

Ephesians 6:10-20 The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should

Daniel 10:12-20

11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

We're in a fight

- Hand to hand foot to foot struggle.
- A thorough knowledge of the enemy and a healthy respect for his prowess is necessary for victory.
- Be strong in the Lord's mighty power.

Who we're fight against

people

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- **The devil** - The accuser, Satan the adversary, the tempter, the murderer and liar. Described as a lion, a serpent, an angel of light, and the god of this age.
- **Satan's helpers** - An army of demonic creatures that assist Satan in his attacks against believers. Thought to be one third of the angels that fell with Satan when he rebelled against God. Rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world.

The schemes or devices

Calculated, strategic methods and deceptive tactics Satan uses to trap, divide, and weaken believers.

Key Tactics and Schemes

- Deception and Lies
- Distraction and Busyness
- Doubt and Discontentment
- Division and Unforgiveness
- Discouragement

**KILL
STEAL
DESTROY**

What to do to stand

- Stand in the Lord's mighty power.
- Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.