THE STRENGTH IN BATTLE

(Ephesians 6:10-24)

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"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

(Ephesians 6:10-11, NKJV)

Personal Notes:

Sermon Outline:

I Strength in the Armor
- A As Christians, you must realize you cannot fight the battle alone, you need help from above (Ephesians 6:10).
  - 1 See Ephesians 1:19; 3:16
- B The strength to stand comes from the armor of God (Ephesians 6:11).
  - 1 Take notice the strength is found in the whole armor.
- C The armor is not of ourselves, but of God (Ephesians 6:11).
  - 1 This armor must be worn ("put on") (Ephesians 6:11).

II The Battle
- A The battle is not against the things of this world, but the power of the devil (Ephesians 6:11b.13).
  - 1 He is crafty (2 Corinthians 11:3).
  - 2 He is a deceiver (2 Corinthians 11:14).
  - 3 He is powerful (Ephesians 2:2).
  - 4 He is wicked (1 John 2:13).

III Seven pieces of the armor of God
- A Lower body:
  - 1 Girded at the waist with truth (Ephesians 6:14).
  - 2 Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel (Ephesians 6:15)
- B Upper body:
  - 1 Breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14).
  - 2 Shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16).
- C Head:
  - 1 Helmet of salvation (Ephesians 6:17).
  - 2 Praying always in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18).
- D Weapon:
  - 1 The sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17).

IV Strength in battle
- A When the battle comes, a Christian needs the power and strength of the Lord found in the armor of God.
- B You cannot stand alone, but with God you can face anyone:
  - 1 Romans 8:31