



LIVING FROM ABOVE

Session 5: Fighting from Your Heavenly Position

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I. REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

A. Scriptures

1. **Philippians 3:20 NKJV** “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”
2. **Ephesians 2:6 KJV** “And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus...” **GW** “God has brought us back to life together with Christ Jesus and has given us a position in heaven with him.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Whatever we do, we do it from this **heavenly position!***

B. The Heavenly Position

- Is a righteous position.
- A victorious position.
- An overcoming position.
- A winning position.
- A strong position.
- A healed, delivered, and set free position.

II. FIGHTING FROM ABOVE

If we are to be victorious, every battle we face must be fought from our heavenly position.

A. The “Fight”

1. “Fight”: a contending with adversaries; struggle with difficulties.
2. Scriptures:
 - a. **1 Timothy 6:12**
NKJV “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
 - b. **2 Timothy 4:7**
NKJV “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”



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c. **Ephesians 6:10-12**

NKJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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 *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”

B. Understanding Our Fight

1. Notice what Paul does not say. He does **NOT** say:
 - a. Wrestle to defeat Satan.
 - b. Wrestle until Jesus wins.
 - c. Wrestle to earn authority.
 - d. Wrestle to gain righteousness.
2. Instead, the wrestling is the **ongoing spiritual resistance** believers experience as they stand in what Christ has already accomplished.
 - a. This is fighting from our heavenly position.
 - b. This is fighting from above.
3. When we fight from above, we fight with assurance that:
 - a. Christ has already won the victory.
 - b. Satan is already a defeated enemy.
 - c. Authority has been given to us in the name of Jesus.
 - d. The Blood qualifies us to stand in the position of victory.
4. Our fight is resisting the devil (and everything he attempts to work on us) based upon our seated position of victory in Christ.
 - a. Scriptures:
 - **James 4:7**
NKJV “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
 - **1 Peter 5:8-9**
NKJV “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in



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the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

- b. “Resist”: To stand against, to oppose, to withstand, or to take a firm stand against.

C. Understanding Our Armor

1. Ephesians 6:10-17

NKJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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 *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of **peace**; above all, taking the shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**...”

2. Do not focus merely on the “Roman soldier” symbolism.

- a. The armor itself is:

- Truth
- Righteousness
- Peace
- Faith
- Word of God

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Paul’s command was to put these things on. Make sure you have them and keep them actively engaged.*



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D. The Role of Knowledge

1. Hosea 4:6

NKJV “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

- a. To paraphrase: *“My people are being destroyed for what they do not know.”*
- b. God’s covenant works through knowledge.
 - You cannot partake of what you do not know you have.
 - You cannot use what you do not know how to use.

2. Dr. Fred Price: *“Knowledge in its proper use wins battles.”*

- a. Battles are lost due to a lack of knowledge.
- b. A lack of knowledge about your armor results in a LOSS of the battle.

3. Our armor is knowledge of:

- a. Truth
- b. Righteousness
- c. Peace
- d. Faith
- e. The Word of God

PASTOR’S NOTE: *If you do not possess knowledge of the required armor, you will not be protected by it, nor will you be able to use your weapon—the Word—which is your sword.*

E. The Armor

1. Truth

- a. The Word of God is Truth.
- b. You cannot stand against the enemy without Truth.
- c. **Psalm 91:4**

NKJV “He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.”

2. Righteousness

- a. Being convinced of our right-standing with God is necessary for any spiritual battle.



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- b. When we are not established in righteousness, the enemy will win over us through his accusations and condemnation.
- c. **Isaiah 54:14**
NKJV "In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you."
- d. **Romans 5:17**
NKJV "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Satan cannot do anything with the person who is established in righteousness / the Blood / the name.*

3. Peace

- a. It is necessary to fight from a place of peace.
- b. "Hold" your peace.
- c. **Philippians 4:6-7**
NKJV "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

4. Salvation

- a. Understand that salvation is more than getting to heaven.
- b. Salvation includes deliverance, preservation, and safety.
- c. To the one suffering from illness, it means to make well, to heal, to restore to health.
- d. It also means to preserve from danger of destruction; to rescue.

5. Faith

- a. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of what we don't yet see or experience.
- b. Faith keeps us moving when we feel nothing or see nothing.
- c. Faith quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one.



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6. The Word of God—our sword.
 - a. The Word is His will.
 - b. We have His will in our mouths.
 - c. Jesus destroys the enemy with the sword of His mouth in the Book of Revelation.
 - d. We resist the enemy with the sword of our mouth—the Word.

III. CLOSING NOTE

- To activate this armor (and keep it active), we must **consider it daily**.
- “Put on” the whole armor of God by:
 - Getting to know it.
 - Being aware of it.
 - Becoming familiar with it.
 - Acquiring knowledge of it.