

Sermon Title: How Do We Stand Firm Against the Schemes of Satan?

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Relevant Question: How Do We Stand Firm Against the Schemes of Satan?

Main Point: By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians are able to put on the armor of God to recognize and stand firm against spiritual attacks.

Hebrews 12:1–2 (CSB)

¹Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us,

²keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Satan's ultimate tactics are to tempt people to question the goodness of God and the truthfulness of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:10–18 (CSB)

¹⁰Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength.

¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

¹³For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

¹⁴Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest,

¹⁵and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.

¹⁶In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

How Do We Stand Firm Against the Schemes of Satan?

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians are able to put on the armor of God to recognize and stand firm against spiritual attacks.

Satan Wants You To Be A Confused Christian So You Should Put On The Belt Of Truth.

Ephesians 6:14

¹⁴Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist,

Satan Wants You To Be An Accused Christian So You Should Put On The Breastplate Of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14

¹⁴righteousness like armor on your chest,

Satan Wants You To Be A Disengaged Christians So You Should Put On Sandals With The Gospel Of Peace

Ephesians 6:15

¹⁵and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.

1 Peter 5:6–9 (CSB)

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time,

⁷casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you.

⁸Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

⁹Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

Satan Wants You To Be A Weary Christian So You Should Take Up The Shield Of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

¹⁶In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Satan Wants You To Be A Doubting Christian So You Should Put On The Helmet Of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation

Satan Wants You To Be A Tempted Christian So You Should Take Up The Sword Of The Spirit

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 (CSB)

¹²For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Satan Wants You To Be An Isolated Christian So We Must Stay Alert In Prayer For One Another

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.