

**GOD'S WARRIOR  
EPHESIANS 6: 10-18**

**Objective: To demonstrate the serious nature of our commitment and relationship to God.**

Introduction

1. So many are concerned about the soldiers who are at battle with the forces of terrorism.
2. Many of you have experienced the forces of war firsthand and know it's terrible nature.
3. We also appreciate the importance of war, defending our freedoms and protecting our people.
4. Let no one doubt: We are in a war of spiritual proportions and Satan is claiming casualties daily.

Discussion

**I. We must know and appreciate the enemy.**

- A. The enemy is the devil and his minions (vs. 11,12).
- B. He is known by many names which suggest his characteristics.
  1. Satan
    - a. "adversary"
    - b. opposed not just to man, but to God.
    - c. First in 1 Chronicles 21:1 when he provoked David to number Israel.
    - d. In OT mostly in Job as the one who set himself against God and tried to work through Job.
    - e. Satan in Matthew 4:10 who challenged Jesus in the wilderness.
  2. Devil
    - a. "false accuser" "slanderer"
    - b. opposed to man and accusing man, falsely, before God.
    - c. First in Matthew 4:1 in the wilderness
    - d. Occurring only in New Testament
    - e. 1 Timothy 3:7 and 2 Timothy 2:26 both speak of the snare of the devil.

3. "roaring lion"
  - a. clear enough description of his powerful threat
  - b. one of great strength and power, able to utterly destroy the unwary..
  - c. 3 times, used of Satan's work through others:
    - i. Psalm 22:13
    - ii. Proverbs 28:15
    - iii. Ezekiel 22:25
  - d. Peter in 1 Peter 5:8
  
4. "Angel of light"
  - a. perhaps most frightening
  - b. 2 Corinthians 11:14
  - c. "ministers of righteousness"

C. His servants are also at work

## II. We must prepare to meet the foe.

- A. Paul now instructs the Christian to be prepared for battle.
- B. This listing that follows fully equips the soldier.
  1. truth, righteousness, preparation of the Gospel, faith, salvation and the Sword of the Spirit.
    - a. these items collectively equip the saint
    - b. 2 Timothy 3:16,17
  2. In an age when miraculous gifts of the Spirit were present, Paul does not list a single one.
- C. Preparation is essential. One without the knowledge of how to use a weapon is more dangerous than the enemy,

### **III. We must follow orders faithfully.**

A. Several commands are included in this passage.

1. “be strong” (vs.10)
2. “put on” (vs. 11)
3. “take the whole armor” (vs.13)
4. “Stand” (vs. 14)
5. “pray” (vs. 18)
6. “watch” (vs. 18)

B. Commands are just that...commands, not options.

#### Application

1. Are you prepared to meet you accuser? God’s adversary?
2. You can be.