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| TOPIC | LIFE OF WARFARE |
| DATE | Sunday, January 07, 2023 |

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| MEMORY VERSE | “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds” 2 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV) |
| BIBLE TEXT | Ephesians 6:13-18 |

INTRODUCTION

The Bible points to us that the conflict with Satan is spiritual and, therefore, no physical weapon can be effectively employed against him and his agents, **2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:12**. We are not given a list of specific tactics that Satan will use. However, the passage is quite clear that when we follow the instruction (to put on the whole armor) faithfully relying on the strength of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to stand and we will have victory regardless of Satan's strategy, **Ephesians 6:13**. Father, please do not allow any satanic weapon fashioned against us to prosper, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

LESSON OUTLINE

1. **THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.**
2. **OTHER WEAPONS FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE.**

LESSON OUTLINE 1 – THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

- A. No soldier goes to battle with only one weapon.
- B. When the battle is long, we may feel weary, we may be tempted to give up, but these are the moments when we must remember that we do not fight in our own strength.
- C. According to **Ephesians 6: 10-18**, the whole armour of God include:
 1. **Belt of Truth** – The first element of our armour is truth, vs. 14. Satan is said to be the "father of lies", **John 8:44**. We are, therefore, exhorted to put on truth for our own sanctification and deliverance, **John 8:32**.
 2. **Breastplate of Righteousness** – A breastplate shields a warrior's vital organs from blows that would otherwise be fatal. This righteousness is not works of righteousness done by men. Rather, this is the righteousness of Christ, imputed by God and received by faith, which guards our hearts against the accusations and charges of Satan and secures our innermost being from his attacks, **Isaiah 54:17**.
 3. **Preparation of the Gospel of Peace** – When you preach the gospel, God will fight for you, **Isaiah 52:7; Daniel 12:3; Mark 16:15**.
 4. **Shield of Faith** – Our faith, of which Christ is "the author and finisher, **Hebrews 12:2**, is like a golden shield, precious, solid, and substantial with which one can be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
 5. **Helmet of Salvation** – The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure gospel hope of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine or give way to Satan's temptations. The unsaved person has no hope of warding off the blows of false doctrine because he is without the helmet of salvation and his mind is incapable of discerning between spiritual truth and spiritual deception, **2 Samuel 22:3**.
 6. **Sword of the Spirit** – This is the word of God which is both offensive and defensive weapon for victorious living, **Psalms 107:20; Hebrews 4:12**.

7. **Prayer** – We cannot neglect prayer, as it is the means by which we draw spiritual strength from God. Without prayer, without reliance upon God, our efforts at spiritual warfare are empty and futile, **1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16.**

CLASS ACTIVITY 1 – Class should discuss why they need to put on the whole armor of God.

LESSON OUTLINE 2 – OTHER WEAPONS FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

- The power of praise, worship and thanksgiving is undeniable as it can defeat the enemies without physical combats, **2 Chronicles 20:15, 22-24.**
- The name of Jesus is another strong weapon which should be supported by a personal relationship with God, **Philippians 2:9-11; Proverbs 18:10; 1 Samuel 17:45.**
- The blood of Jesus Christ provides victory over all our enemies, **Revelation 12:11.**
- The personal testimony of the followers of Christ is a highly charged weapon connecting Christians to God's grace and each other, **Revelation 12:11.** Each testimony speaks of God's presence and of the transforming power that defeats the enemy and inspires hope in the downtrodden.
- Christian fasting is an amazing tool of the believer for spiritual warfare in breaking bondage and setting the captives free, **Isaiah 58:6; Matthew 17:21.**
- We do not often think of unity as a spiritual weapon, but it was one of the great weapons the early church employed when praying for Peter's deliverance from prison, **Acts 12:5.**
- Jesus promised His disciples and all believers, answered prayers whenever they are in agreement, **Matthew 18:19**

CLASS ACTIVITY 2 – Class should mention other weapons of warfare apart from those listed above with biblical references.

SUMMARY

No man can prevail by physical strength: to overcome the devil, engage spiritual weapons of warfare.

CONCLUSION

Every battle belongs to the Lord. Engage God always and He will give you victory.

EVALUATION

Mention ten (10) of the weapons of spiritual warfare identified in this lesson.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father all battle belongs to You, give me unmatched victory as I engage Your weapons of warfare.

ASSIGNMENT

Mention any five (5) of the ways the devil attacks a believer.