

“Wrestling with the Enemy”

Subtitled: “Spiritual Warfare 111”

Text: Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Definitions:

1. **Wrestle** - struggle, grapple, fight, tussle, brawl.
2. **Enemy** -opponent, adversary, foe, rival.
3. **Spiritual**

(adjective)

- **“Of the soul”** - relating to the soul or spirit, usually in contrast to material things.
- **“Of religion”** - relating to religious or sacred things rather than worldly things.
- **“Temperamentally or intellectually akin”** - connected by an affinity of the mind, spirit, or temperament. **Example:** spiritual mother of the young artist.
- **“Refined”** - showing great refinement and concern with the higher things in life.

(noun)

- **“Folk hymn”** - showing great refinement and concern with the higher things in life.
 - **“Things of spirit”** - matters concerning the spirit.
4. **Warfare** – fighting, conflict, combat, war, rivalry, feud, competition, struggle, contest.
 5. **Principality** -
 - **“Country or territory”** - a territory ruled by a prince or princess.
 - **“Position of prince”** - the position or jurisdiction of a prince.
 - **“Angel of third-highest order”** - Christianity an angel of the third of the nine orders of angels in the traditional Christian hierarchy

6. **Powers**

(noun)

- **“Control and influence”** - control and influence over other people and their actions.
- **“Political control”** - the political control of a country, exercised by its government or leader.
- **“Authority to act”** - the authority to act or do something according to a law or rule.
- **“Important country”** - a country that has military or economic resources and is considered to have political influence over other countries.
- **“Persuasiveness”** - the ability to influence people's judgment or emotions.

(verb)

- **“Provide energy to operate something”** - transitive verb to supply a machine or tool with the energy it needs to operate.
- **“Move energetically”** - intransitive verb to move fast and with great determination and energy

7. Rulers – somebody who rulers - somebody who governs a state or nation, e.g. a sovereign; **straight tool for measuring and drawing** - a strip of plastic, wood, or metal with at least one straight edge and units of length marked on it. It is used for measuring and for drawing straight lines.

8. Wickedness – evil, badness, sin, vice, injustice, crime, iniquity, immorality, malevolence.

9. Armor - protective covering or clothing, shell, cladding, shield.

10. Stand – remain, stay put, hang around, linger, stop, hang on.

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Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **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, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **19** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

“Be Careful Who You Talk To”

Subtitled: “Deceived By A Lying Spirit”

1Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. **14** But the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him. **15** And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. **16** Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

1Kings 22:19 *And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.*

Job 1:6 *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

Matthew 4:1 *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*

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1Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. **12** All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. **13** Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. **14** And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. **15** Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. **16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. **17** But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **18** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. **19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.