



Put Your War Clothes On

Eph. 6:10-20

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I. Intro

A. Text: **Eph. 6:10-20**

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 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]. 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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Eph. 6:10-20)

II. Body

A. Formidable Opponent(s)

12 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]. (Eph. 6:12)

1. The wrestling match is an intense hand-to-hand, face-to-face confrontation.

Wrestle (pale #3823): *to vibrate, to struggle, to rumble, to wrestle.*

- a. It is the same rumbling that has been going on for ages.
- b. Before man was ever created, there was a cosmic rebellion against the throne of God.
- c. These are rebels, and they are spirit beings.

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- d. So, since the beginning of the creation account, there was a rumbling (vibrating) going on.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters. And the Spirit of God hovered upon the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let There Be..."
(Gen. 1:1-3a)

2. We wrestle NOT against flesh and blood, but we wrestle.
3. Principalities: *principal ones, beginning rulers.*
4. Powers: *Those who have the right to an area, family (jurisdiction).*
5. Rulers of the Darkness of this Age: *A group of beings that battle the saints with the enticement of sin.*
6. Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness: *a group of beings that operate in wickedness to inflict much pain.*

B. Most Formidable Weapon(s)

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. (Eph. 6:13)

1. This armor is not our own.
 - a. It is the armor of God.
 - b. Take it up.
2. Belt of Truth

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness (Eph. 6:14a)

- a. Wrap your most intimate parts with the truth of who God is.

3. Breastplate of Righteousness

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness (Eph. 6:14a)

- a. There is none righteous!
- b. God (alone) is right.
- c. In a great exchange, Christ took on our sins → Gave us His righteousness.
- d. Put on His righteousness.

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. (Eph. 6:15)

- e. Ready to fight. Ready to war.
 - f. Ready with the gospel on our lips.
 - g. The good news in the face of all kinds of bad news:
4. Shield of Faith:

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Eph. 6:16)

- a. **Faith**: *Full persuasion, trust, fidelity*
 - b. Every soldier took up his own shield to protect himself first.
 - i. Secondly, the shield protects the side of his fellow soldier.
5. Helmet of Salvation

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (Eph. 6:17)

- a. **Salvation** (*soterios #4992*): *defender/defense. Comes from the root (deliverance, preserved, safety, rescue).*
 - b. Head encircled with the beauties of Salvation.
6. Sword of the Spirit
- a. The very word of God.
 - b. Extremely sharp.
 - c. Two edged

III. Conclusion

A. Recap: Put Your War Clothes On

- 1. Every weapon not only belongs to the Lord.
- 2. Put on the whole armor →
 - a. Put on the Lord Jesus. (Rom. 13:14)
 - b. Put on the mind of Christ.

B. Stand. Then Stand.

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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (Eph. 6:13-14)

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1. The only way to withstand... is with the armor of God
 - a. The armor is necessary for standing.
 - b. You can't stand long without it.
 2. Put on the armor to stand, and then stand some more.
 - a. Fully clothed for the battle.
 - b. Fully aware that you have an enemy.
 - c. Fully aware that you have a Savior.

C. Pray. Then Pray

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— (Eph. 6:18)

1. Once you are armored up (once you are standing), clothed in the Lord Jesus... Pray.
2. And then pray some more.
 - a. Pray: Speak back to God His own thoughts, decrees.
 - b. Supplication: Ask God for what you want.
 - c. And don't forget about me.