



WE ARE AT WAR

Ephesians 6:10-18

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

- ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

EPHESIANS 6:14-18

- ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

EXAMINE THE TEXT

- **Ephesians 6:10-12**
 - Be strong
 - There is an enemy
 - We must be alert and aware

EXAMINE THE TEXT

- **Ephesians 6:13-16**
 - Be dressed and ready
 - Armor that protects
 - Weapons to fight the enemy

TWO ERRORS WE MAKE

- Over emphasis on every sin, conflict or problem
- Under emphasis on the dangers we face:
 - World – morals, homosexuality, same-sex marriage
 - Spiritual – Islam, denominations, cults, ignorance
 - Internal – temptations to sin, accept error, give in to world

JESUS OUR EXAMPLE

- How did Jesus handle Satan's attacks?
- **Matthew 4:1-11** – “It is written”
- For us – **Psalm 119:11** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

NOT AN OPTION

- This is an order – a command
- We must stand firm
- We must do all to stand
- Resist the devil – **James 4:7** Therefore submit to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

CONCLUSION

- **Psalm 62:2** He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.
- We must not be shaken.
- **Remember:** God is our defense.