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THE ARMOUR OF GOD PART 1

We could begin by asking you if you have ever heard of the armor of God? If you have been in church at all most Pastors will mention it some time. It most often is preached from Ephesians 6:11 where it says, ***“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”***

Well, in order to put on the armour you need to know what the armour is. In verse 10 of the same chapter, it tells us, ***“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”*** This lets us know right away that our strength doesn't come from any internal source, but an external source, the LORD himself. So often we try to win battles with our natural abilities and most of us fail in this. Whenever you see the word “finally,” it lets us know that it is the “end” of a conversation.

Paul had been speaking about many things when he wrote to the church at Ephesus. He taught about children honoring their parents; fathers to not provoke their children to wrath; servants to obey their masters. Early in chapter 5 he spoke about marriage, submission, and how a man should love his wife as Christ loved the church. When a man loves a woman this way then it is easy for her to submit to him.

Chapter 6 brings us to how all of the things he mentioned can be obtained, and it is through wearing the armour of God. We learn in 6:12 that our battle is not with flesh and blood. This means there must be a spirit behind the attacks that come. He goes on to say in this verse, ***“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.”***

Let us break it down. The word “principalities” means “chief” or the “first,” or “magistrate,” (ruler) over a particular area in the kingdom of darkness. We do not fight against people my friends. It is the spirit working through people that brings darkness. So, principalities are the chief demonic ruling forces over areas that we contend with.

If you recall Daniel had prayed and his prayer was delayed because the angel that brought the message to Daniel was withstood by the “prince of the kingdom of Persia” (Daniel 10:13). This was the principality over Persia where Daniel was. It took Michael, one of the chief princes (angels) of God to come and help so that Daniel could get the prayer answered.

Do not be surprised when you pray over communities that there is a strong demonic spirit that will come against those prayers. Tomorrow we will continue with our teaching on the armor of God.