

Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 6/22-29/22



WINNING the battles....



Judges 21:25 NLT

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Galatians 5:17 NLT, et. al.

Your [The] sinful nature WANTS to do evil, which is just the OPPOSITE of what the [Holy] Spirit wants. And the [Holy] Spirit gives us desires that are the OPPOSITE of what the sinful nature desires! These two forces, these two ADVERSARIES, are CONSTANTLY fighting each other, so [in this life] you'll never be totally free from their persistent pressure to influence YOUR good [or bad] intentions, [to affect your good or bad choices].

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NLT

We use **God's mighty weapons**, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Ephesians 5:10-11, 15-17 NLT

So be **CAREFUL** how you live. Don't live like fools, but **live like those who are wise**....Make the most of EVERY opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but UNDERSTAND what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephesians 6:12-17 NLT

For we are **not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies**, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of **God's armor** so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the **body armor of God's righteousness**. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the **shield of faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on **salvation as your helmet**, and take the **sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God**.

**Pride is the armor of satan — he uses it to keep demonic strongholds hidden. Pride keeps people from ever seeing that they are trapped in demonic darkness. The Spirit of God is determined to bring down the stronghold of pride.*

Isaiah 25:11-12

God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands. He will bring down your high fortified walls and lay them low; He will bring them down to the ground, to the very dust.

If pride is bad news, how much more is humility good news!

James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5, quoting Proverbs 3:34

God treats the arrogant as they treat others, mocking proud mockers, but He showers His kindness on the humble.

This is a promise: humility release grace, the power of God to save you.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he WILL flee from you."

Satan can't stand humility! It breaks his power over you! But God loves it!

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He WILL lift you up.

1 John 5:4-5

For every child of God DEFEATS this evil world by trusting Christ to give the victory. And the ones who **WIN** this battle against the world are the ones who believe THAT **Jesus is the Son of God**.