



PREPARE FOR BATTLE PART 1

KNOWING YOUR ENEMIES



Who are my enemies?

The devil, the World, and the Flesh.

EPHESIANS 6:12-13

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”



Who are my enemies? - THE DEVIL

1. Jesus called the the devil or enemy. Luke 10-17-20

- a. **V:18**...And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. **V:19**...Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt your...

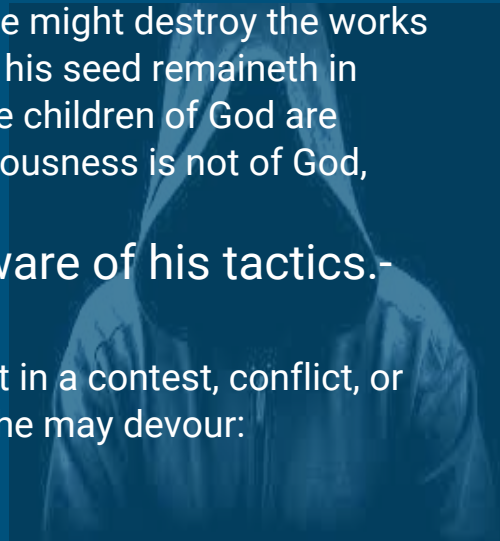
2. People that practice sinning are of the devil- 1 John 3:5-10

- a. **V:8** "He that committeth (practice) sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of he devil" **V:9** "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **V:10** "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

3. The devil is our adversary and we must stay alert and aware of his tactics.-

1 Peter 5:8

- a. **V:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** (one's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking** whom he may devour:



Who are my enemies? - THE WORLD



The Bible teaches us not to love the world and that the world is or enemy. The world hates you because you are of the Father.

1. God chose you out of the world to be set apart which in turn brings forth enemies. [John 15:18-19](#)
 - a. **V:18** "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. **V:19** "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not fo the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
2. Don't be surprise when members of your family become your enemy. [Matthew 10:34-37](#)
 - a. **V:34** "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but ta sword. **V:35** "For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **V:36** "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." **V: 37** "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."
3. All though we are hated, we must continue to endure- [Mathew 10:21-22](#)
 - a. **V:21** "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. **V:22** "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Who are my enemies? - THE FLESH



1. The flesh will always war against the Spirit of God within you.

Galatians 5:16-17

- a. **V:16** "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." **V:17** "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that you would."
- b. **Romans 7:12-25** (READ- Waring against the Flesh (Sin))

2. Before salvation we walked in sin and pleased the flesh.

Ephesians 2:1-5

- a. **V:1** "And you hath he quickened (made alive), who were (spiritually) dead in trespasses and **sins**. (separated from God)" **V:2** "Wherein time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." **V:3** "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past **in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;** and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."



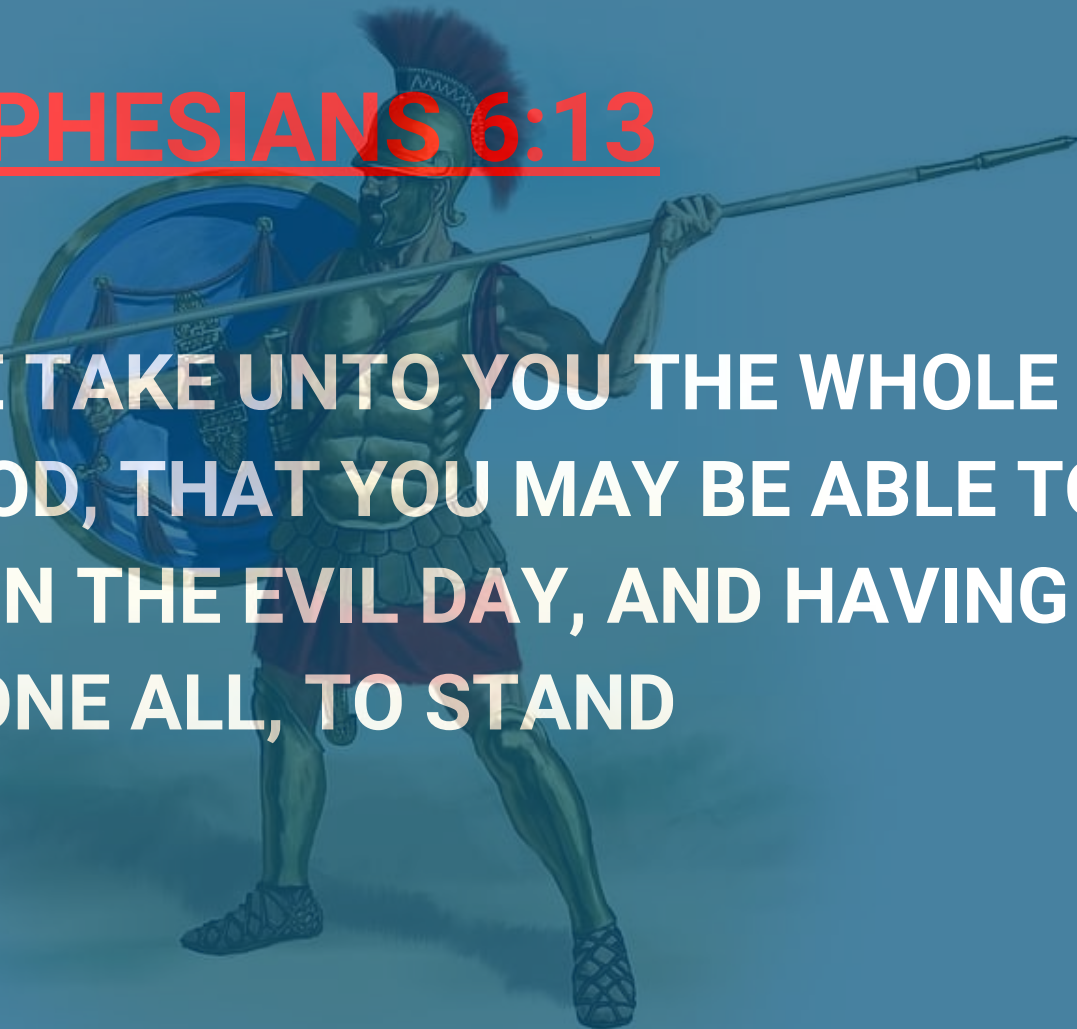
PREPARE FOR BATTLE PART 2

**PUTTING ON THE WHOLE
ARMOUR OF GOD**



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ADORNING THE ARMOUR

Ephesians 6:14-18

V:14 **LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH & BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Stand firm and hold your ground with TRUTH and RIGHTEOUSNESS

V:15 **FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**

Stand your ground by staying prepared in the Word (The Gospel of Peace/Good News)

V:16 **SHIELD OF FAITH**

Faith quenches and extinguishes all the fiery darts of the wicked

V:17 **HELMET OF SALVATION & SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

Salvation and The Word of God are most powerful together as one weapon

ADORNING THE ARMOUR

Ephesians 6:14-18

V:18 **PRAYER**

Always praying in the SPIRIT and not in your native tongue. Praying in the SPIRIT confuses our enemies and destroys their plans

V:18 **WATCHFULNESS**

Watching out for one another (All Saints)

V:19 **BOLDNESS**

You must open your mouth and speak the gospel with Boldness in order to defeat your enemies