**PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD – PART 1**

Eph 6v 10 -18

V10: The Amour of the AMIGHTY GOD is a must is we are to be strong Christians

 => You are only strong in the LORD

V11: Put on the **whole** Armour of GOD

 => Armour shows that there are a battle

 => Armour shows that we are going into a battle

 => Wiles of the devil is all the subtle tricks and pollution that he will throw (dirt that

 devalues/tarnishes)

Q: What are the wiles that the enemy is using today ..even inside the Church?

V12: We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against:

1. Principalities (the demons and evil spirits, occult world is one clear example)
2. Powers (Rich people using their money in the media, fashion world to push satan’s agenda)
3. Rulers of the darkness (Presidents, ministers /people in authority representing the enemy)
4. Spiritual wickedness in high places

We have victory over all the evil forces through our LORD JESUS (Rom 8v37-39, 1 John 4v4)

V13: Therefore implies: Since we know the ranges of the enemies ready to battle us we need the

 whole Armour of the ALMIGHTY GOD

The strength of a chain is determined by the weakest link

Any part of the Armour of GOD that is missing makes the believer vulnerable

The significance of each of the elements of the Armour of the ALMIGHTY GOD

The significance of the shodding the feet i.e. to be able to go far

The need for the breast plate of righteousness to be there

Lacking in shield of faith => Being timid and relying on strength alone

Lacking in righteousness => You might fill the Church with false converts and unrighteousness will take root

=> We are not unaware of the devices of the enemy

**PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD – PART 2**

**(1) AREAS TO DEFEND**

 **The mind:**

 Rom 12v 1-2: Be transformed by the renewing our mind

 Prov 23 v7: As a man thinks so he is

 **The heart:** Prov 4v23: Guard your heart for out of it are the issues of life

**(2) SUBTLETY OF THE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY**

 **(a) Open attack: example is sowing disunity: Rom 16v17-18**

 **(b) Hidden attack: He doesn’t exist, the media, toys, fashion (Trojan horse)**

 (b1) Attacks through close friends and relationships

(b2) Deep sense of our rights and self-centeredness

 LORD JESUS CHRIST didn’t count HIS rights (Phil 2)

 Joseph didn’t count his rights

**=> There are no rights in the Body of our LORD JESUS CHRIST e.g. Pastor counting his/her rights**

 -What right do we have to be saved or to go to HEAVEN?

 -What right do we have for our LORD JESUS to die for us?

 -Why not suffer wrong/learn to suffer wrong as a child of GOD

 - Better results would have been achieved if we forgo our rights

**(3) WHY THE ATTACK OF THE ENEMY?**

John 10 v 10

(i) Send people to hell

(ii) Make people ineffective

(iii) Kill people’s testimony and witnessing

(iv) Use people to destroy others

 -Husband and wives destroying each other’s faith

 -Parents destroying their children’s faith

 -Parents destroying families

 -Destroyed families destroying nations

 - Destroyed nations destroying the present world

(v) Use people (in Church) to destroy the things of ALMIGHTY GOD

 -Sowing disunity

 -Bringing discouragement

(vi) Use people to defame the things of the ALMIGHTY GOD

**(4) FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH**

1 Tim 6 v12: Fight the good fight of faith –whereunto you are called and you have professed a good

 profession

(i) Deny yourself

Luke 9v23-25: Deny yourself, take up the Cross and follow the LORD daily

 - Why are we disobeying the ALMIGHTY GOD today?

(ii) Overcame by the BLOOD OF JESUS and by our testimony

 Rev 12 v11

 - Use the BLOOD OF JESUS even in your dreams – it works

 -Our life is a testimony

 -They loved not their life unto death

(iii) Fight to win

 1 Cor 9 v26-27: Don’t beat the air

(iv)Hide the WORD OF GOD in your heart

Ps 119v11: THY WORD have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against THEE