

WARRING AGAINST DARKNESS II

EPHESIANS 6:12

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.

EPHESIANS 6:13

13 Wherefore 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.

JUDE 1:6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

EPHESIANS 6:11

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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WRESTLE: pale {pal'-ay}

wrestling (a contest between two in which each endeavours to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck); the term is transferred to the Christian's struggle with the power of evil.

When we consider that the loser in a Greek wrestling contest had his eyes gouged out with resulting blindness for the rest of his days,

we can form some conception of the Ephesian Greek's reaction to Paul's illustration. The Christian's wrestling against the powers of darkness is no less desperate and fateful.

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TO. TAKE. ON. THE. WHOLE. ARMOR. OF. GOD_ SANTA. MARIA. CA SUNDAY_ 62-0701
E-34 So when God. . . The first battle that was ever fought was not fought on the earth; it was fought in heaven, Michael and his Angels against Lucifer.

And they were kicked out of heaven. And then that great army of the devil and all of his imps fell upon the earth, and God knowed there was going to be a battle.

RAISING. JAIUS. DAUGHTER_ SHREVEPORT. LA TUESDAY_ 56-0731
E-13 The devil is a great force. The devil has a great power, and the devil is great in his power; but he's under the power of God. And the devil can only be one place at a time.

His imps can be everywhere, scattered out, his demons, his co-workers. But God Himself is alone in this field of omnipresence, not an Angel, but God Himself. Hallelujah.

TO. TAKE. ON. THE. WHOLE. ARMOR. OF. GOD_ SANTA. MARIA. CA SUNDAY_ 62-0701
E-35 So the infinite God's going to choose for His army the best weapon that could be given. And He chose it, and it was His Word.

God gave His army the best equipment that it could ever use, and ever could use, and would never have to be changed. And He's never changed it since. You don't improve it; it remains the same all the time. It's God's Word that He fortified His people with.

No matter how many things Satan ever gets, how many things any other army ever gets, or anything, it can never take the place of God's first choice, His Word. He gave them His Word, His promise, and said, "Stay with it," the best that could be known.

TO. TAKE. ON. THE. WHOLE. ARMOR. OF. GOD_ SANTA. MARIA. CA SUNDAY_ 62-0701
E-36 Now, the enemy knowed as long as the human race stayed with that Word, he'd never be able to touch them. (Now, I'm beginning to feel religious right now.) As long as the human race stayed with the Word.

God fortified His family on the earth, His army, in the fort of His Word. That is our Fortress. "The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower. The righteous run into it and are safe. " They're fortified. The Lord is the Word.

They are in there fortified and safe forevermore, as long as the human race stays in the Word. As long as the church stays in the Word it's fortified. There's nothing going to bother it.

EXODUS 14:13

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

EXODUS 14:14

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

EXODUS 14:15

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

EXODUS 14:16

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

EXODUS 15:1

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

EXODUS 15:2

2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

EXODUS 15:3

3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

PSALM 24:8

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

One of God's names is "Jehovah-Sabaoth," which means "Lord of hosts, Lord of armies," a title that's used 285 times in the Old Testament.

EXODUS 15:3

3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

EXODUS 17:15

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it *JEHOVAHNISSI:

JEHOVAHNISSI: Yhovah nicciy {yeh-ho-vaw' nis-see'}
"Jehovah is my banner", the name given by Moses to the altar which he built in commemoration of the discomfiture of the Amalekites

PSALM 60:4

4 Thou hast given a *BANNER to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

BANNER: nec {nace} something lifted up, standard, ensign, standard (as rallying point),

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:4

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

ISAIAH 13:2

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

EXODUS 17:15

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:

EXODUS 17:16

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

DEUTERONOMY 1:30

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

DEUTERONOMY 3:22

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

DEUTERONOMY 20:2

2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

DEUTERONOMY 20:3

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

DEUTERONOMY 20:4

4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

JUDGES 3:1

1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

JUDGES 3:2

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

JUDGES 3:3

3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon unto the entering in of Hamath.

JUDGES 3:4

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

II CHRONICLES 20:29

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

II CHRONICLES 20:30

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

PSALM 18:34

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

PSALM 144:1

1 A Psalm of David. Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

PSALM 68:1

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

PSALM 68:21

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

ISAIAH 42:13

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

ISAIAH 66:14

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

NAHUM 1:2

2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

NAHUM 1:8

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

JOHN 8:12

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

JOHN 12:36

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

MATTHEW 4:1

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

MATTHEW 4:2

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

MATTHEW 4:3

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

MATTHEW 4:4

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

MATTHEW 4:5

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

MATTHEW 4:6

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

MATTHEW 4:7

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

MATTHEW 4:8

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

MATTHEW 4:9

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

MATTHEW 4:10

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

MATTHEW 4:11

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

ACTS 9:4

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

ACTS 9:5

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

NUMBERS 31:4

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

NUMBERS 31:5

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

NUMBERS 31:6

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

PROPHECY ABOUT BRO. BRANHAM 11TH COMMANDMENT BOOK

Brother Branham had just finished preaching the sermon "We Would See Jesus," and the audience was in profound silence-- nay, not one moved, nor a whisper heard. When God is about to speak He calls a holy hush! Even Brother Branham who had been speaking softly suddenly stopped!

Then all of a sudden a voice was heard from the far balcony. There was no need of a microphone for God opened each ear as it seemed! The air waves carried it plainly to ear and heart of all present. Let me quote it exactly--word for word as recorded on my tape recorder:

"Yea saith the Lord to this my people, that my servant whom I have sent, even unto thee, even unto this generation, he must speak boldly even as Paul, to convince these that I have sent him to.

"Yea for I have sent him my servant Branham. I have put My words in his mouth. Even as I have sent my Son to die, and my people rejected Him--even so have I sent my son Branham, even in this thy day--unto these he hath come.

"Yea they have assembled together, they have met in their secret chambers. The leaders of my people have counseled together. They have passed judgment even upon him. They have said in their secret chambers,--'We shall reject him--we shall seek a fault with him.

We shall find many faults with him, and we shall teach our people. We shall tell them that this also is Beelzebub. Yea, it is not the Spirit of the Lord that has sent him. '

"So I will judge them even by my servant Branham whom I have sent unto thee. "For I will put my Spirit in my servants and if thou doth not yield to my Spirit thou shalt be broken. But if it shall fall upon thee, if the Word of the Lord shall fall upon thee, thou shalt be crushed,

and thy house left unto thee desolate. This is the rock, yea if thou shalt fall upon it thou shalt be broken. But if it doth fall upon thee it will grind thee to powder.

"And thus saith the Lord even unto those who have assembled together, thus saith the Lord unto those that call themselves by those who have been filled with my Spirit: For ye have been my people--I have blessed thee,

I have anointed thee, but thou hast gathered together and hast rejected the servant of the Lord God that I have sent unto thee. And even by sending him will I judge thee, and thy house shall be desolate--even in this day, and in this hour.

For thou shalt call for revival but the ear of the Lord shall not hearken unto thee, for when I did call unto thee thou didst not know me. Thou wouldst be a strange people unto me when I would speak unto thee.

Yea thou hast become even as my people when I stood and cast out devils, and healed the sick, and broke bread and multiplied it in thine eyes, thou said 'he has a devil. '

"But unto him that hath an ear let him hear what saith the Spirit unto the churches, for I will speak unto thee. I will send my servants unto thee and they shall bless thee and thou shalt be gathered unto me.

Thou shalt be blessed mightily as thou hast never been. Cast from thee the thinking of men and the ways of men and turn to the Lord. "