

"On The Battlefield For Our Lord"

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-20

Introduction:

In the modern world in which we live today, it would seem that professing Christians have envisioned serving Christ as a carefree joy party in which there are to be no problems, no setbacks, and no sacrifice. We even have scores of hypocritical pastors and evangelists who are preaching a false gospel telling their people that if you have enough faith, you will never be sick, never be poor, and always flourish in everything you do. May I say that this is utterly ridiculous!

Some people say that the church should be a museum where we display our Christian talents and trophies. Others say that the church should just be a hospital to help the hurting. But, the Bible tells us that when we get saved, we have just joined God's army and are now training for conflict and imminent battle. This might discourage some of us, but the truth is, we have an archenemy named Satan, and he will wage war until the day he is cast into the Lake of Fire. My question to you today is, "What kind of soldier are you on the battlefield for our Lord?" Today, we will discover some wonderful truth that will help us to improve our military readiness to fight the devil, our enemy. Please pay attention to what God wants to say to us through Paul the great Apostle!

I. WE MUST UNDERSTAND OUR OFFICE. vs. 10-11a

- A. It is a shared office. v. 10a
- B. It is a strong office. v. 10b
- C. It is a soldiering office. v. 11a

II. WE MUST UNDERSTAND OUR OPPONENTS. vs. 11b-12c

- A. We need to understand their master. v. 11b
- B. We need to understand their means. v.12a
 - 1. Their means is conscription of dynamic demons. (Chief Rulers)
 - 2. Their means is conscription of deputy demons. (Delegated demons)
 - 3. Their means is conscription of deceiving demons. (Blinding demons)- False cults, phony preachers, believing lies.
 - 4. Their means is conscription of dominating demons. (Bondage demons)- Controlling habits: pornography, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual immorality, obsession with gossip, slander, etc.)
- C. We need to understand their manner. v. 12b (Spiritual Wickedness)

D. We need to understand their method. v. 12c (Demon control in world leaders)

III. WE MUST UNDERSTAND OUR OUTFIT. vs. 13-18

- A. Notice the completeness of this outfit. v. 13
- B. Notice the components of this outfit. vs. 14-18

1. We must wear a girdle of truth. v. 14a
2. We must wear a breastplate of righteousness. v. 14b
3. We must wear shoes of the Gospel of peace. v. 15
4. We must possess the shield of faith. v. 16
5. We must wear the helmet of salvation. v. 17a
6. We must possess the sword of the Spirit. v. 17b
7. We must pray regularly in the Spirit. v. 18a
8. We must display an attitude of vigilance. v. 18b

IV. WE MUST UNDERSTAND OUR OBJECTIVE. vs. 19-20

- A. Our objective is one of proclamation. v. 19a
- B. Our objective is one of revelation. v. 19b
- C. Our objective is one of representation. v. 20

Conclusion:

Now, I would like to ask you, "What kind of soldier are you in the army of our Lord?" As we have studied this text together, have you seen any areas in your character, your armor, or your weapons, where there needs to be improvement? If so, don't you think you should give attention to these matters right now before you walk out of this building into the battlefield? I warn you that Satan and demons are on the outside just waiting for you, and believe it or not, they are perched within this building today nudging you to pay no attention to this message. Because I love you, I want to encourage you to become a great soldier because the war is almost over! Don't forget that there will be a day of rewards in heaven! Do you think you will get the bronze star for your faithfulness in battle? I surely pray so, and I surely know it can be for every one of us!

