access, either consciously or unconsciously.

But God has already provided the Prince of Peace - the One who destroys the authority connected to chaos.

Read Romans 12:1-3

Don't be squeezed into the mold to think as the world does...be transformed as you renew your mind to God's good/acceptable/perfect will (one will that is good, acceptable, and perfect)

Read: 1 Peter 5, start at v. 6 (in the Amplified Classic also)

"But resist the devil, firm in your faith (insight, agreement and obedience)

- "Withstand him - be firm in the Faith against his onset - rooted, established, strong, immovable and determined, knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood, the whole body of Christians, throughout the world." v. 9

We have to pull down strongholds by the truth of God's Word. The belt of truth.

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:13-14 (Read in the Amplified Classic also)

Remember, God is the One who makes you free, He's not the one putting "it" on you!

Stand fast in the liberty which Christ has made you free.

Learning how to fight is a part of the process...you must learn how to use your weapons as well as understanding the tactics of your enemy.