

EXPLORING EPHESIANS - PART 12

Outline #12 THE CALL TO STAND

Scripture Song: I Therefore Beseech You – Ephesians 4:1-3

1. The Great Battle Between Good and Evil

- a) Ephesians 6:10 Why did the apostle Paul encourage believers in Ephesus to be strong in the LORD and the power of His might?
- b) Ephesians 6:11 What important revelation does the apostle Paul provide regarding the great battle between good and evil?
- c) Where else in the Scriptures do we find additional revelation about the great battle between good and evil? Revelation 12:7-12, etc.
- d) Where did that old serpent called the Devil and Satan come from? Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:13-15

2. Organized forces of evil

- a) Ephesians 6:12 What is your impression regarding these forces of darkness? (See also Ephesians 1:21, 3:10)
- b) How extensive are these forces of evil? Revelation 12:4
- c) The verb "wrestle" in Ephesians 6:12 implies close quarters handto-hand combat. Why are the powers of darkness so opposed to those who follow Jesus?
- d) How did Satan and his evil associates attack the LORD's servant Job? Job 1:1-5, 6-12, 13-22, 2:1-10
- e) What are some of the Devil's schemes that are evident in the world today? (Ephesians 6:11)
- f) Share a time when you felt a direct attack from Satan and the powers of darkness.

3. Finding strength and protection in the LORD

- a) Ephesians 6:10 Read Paul's earnest appeal again. How can we find strength and protection in the LORD? Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, etc.
- b) Why is it important to remember that we cannot fight this spiritual battle with the weapons of this world? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- c) How does the apostle Paul describe the armor (panoply) of God? Ephesians 6:13-17
- d) We'll examine this armor in greater detail in a future study, but what important insights can you find in the opening phrases of Ephesians 6:11 and 6:13?
- e) Paul gives another description of armor in Romans 13:11-14. What additional insights do you see not mentioned in Ephesians 6?
- f) Share a time when you became keenly aware you were covered with the armor of God and receiving supernatural protection.
- g) What encouragement would you offer to someone who feels under spiritual attack? What promises in the Scriptures offer hope?

