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**Armor of God – Ephesians 6:12**

Good afternoon everyone!

**Read:** Ephesians 6:10-12

**Four factors** that Determine your Belief System (Dr. I.V. Hilliard):

1. Experiences
2. Environment
3. Credible Others
4. Repetitious Information

By His stripes (wound singular) we were healed

**1 John 5:14**

“And this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we KNOW HE HEARS US, we have [as our present possession] the petitions we desired of Him.”

**Ephesians 6:10-12**

"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against, powers, against [master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere."  
(AMPC)

**Book Suggestion:** Dressed to Kill by Rick Renner

"**For we wrestle**" - In the original language it would read: For the wrestle to us is not against flesh and blood.

- You can be as strong as oak or weak as water, it doesn't matter. Satan will still come against you.
- Satan hates you whether you are saved or unsaved because you are made in God's image and likeness.

We have been given authority.

We have to know how to activate the power and authority that in us.

To overcome the enemy, you must understand how to wield the power.

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**Understand your exalted position** - see from God's vantage point: a view from the throne/God's perspective

- We are in Christ seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.
- On earth, Christ is in us empowering us, sanctifying us

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

**Read:** 2 Kings 6:8-16

"So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'"

v. 17 - "O, Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see...."

The enemy tries to force you, places you under duress, but that's illegal.

**1 John 4:4**

"You are of God little children and have overcome them because greater is He who is in you..."

The battle and landing gate is in your mind...

**Wrestle** - "*Pale*" (Pal-lay) - from "pallo" - to vibrate, as in grappling

- A contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck
- Such as in Judo or MMA (struggling, wrestling, hand-to-hand fighting)

**"Palestra"** - An athletic complex, a wrestling school or gymnasium, a house of combat sports or house of conflict

3 Kinds of Athletes primarily worked out at the Palestra: boxers, wrestlers, pankratists (fought naked)  
These ideas were in Paul's mind when he spoke the words "we wrestle..."

- **The Boxers** - Very violent, were not allowed to box without helmets.
  - They had hands wrapped in leather hide with nails embedded in the knuckles.
  - They also would gouge at the eyes as well as strike with the nailed fists.
- **The Wrestler** - hardly no rules, eye-gouging and bone breaking.
  - The goal was to bring your opponent into submission or death. Chokeholds were legal.
- **Pankratists** - The fighting style that included all forms of fighting; with basically no rules. (no holds barred)

So, when Paul says, "We wrestle," this is what he had in mind. It was this type of brutal and relentless fighting with the goal of your opponent being in total submission.

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**Look at** Ephesians 6:12 again

“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 host of wickedness in the heavenly places.

There are many Greek prefixes and about four translated as the word "with." They also can carry other meanings depending upon the context, or the defining of the word.

#### **Four (4) Greek Words for “with”**

- **Para** - beside, alongside, related to, disordered, sideways, wrong, contrary to, different from (parody, paranoid, parallel)
- **Meta** - After, changed, different, intertwined, beyond (with) (metaphor, method)
- **Pros** - (with) toward, in addition to (prosthetic)
- **Sun/syn** - (with) together, same (synonym, sympathy, system)

When Paul uses the word “against,” he uses the prefix “pros” meaning “toward or face-to-face.” He could have used it once, but to emphasize the weightiness and importance of what He is saying, He used it four (4) times (see John 1)

#### **Principalities** – “*arche/archas*”

- Those that have held the \_\_\_\_\_ seats of power since ancient times. (chief, supervisor)
- Hold very high ranking seats of power

**Powers** – “*exousia*” - Those that have received license whatever they want to do whenever they want to do it. They are roaming spirits that have been delegated \_\_\_\_\_ power by "archas"

**The rulers of the darkness of this age** - "kosmokrateros" - the Greek word for a military boot camp or training center.

- "kosmos" - something that is ordered or arranged or disciplined. This is where scientists get the word "cosmos" to describe our the universe.
- "Kratos" - describes raw power  
— Soldiers go through training to ensure they know how to channel that raw power

Thus, "kosmokrateros" - depicts raw power that has been harnessed and put into some kind of order.

The Roman military consisted of young men possessing raw power and a lot of natural ability. All this young power was taught how to be submitted, disciplined, ordered, and perfectly arranged. Portrays rank and file. (Taught how to use weapons) They were dispatched to attack.

**Spiritual Wickedness in High Places** - "Poneri'a" - depravity, malice, iniquity...

- Someone who has a malevolent intent they not only want to hurt you; they want to destroy you. (Insidious, violent, ferocity)

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Read John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy..."

**Destroy** - "apollymi" - To put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end, to ruin, render useless

**High Places** - (not what we call outer space) but the air below the mountaintops or the atmosphere where we live...our environment

Demon spirits are dispatched in our atmosphere where we are attached. We are the target.

Satan is called the "prince of the power of the air"

- Contrary to popular belief, he is not in hell. He's trying to stay as far as possible away from hell. (Matt: 25:41)

However, we have more power, and more authority.

- Luke 10:18-19
- Mark 16:15-18

But why does Satan seem to so easily succeed? He is always:

According to Rick Renner (as he received from the Lord), Satan and his imps are

- Disciplined
- Organized
- Committed

He sticks with his tricks and schemes until he penetrates, trips up, kills or destroys. But, if you know who you are, none of his schemes will work with or on you.

Know who you are and what God has ordained for you.

- You have been reconciled to God.