#### **Ephesians 6:10-18:**

This is one of the most important passages in all of the Holy Scriptures. In it, Paul speaks of a supernatural strength and a necessary protection against Satan, who is the common & constant enemy of every Christian in the world.

As soon as God delivered you from (Satan's kingdom), from the power of darkness and translated you into the Kingdom of His Dear Son, you entered into a spiritual war in which, you went from the devil's cradle to his crosshairs. Your former god is now, your adversary. Now that you are in this spiritual war, it is essential for you to be equipped with spiritual armour from God, if you would stand in the evil day.

There is much written in the Holy Scriptures about (YOUR adversary) the devil, you are not to be ignorant of his devices & ways. You must know his wiles, (methods); you should understand from the Holy Scriptures that he never rests, and, as the Apostle Paul taught us (2 Corinthians 2:11), we MUST NEVER give him "the advantage" or high ground.

Christian: You are NOT to be ignorant of the defensive spiritual armour that God provided you to successfully resist your adversary, the devil. You MUST be experienced in "putting it on"; "skilled in the use" of it.

When we "put on the whole armour of God"; only then are we "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might".

# If you're going to endure unto the end and be victorious in your Christian life, you're going to need "A Strength" that comes from outside of yourself, and spiritual armor that you do not naturally possess.

Understand beloved of God, you cannot stand against Satan in your own strength. The world, and even some in the realm of Christianity falsely trust in "humanistic & positive" mantras and sayings by which they motivate and inspire themselves to be self-confident; "WE GOT THIS".

<u>In regard to your adversary the devil, YOU DON'T GOT THIS!</u>
The problem with US, (even as Christians), we are wired to be confident in ourselves and in our own abilities.

But you MUST KNOW Christian that YOU cannot resist devil apart from faith in God, and apart from His strength and might. You cannot resist the devil by the power of your will. If you would resist the devil, it must be by the steadfastness of your faith in Christ and His Word!

Only then will you be "made strong" for this warfare; only then will you be given "an Alien strength" to resist him. *Jas 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:8-10* 

### "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might"

Those two (2) words "BE STRONG" are #1743: Endunamoo: To empower, to enable, strengthen, or to make strong.

"Be Strong" is a verb, an action word spoken in the <u>PRESENT TENSE</u>, meaning we are continually commanded to "Be Strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might". This command is spoken in the <u>PASSIVE VOICE</u>, what that means is; YOU are NOT the ACTIVE source of that strength; <u>YOU are made strong by an outside source or strength</u>. If you are going to be strong in the Lord, it will because the Lord is your strength!

## Be Strong therefore means be strengthened, enabled, and empowered by God. To have power "within you" that is from God".

How do you do this? This is where you must see the necessity of your faith in Christ and your obedience to His Holy Word. This is how He has promised to enable and empower you, and to give you His strength to resist the devil and stand against him. It must be in the power of "God's Might". Remember: We walk (and war) by faith, not by sight! This is one of Satan's primary methods/wiles, to get you to "war in the flesh".

He'll fire his darts into your mind to influence you to be angry at a brother or sister in Christ for something small issue or for something you heard, or for something they said! Or, Satan will use you to cause a problem! <u>Ask</u> Peter! Matthew 16:21-23

Ephesians 6:12: "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" 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Never forget who is behind the evil thought that you're having!

## Ephesians 6:11: "Put on the whole armour of God"; "Take unto you the whole armour of God":

Two (2) imperative commands from the Word of God to equip yourself with this spiritual armour that God has provided for you child of God that you:

(Verse 11): "May be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"

(Verse13): "May be able to withstand in the evil day"

Don't give up the ground; don't retreat or yield to Satan's lies, but stand by faith upon the truths of God's Word

(Verse 13B): "And having done all, to stand"

Did you DO ALL, on this day to equip and arm yourself SO that ye may be able to WITHSTAND in the evil day? Were you mindful; are you mindful that you are constantly being hunted by the devil?

Like Saul when he would not let up in his hunt for David to kill him.

### Remember:

You need to go forth into every day in this earthly life "by faith", not in your own strength and confidence, but in the strength/might of the Lord! If you're going to endure unto the end and be victorious in your Christian life, you're going to need to be armed with "A Strength" that comes from outside of yourself, and with spiritual armor that you do not naturally possess.

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