

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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THIS IS WAR!

Ephesians 6

Some Christians are surprised to find that this life is not a cakewalk. It is a conflict. It is not a playground. It is actually a battleground. Anyone who chooses to be on the side of the Lord Jesus Christ will face severe opposition from Satan and his followers. We have to stand up and fight because the church is under attack like never before.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Recognize this is a spiritual battle that must be fought with spiritual weapons.** It is not a battle against flesh and blood. It is a battle against the devil and his satanic forces. It has to be fought with spiritual weapons. You fight fire with fire.
2. **Realize that Satan, a superpower, is more than you could ever handle.** He is not as powerful as God is, but he is much more powerful than you or me. I can't face him in my own strength. I need God's help. I need to stay as far away from the devil as possible and stay as close to God as I can. The Bible says, "Submit to God." Then it says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." You can't resist the devil if you are not first submitting to God.
3. **Therefore, stand in God's strength and not your own.** It says in Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (NKJV). You need help. You need God's help.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Two of the most powerful weapons we have as followers of Jesus are prayer and preaching the gospel.
- Satan never takes a day off. Always keep your guard up and keep the armor of God on so you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- Satan wants to stop us and is allowed a certain leeway in the life of the Christian. God allows this to keep us close to Him, and will not give us more than we can handle.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

The only power that Satan fears is the power of Jesus Christ. You need Christ living inside of you. If Christ is not living inside of you, it is like have a big bullseye painted on your chest. There is nothing you can do except realize that you need God's help. Call out to Him.