

Prepared for Battle Ephesians 6:10-13

How prepared for battle are you?

Paul gives 2 commands to prepare us for the battle

1. Be _____ in the Lord & His mighty
_____ (10)

➤ “kratei” = “_____”

➤ 1 Cor. 1:27b – “weak things”

➤ Our Problem & Our Need

2. Put on the _____ armour of God (11)

➤ Why? So we can _____ against _____
_____ of the _____

➤ The _____ is not _____, but

➤ To “Stand” = “to _____, to stand in
_____”

➤ The Devil’s schemes are many –
discouragement, frustration, confusion,
moral failure, doctrinal error... he
_____ our _____

○ Ephesians 1:3 – to rob us of God’s
blessings

*“Wherever I am, whatever I am doing, I hope and pray to God
that I will have the courage to stand up for the real Jesus of
the New Testament, regardless of whom I offend”*

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2 commands

Open: Think of Epic Battles

Lord of the Rings, NZ Rugby Team prep - Haka

- if athletes know to prepare, how much more should we?

How prepared are we for the Spiritual battle we are in?

Lord give us 2 Commands in vs. 10-13 that we need to look at, understand and follow to be prepared for the battle

1. Be Strong in the Lord & His Mighty Power (10)

- Person and resources of God's might/power
 - Lord = person & resources of the Lord
 - "kratei" = power that overcomes
- Best soldiers b/c of their awareness of their own weakness and so depend upon God fully - ex. David vs. Goliath
- Problem is – we try to do it ourselves far too often

This can look like many things

Ignoring God – “make it on my own”

Human level – “I can do it”

Perfectionism – “Not ready/right place”

Work harder r/t smarter - only to fail

Church - afraid to admit our

weakness/all together, pretending

Ex. Worship Night - 3 lives deeply touched!

- 1 Cor. 1:27b – “God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the mighty”
 - Prov.27:17, goal is not to have it together but to know we need God!

if we are to be ready for battle, we need God

2. Put on the whole armour of God (11) so that we can stand against the strategies of the devil

- Soldier image – Paul in chains to a Roman soldier - his vulnerability, his strength
- Complete set not just a few pieces – w/o it we will be defeated over and over again - soldier
- (12) – battle is not against ideologies, humans, cults, corrupt rulers but powerful spiritual forces - not that mean neighbour, group like homosexuals, political leaders - but is against the forces that drive them
- Standing against the devil's strategies – not to attack but to hold our ground = “to withstand, stand if defence”

ex. you shall not pass – Lord of the rings Galdalf vs. Balrog
The Devil's schemes are – discouragement, frustration, confusion, moral failure, doctrinal error... He targets our weaknesses

- Satan, who is in the heavenly realm (vs.12, 2 :2) is trying to rob believers of the spiritual blessings God has given them - Eph.1:3
- We are constantly under attack! Present and future focus – when the day of evil comes (13)
- Job 1:6-7 - roaming the earth, back and forth = fear?
- NO!! God and His resources = Not fear b/c we can stand against if we put on the full armour that God equips us with
- Because the person and power of God cannot be defeated - he has prepared us for battle
- Be strong in the Lord, put on the armour