On June 22, 2025,the [United States Air Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Air_Force) and [Navy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Navy) attacked three [nuclear facilities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_facilities_in_Iran) in [Iran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran) as part of the [Iran–Israel war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran%E2%80%93Israel_war). The [Fordow Uranium Enrichment Plant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fordow_Uranium_Enrichment_Plant), the [Natanz Nuclear Facility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natanz_Nuclear_Facility), and the [Isfahan Nuclear Technology Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isfahan_Nuclear_Technology/Research_Center) were targeted with "[bunker buster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bunker_buster)" bombs carried by seven [Northrop B-2 Spirit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northrop_B-2_Spirit) stealth bombers, and with [Tomahawk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomahawk_%28missile_family%29) missiles fired from a submarine.  The attack, which was given the [code name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_name) **Operation Midnight Hammer**, was the United States's only offensive action in the Iran–Israel war, which began on June 13 with surprise Israeli strikes and ended with the [ceasefire on June 24, 2025](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran%E2%80%93Israel_war#Announcement_of_ceasefire). ( [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UnitedStatesstrikesonIraniannuclearsites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_strikes_on_Iranian_nuclear_sites) )

Some jets were sent west into the Pacific as a "decoy", while others went ahead of the main bombers to ensure airspace was clear ( https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvg9r4q99g4o ).

“Iran’s key nuclear enrichment facilities have been completely and totally obliterated,” President Trump said Sat. night at the White House. “The main strike package of seven bombers began the more than day-long round trip from Whiteman Airbase, Mo., on Saturday. The B-2s ultimately dropped 14 GBU-57/B on the enrichment facilities at Natanz and Fordo early Sunday morning Iranian time. The MOP is a 20-foot-long, 30,000-pound munition capable of tunneling through more than 100 feet of concrete and is thought to be the only weapon in the U.S. or Israeli arsenal capable of destroying Iran’s underground uranium enrichment facilities.”

( [Heather Mongilio and Sam LaGrone](https://news.usni.org/author/hmslg) - <https://news.usni.org/2025/06/21/u-s-strikes-3-iranian-nuclear-sites-using-b-2s-sub-launched-tomahawks> )

The US military took a coordinated approach in carrying out this dangerous mission. Hundreds, if not thousands, of our soldiers were involved in the planning and execution of this mission into enemy airspace. **What is OUR approach** as we operate within enemy airspace? You remember that satan is the “*prince of the power of the air*,” right? Our warfare is both in the heavens and in this physical world. It is a supernatural struggle with life and death implications. We know that “*our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against the evil spiritual forces in the heavens*” (Eph 6.12).

In the Bible, we find all sorts of approaches that were taken in different battles. Think about a few with me :

1. After the Israelites left Egypt, after they passed the wilderness of Sin, The Amalekites attacked them. Moses held up the rod of God and they won. When he grew weary and it sank, the tables turned. Aaron an Hur came and held up his arms. Israel prevailed (Ex 17).

2. At Jericho, the Lord told them to march around the city, parade-style, every day, for seven days. On the seventh day they were to march around seven times, on the seven circuit they were to blow trumpets and make a great shout. Whan happened when they did? The walls came-a-tumblin’ down (Josh 6).

3. What about Gideon? In Judg 6-7, we read about how Gideon raised and army, and the Lord grew it down until it was small enough for Him to use. They snuck up on those Midianites, broke clay pitchers and waved their torches as they shouted, “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.” The Lord won that one, too.

4. 2 Chr 20 records howthe Moabites and a bunch of –ites came after God’s people. Jehoshaphat prayed to the Lord. The Lord gave Him one of His patented here’s-how-I get-the-glory battle plans. They marched out to battle with the musicians and choir out front. They were singing “*Give thanks unto the Lord*.” The Lord set an ambush, and once again, the Lord won the battle.

So, we see that the Lord is creative in His plans, outright odd, even. After all, His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts (Is 55.8-9).

This morning, we will consider what Paul says about our approach in this struggle in our text. We will consider the : Power, Provisions, Plan and Prayer involved in our approach in this warfare.

**I. POWER ENERGY (6.10)**

 *Be strengthened by the Lord and His vast strength*

*But you* ***will receive power*** *when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

*For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, 4 since* ***the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God*** *for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments 5 and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. 6 And we are ready to punish any disobedience, once your obedience is complete*. 2 C 10:3-6

*I* ***am able to do all things*** *through him who strengthens me*. Phil 4:13

*Now to him* ***who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us ​****— ​ 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen*. Ephesians 3:20-21

We need His power, because we are not able in ourselves to do what needs to be done.

**II.  PROVISIONS EQUIPMENT (6.13FF)**

 *Put on the full armor of God* (11)

 *Take up the full armor of God* (13)

Saul gave David his armor as he went out face Goliath. David did not wear it. It was not tried. It did not fit. When David went out, I believe, he was clothed in God’s own armor.

In the OT it talks about the LORD wearing His armor as He goes out to deal with His enemies. He provides us with armor as we go out to face our enemies.

**III.  PLAN EXERCISE (6.13-4)**

 A. Be strengthened by the vast power of the Lord

 B. Secure the armor of God

 *Put on lit =* “sink down into”

 C. Stand firm

 1. *Stand* (11)

 2. *Able to withstand*  (13)

 3. *Take your stand*  (13)

 4. *Stand*  (14)

The plan is pretty simple. We just do what God says. We go where He says to go. We do what He says to do. We keep doing it until He says to stop, and we stay until he tells us to leave.

We are strengthened by Him. We secure armor from Him. We stand with Him and for Him. We can ALL do this. That IS the plan.

**IV. PRAYER ENTREATY (6.18)**

 2 Chr 7.14 Jer 33.3 Jam 5.16

 Only two offensive armaments mentioned here :

 A. The Sword of the Spirit

 B. The Supplications of the Saints

There is POWER In prayer. We don’t just pray when we CAN’T do anything else. We pray BEFORE we do anything else. Prayer is a weapon.

But wait. There is one more thing in addition to power, provisions, plan and prayer. You can’t fight a war without soldiers. There needs to be an army. There has to be . . .

**V.  PEOPLE ELITE (6.10FF)**

**All** these imperatives are plural. **All** of the pronouns are plural. **ALL** of God’s people are involved. This is for the WHOLE church. It is for ALL of US!

 A. We are God’s elite forces.

 B. We are God’s army

 C. We are God’s people

 D. We are “Plan A” and there is NO “Plan B.”

Our approach to the Iranian unclear facilities led to a cease-fire, an end of conflict between Israel and Iran. Our approach on this spiritual conflict also has major implications. While that old devil will never surrender to us, we stand against him in this world. He has already been dealt the decisive blow. The forces of satan have been overcome. One day, the Lord Jesus will split the skies and throw that old devil into lock-up for 1000 years. Then we will have peace at last — Peace at last — Thank God Almighty — Peace at last.