

The Battle Rages

Ephesians 6:10–20 (NIV) — (10) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (11) Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (13) Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (14) Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, (15) and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (16) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (19) Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, (20) for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

I) Be Ready For An Attack

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) — (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

II) Know Who The Real Enemy Is

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) — (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Ephesians 6:12 (The Message) — (12) This is no afternoon athletic contest that we’ll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Acts 19:13–20 (NIV) — (13) Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” (14) Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. (15) One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” (16) Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. (17) When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. (18) Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. (19) A number who had practiced

sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. **(20)** In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) — (11) Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT) — (11) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11 (The Message) — (11) So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.

Ephesians 6:11 (The Living Bible) — (11) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (ESV) — (14) And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

III) Wear the Armor

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) — (11) Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

James 4:7 (NIV) — (7) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.