



Believers' Authority

Ephesians 6:10-18

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Ephesians 6:10-18 (Amplified)

10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. 11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] **STAND UP** against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil.



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Ephesians 6:10-18 (Amplified)

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.



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13 Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] RESIST and STAND your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to STAND FIRM [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. 14 So STAND FIRM and hold your ground, having tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart),



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Ephesians 6:10-18 (Amplified)

15 and having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. 16 Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



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Ephesians 6:10-18 (Amplified)

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.



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Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones:

“I am convinced the ill state of the Church today is the fact the devil is being forgotten. We are ignorant of this great objective fact, the being, the existence of the devil, the adversary, the accuser, and his “fiery darts”.



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Know Your Enemies



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Ephesians 6:11b-12 (Amplified)

So that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.



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Ephesians 1:21 (NKJV)

Far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come



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John 10:10 (NKJV)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



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James 1:13-14 (NKJV)

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.



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Ephesians 6:16b (Amplified)

Which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



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Enforce The Victory Of Christ



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Ephesians 6:10 (Amplified)

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.



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Strong – Greek is (endunamoo) from en = in + dunamóo = strengthen) Dunamóo is derived from dúnamis which means to be able or to have power.



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Power/strength – (krátos) of His might (ischus - indwelling strength, capability to function effectively) (that strength which His boundless might provides).



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Ephesians 1:20-21,2:6 (NKJV)

Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.....6 and **RAISED US UP TOGETHER**, and **MADE US SIT TOGETHER** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus



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Matthew 28:18 (NKJV)

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "ALL authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.



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Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)

Having DISARMED principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.



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Ephesians 1:22-23 (NKJV)

And He put ALL things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



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STAND Against The Work Of The Enemies



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Ephesians 6:11

Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] **STAND UP** against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil.



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The Greek verb “**stand**” with the following preposition “against” means to “hold your ground”. The word “stand” implies that the ground disputed by the Enemy is really God's and therefore ours!



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“Today we war against Satan only to maintain and consolidate the victory which Christ has already gained. By the resurrection God proclaimed His Son victor over the whole realm of darkness and the ground Christ won and given to us. We do not need to fight to obtain it. We only need to hold it against the challenges”.



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Sandals Of Readiness



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Ephesians 6:15 (NKJV)

And having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news



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Ephesians 6:14 (NKJV)

So stand firm and hold your ground, having tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart)



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Band Of Truth/Belt Of Truth



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Breastplate Of Righteousness



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Romans 8:33 (NKJV)

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.



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2 Corinthians 5:21(NKJV)

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.



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Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV)

Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



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Shield Of Faith



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And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God.



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Helmet Of Salvation



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Romans 8:33-37 (NKJV)

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?



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Romans 8:33-37 (NKJV)

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.



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Sword Of The Spirit



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