

Be Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-18; II Corinthians 10:3-5

“The Power of His Might”

vs

“The Wiles of the Devil”

[II Corinthians 2:11]: *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: For we are not ignorant of his devices.*

Note: one of our key defenses against Satan’s attack is awareness of the enemy’s continual effort to gain an advantage over us and lead us away from devotion to Christ (Ephesians 6:11).

There are three very important imperatives in the text that we are going to examine:

Being strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might: [Zechariah 4:6]:

Then He answered me, saying, this is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Putting on the whole armor of God: [II Corinthians 10:4]:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Stand against the “wiles” of the devil: [James 4:7]:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The greatest danger for the believer is to be unaware, misunderstand, or underestimate the schemes of the devil:

Our warfare is not designed to be used against or on other believers; 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:

The “whole armor” includes:

Loins girted about with truth

Breastplate of righteousness

Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

Above all the shield of faith

The helmet of salvation

The sword of the Spirit

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The Apostle Paul says: “above all” taking the shield of faith.”

Isaiah says it like this, and I almost done: [Isaiah 40:28-29]: *has thou not known? Hast thou not heard? That the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth faints not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increases strength.*

Finally Brethren: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; Put on the whole armor that you may be able to stand against the “**wiles**” of the devil.

Strong in faith, full of wisdom, filled with knowledge, understanding, courage, boldness, strength, power, filled with the Holy Ghost, have patience, remain calm, receive revelation, and be aware.

Prayer and God’s strength, not our strength, we are limited, however, God is unlimited.

Peter says to be sober, and to be vigilant:

Satan operates in the spiritual realm and only there can we defeat him, in the Spirit with the spiritual provisions of God. You can win; you are more than a conqueror....

Final Thought: *Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.* [Luke 10:19]