

Spirits

“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places. Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and

stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].”

Ephesians 6:10-13 AMP

This passage reveals four distinct categories in the demonic realm

- Rulers(the Chief)**
- Powers(Demonic Influencers)**
- World Forces Of This Present Darkness(extinguishers of light and spreaders of darkness)**
- Spiritual Forces Of Wickedness In The Heavenly Places(depravity and iniquity at the highest level)**

Their sphere of operation is not unlimited. They cannot operate without some restriction being imposed upon them by God. Their time of operation is

short. They know this are are in a frenzy to do all the evil they can before their time runs out.

SATAN, YOUR TIME IS ALMOST UP!

**There are two distinct realities:
Natural and Supernatural
Material and Spiritual**

**Within the Spiritual/Supernatural realm there are two distinct kingdoms:
Darkness and Light
The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan**

**There are two distinct agendas working in the earth:
The Holy Spirit using His power to set the captives free
The spirit of the Anti-christ using his powers to enslave his captives**

1. **Victory begins in the heart of the warrior, character, attitude...**
2. **Victory is enabled with the right equipment, ie, you don't fight spiritual battles with natural weapons. If every battle could be won with bullets, why did God give us the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit?**
3. **Victory is not by grace alone. Neither is it by faith alone. It is by grace, through faith. It won't happen if I don't fight. And it won't happen if God doesn't fight with me.**

“Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith.

For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure. And then, after your brief suffering, the God of all loving grace, who has called you to share in His eternal glory in Christ, will personally and powerfully restore you and make you stronger than ever. Yes, He will set you firmly in place and build you up. And He has all the power needed to do this—forever! Amen.”

1 Peter 5:8-11 TPT

Some have predicted, even church leaders, that we must settle for losing ground because the world has been attacked by a pandemic. Churches will never be full again. Progress will have stop and we must be content with less.

**God says, “NO! USE YOUR WEAPONS
AND STAND YOUR GROUND!”**