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Unit III: We are God's Artwork

Subject: Tools Available to Withstand Injustice and Evil

Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

Key Verse:

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 (Ephesians 6:13, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Know Your Enemy (Ephesians 6:10-12)**
- 2) Use the Proper Tools (Ephesians 6:13-18)**

Introduction:

Knowing that we live in a world where every profession has the specialized tools necessary to complete the job and requirements within their areas of expertise. Then why us believers do not understand that we need to possess the necessary tools for spiritual warfare in order to complete the task and to withstand the evil force that will attack us. Believers face three enemies while on the battleground: 1) the world, 2) the flesh, 3) and the devil. The system or the world is opposed to GOD'S kingdom values; it causes inner conflicts and struggles that energize social injustice that we believers are faced to confront, racism, discrimination, and all other ethnic and racial inequalities. While we (believers) engage in spiritual warfare, there is good news and hope. GOD has provided and has made accessible to us (believers) defensive and offensive spiritual tools for us to use against our spiritual enemy and his cohorts. It is and was JESUS CHRIST who overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil at Calvary. Knowing that although we are on the battleground fighting, the battle or war has already been won. So, therefore, we are in the battle, we (believers) need to put on the whole armour of GOD in order to be able to stand the attacks of the enemy.

Lesson Pointer: # 1

- Know Your Enemy (Ephesians 6:10-12)**

Now, in order for believers to fight from victory in the battle, we are to be strong in the LORD and strengthened by HIS great power (Ephesians 6:10). We (believers) are to continually, keep being strengthened by the LORD every hour, every day, because of the constancy and increasing intensity of spiritual warfare. So, in order for believers to be prepared for the battle; we are to put on the full armor of GOD; being saturated with the WORD of GOD. Why, because the WORD of GOD enables believers to be able to withstand the devil's tactics and cunning schemes (Ephesians 6:11). The very seriousness of spiritual warfare is being intensified because of the devil and his demonic co-horts, attacking believers. We (believers) 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 (Ephesians 6:12). We (believers) are not to underestimate our enemy the devil; we believers have been given the Holy Spirit from GOD within us and HIS armor around us. Because the devil is intentionally cunning, wise, subtle, and able to transform as an angel of light (read 2 Corinthians 11:14). Now, knowing this, we believers cannot overcome the enemy without relying on GOD'S strength and great power (Holy Spirit), so, we need to put on the full armor that GOD supplies, the WORD of GOD.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Use the Proper Tools (Ephesians 6:13-18)**

Now, Paul reflects on what he said about the devil and his forces (Ephesians 6:13). The believers are now to take up the armor, in other words, choose to take advantage of all that GOD supplies for Christian living. You, see, without GOD'S strength and great power it is impossible for believers to resist and remain standing when spiritual conflict is most severe in the evil day. So, our (believers) mandate is to "stand," equipped for the battle. This equipment is not tangible but is spiritual behaviors that protect and enable the believers to withstand and stand against their spiritual enemy. So, Paul, used the Romans soldier's equipment to explain what the believer should put on. Saying, first, the belt that is used to attach his armor, as the belt of truth. This belt of truth for believers are integrity, faithfulness, which helps the believers to resist false doctrine, and lying, to walk justly and honestly. The breast plate protects the soldier's vital organs. The believer's breastplate of righteousness is their righteous living, this protects the believer's heart from the world's temptation to live by the world's standards instead of GOD'S (Ephesians 6:14). Paul said that the believer's feet should be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). As the believer goes, they or we, are to proclaim the gospel of peace, showing their, our, faith in the Gospel, which is JESUS CHRIST, birth, death, resurrection, ascension into Heaven, and HIS coming again, this is the believer's shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16). Putting on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of GOD (Ephesians 6:17). Finally, we are as believers, to pray always with all prayer of supplication in the Spirit, and to watch with all perseverance and supplication for all saints (Ephesians 6:18).

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Lesson Nuggets:

- 1) **Be strong in the LORD and Strengthened by HIS great power (Ephesians 6:10).**
- 2) **Put on the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11; Romans 13:12)**
- 3) **Pray always with all prayer of supplication in the Spirit, and watch with all perseverance and supplication for all saints (Ephesians 6:18; Luke 18:1; Philippians 1:4).**