

# “No Ringside Seating”

Ephesians 6:10-20



## 1. Embracing Our Kingdom Authority (10)

- a. We are the sons of God - “Finally, be strong in the Lord...”
- b. We have the strength from God - “...and in the strength of His might.”

## 2. Recognizing Our Kingdom Adversary (11-12)

- a. Satan has declared war (11)
  - i. We need protection - “Put on the whole armor of God...”
  - ii. We need perception - “...that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”
- b. Satan has demonic warriors (12) - “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against...”
  - i. “The rulers” - higher order of demons in Satan’s army who are given command in warring against God’s people
  - ii. “The authorities” - demonic beings who actively battle us (see also 1 Peter 3:22)
  - iii. “The cosmic powers over this present darkness” - describes the activity of deception and blindness used to imprison people
  - iv. “The spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” - describes the organized activity of soliciting humans to do evil

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### 3. Suited Up In Our Kingdom Armor (13-17)

- a. The Responsibility (13) - "Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."
- b. The Requirement (14)- "Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness..."
- c. The Resistance (15-16)- "...as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one."
- d. The Retaliation (17) - "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God..." "

### 4. Exercising Our Kingdom Access (18-20)

- a. Spirit-owned prayer (18a) - "...praying at all times in the Spirit..."
- b. Sustained prayer (18b) - "...with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..."
- c. Strategic prayer (19-20) - "...and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."