HAVING DONE ALL TO STAND – STAND

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

 In this Newsletter I want to deal with the Whole Armor of God. Why do we need the whole armor? So we can stand firm in the battles of life! For our scripture reading – **Ephesians 6:10-18**

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

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

**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.

**13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **TRUTH**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

**17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

 There are 6 pieces of Armor listed here. Five pieces are defensive and one is offensive. The only one you will use to fight the devil with is the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. There is great power when you speak God’s Word! The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit – it is the Spirit’s sharp Sword. You must offer the Spirit of God the Sword which is the Word! The Holy Ghost Spirit of God cannot move for you, He cannot minister to you and for you – He cannot fight for you until you give Him the Sword which is the Word of God!! So, when you read and meditate in the Word of God, when you pray and speak the Word of God, when you use it in song and praise, you are giving the Holy Spirit a sharp double edged Sword to use which brings Salvation, Healing and Deliverance. God will work to confirm His Holy Word to make it good in your life as you believe and act upon it. His Word will not return unto him void. He only moves in conjunction with His Word!!

So, believe it and speak it – it must come out of your mouth!!

**WE ARE AT WAR**

 It is plain to see that if we are lacking one piece of armor, we stand to lose the battle and go down in defeat. Satan is a mighty warrior. He has conquered and defeated millions through the ages, even Gods own children who were not prepared and on guard. He is skilled at fighting. He’s practiced his art ever since the Garden of Eden. Jesus said he comes to steal and to kill and to destroy.

 Before we get started, let’s get a picture of what we are up against. I believe God is warning us in this last day that the flood waters of sin are rising. The tides of evil are evermore creeping closer and are now infringing on the lives and the rights of Gods people. It’s getting stronger. The flood gate of Hell is open on our society. Listen to what David said – **Ps. 40:11** – O Lord, let thy lovingkindness and thy TRUTH continually preserve me. **Vs. 12** – For innumerable evils have compassed me about.

(There’s so many I can’t even count them) **Ps. 38:19** – Mine enemies are lively and they are strong. (They’re full of energy, they never give up or stop) **Ps. 25:19** – They hate me with cruel hatred.

**WHY DO WE NEED THE WHOLE ARMOR?**

 Children, our society is sick and perverted. Nothing is clean or wholesome anymore. People’s minds are a cesspool of iniquity – a nation given over to lust, greed, hate, violence and every kind of sexual perversion. Our nation has forsaken God and has lost its moral compass. We are right now living in the days Jesus said would come right before He returns to get His Church and take them out of here. It is the days of Noah all over again. It is like the days of Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah. Lust fills the streets and air ways. The anti-Christ spirit is here strong and gaining power! It’s sad, but our government is anti-God and you will see much more of it in the days to come. More laws are being passed to remove God and His laws and precepts from every area of public life. If you stand for God now days, you become open prey for our lawmakers and become ridiculed and scoffed at.

**A CANCEL CULTURE**

 Since the Covid hit the world in 2020 there has been a paradigm shift, a new way of thinking – out with the old and in with the new. It seems that all of a sudden, a spirit has come over the whole globe pulling the masses into Satan’s net! We now live in a **Cancel Culture,** when people who believe in the old time way of serving God and living by His Laws are ostracized, ridiculed, shunned and threatened. It is a mass open shaming from the liberals and the media upon the people who stand for morals and righteousness. Our God and His Son is being Canceled Out from all the social outlets and platforms by our government. It’s now an Anti-God society. The government says – you will believe and go our liberal way or we will shut you up and close you down. This is the hour of the Power of Darkness right before the Rapture. Dear reader, Christ is making up His Bride – the Church and God is making up His number, are you among them?

 Have you ever witnessed or heard of such hate and unbridled anger? **Isaiah 59** says that **TRUTH** is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter. Sin and evil now surrounds us. We now have a Godless liberal anti-Christ government that hates Jesus and the Bible! If we don’t learn how to pray and take a stand, this evil tide will rise with force and the flood will carry us away with the rest of the wicked! The time has arrived that we **must** put on the Whole Armor of God in order to stand until Jesus comes! If you are going to make it, you’re going to have to make up your mind to FIGHT! The devil is going to throw everything he’s got at you – every weapon in his arsenal, every invention, every deceiving lie, every trick and every tool of his trade. You are no match for him without Gods Armor. Remember, he hates you with a cruel hatred. His one goal is to deceive you, tempt you, discourage you, get you down and out, defeat and destroy you. He does not want you happy and serving God. We are in a battle against a mighty, tireless, unmerciful, unrelenting, unforgiving enemy who never lets up or gives up. Every morning we wake up, we face the mesmerizing powers of this world whom Satan is the god of!

 It’s interesting to know that in ancient times there was nothing in the armor to cover the back, which means – you were never to keep your back turned to him. Your prayers must be 360 degrees to watch and pray in every direction and area of your life! If you don’t stay on guard, you can get a deadly dart and mortal wound. God wants us to always face our enemies with our head held high. It means – He never intended for us to turn our back and compromise with this sinful world!! We must stand for God and Truth and FIGHT! Remember, you are a Blood bought child of God and the devil cannot cross the bloodline!! Satan, I am redeemed and forgiven – Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world!

**WHAT KIND OF SPIRITS**

**ARE WE UP AGAINST!**

 The Holy Ghost through Paul told us there are four categories of evil spirits in this world. They are unseen and in the atmosphere all around us and they are ruled by Satan. Flesh and blood (human beings) are not our enemy, it’s these evil powers that influence, motivate and use people for sinful, wicked purposes.

**(#1)** The first one the Bible mentions is Principalities. They are the chief Principal Rulers that Lucifer the Devil has set over nations and their kings and leaders to rule them.

 Remember, in the tenth chapter of the book of Daniel, Daniel the prophet sought God, fasted and prayed for 21 days. At the end of the 3 full weeks, a Strong and Mighty terrible Heavenly Being broke through and appeared to him, touched him and gave him the answer. He told the prophet – “O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, to thee I am sent; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, thy words were heard. But the **Prince** of the Kingdom of Persia (Persia is modern day Iran) withstood me for 21 days. But Michael (the Arch Angel), one of the chief princes came to help me.” It took Michael the mighty warrior Angel to help this messenger Angel to break through to Daniel with a revelation of the end days.

 Notice what the mighty Angel told Daniel before he ascended back: Now will I return to fight with the Prince of Persia; and when I am gone forth, lo, the **Prince** of Grecia shall come. The Prince of Grecia is the satanic ruler of darkness – the chief Principality of the Grecian empire that caused Alexander the Great to be so successful in 13 years to destroy the Medo – Persian Empire. Now you know why God’s people Israel is being threatened by Iran and the nations around them. There are Principalities and Powers hovering over our nation, manipulating the minds and hearts of our leaders and the Christians are hated. You now know what we are up against, why we wrestle in our prayers, why we struggle and what we are battling mentally and spiritually - it’s not flesh and blood, it is the Principalities of the air that hinder and suppress the work of God.

**(#2)** The second one the Holy Ghost says that we wrestle against is Powers. In the Greek it means the strong demons with delegated power and authority. These are the ones that instigate, stir up strife, cause confusion, division and wars.

**(#3)** The third one is the Rulers of the darkness of this world. These are demonic forces who operate under the vail of spiritual darkness. Their job is to blind people to the light of the Gospel and to expand Satan’s kingdom.

 **(#4)** The fourth and last one mentioned is Spiritual Wickedness in high places. (Wicked spirits in high places). It’s plain to see that Satan is well organized and has an hierarchy of demon spirits that answer to him. Each class of the evil spirits have their own strength and purpose and work they are in charge of in controlling mankind and pulling them away from God. This is what we are up against.

 Look close at this fourth category - Spiritual wickedness in high places which is very interesting. The Greek word for this class is Poneria. This is where we get the word **Pornography**. These demons in this category are obsessed with holding people enslaved to their carnal senses – influencing and drawing them into sexual sins and perversions. They possess the hearts and minds of people influencing them that all they think about is the lust of the flesh. No wonder we have all the filth and corruptions around us! No wonder all the adultery and fornication! No wonder all the divorces! No wonder the moral looseness and sexual sins that are prevalent all around us – on the streets, on bill boards, magazines, on television, in the movies, on computers and on peoples’ phones!!

 I’m ashamed of such looseness of our generation and I cringe at the immodest dress now days in professing church people. Unsanctified minded parents let their young girls dress in revealing clothes showing the nakedness of their flesh. What do you think inspires people to live and dress like they do? There is no decency and no one seems to blush anymore! Why? Because there is no Truth being preached from Holy Ghost ministers from the pulpits of our nation. When Gods Holy Truth is lacking or missing – Satan and his unclean spirits take over, conforming man into a corrupt thing. Truth (from Gods Word) is the only thing that will bring Holiness and Righteousness.

 These four classes of ruling spirits are responsible for controlling people and leaders of nations. They manipulate governments and whole countries. They’re in charge of whole nations – instigating them to war and strife, ruling them with false religions. If you could fly over Las Vegas and the gambling halls of our nation and places of entertainment, and if your eyes could be open to see into the spirit world, you would see millions of demons, spirits of lust and covetousness hovering over the streets and inside buildings controlling people. A warning to my readers and all who are connected to them: You better stay off Satan’s turf! Abstain from ALL Appearance of evil lest you get a deadly dart in this hour that will cause you to go down!

 These spiritual powers of the air rule the houses of ill repute (houses of harlotry), they fill the bars and liquor stores and theatres, to enflame the souls of people and drive them away from God and everything that is Holy. These spirits are busy in our world today using false religions to keep people from believing in Jesus Christ. They use every means to block the way to the Cross and God’s ways of Holiness! Listen close children:

**A Warning here**: It is sad but true that Satan has taken the reins of power in the White House. Church, persecution is coming and it’s on our doorstep! The liberals, the abortionists and the homosexual backers are now in power. Satan through these leaders are using force now days to push his ungodly agenda and it’s only going to get worse. The only thing standing in the Man of Sin’s (Antichrists) way is the Church of True believers who love, live and preach the Truth. If Jesus tarries His coming we will see evil on an unprecedented level like we’ve never seen before. Satan and his evil spirits will manifest themselves openly – just mark it down that I told you! We need Gods Armor! We must have the Girdle of Truth!

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 Just look at the world of ADVERTISEMENT! Who do you think rules the Air Ways? Our senses are constantly bombarded by advertisement everywhere we turn. The devil wants to pollute and defile the human race. The Holy Ghost said this is what we are up against and if we are going to stand and overcome, we are going to have to put on the whole armor of God. Welcome to the world of the bazaar. These evil spirits have turned our society into an everyday live freak show. An animalistic age of people with beastly natures wearing dog collars, studs and chains, tattoos and body piercings everywhere on the body, weird hair styles and lustful clothing that is in defiance of everything Holy and decent. Our society is being invaded by the forces of Hell and mocking our God and the Bible. When you leave your house, you can feel the vibes of Hell. You can hear the heartbeat of the dragon and feel the pulse of sin getting stronger and stronger. Satan has filled our planet with his ungodly music and lyrics. Satan and his demons ride on the air ways of sound and pictures. If you want to look at it just right – he is having his last day revival and his numbers are increasing. These spirits are shaking our planet – weakening peoples resistance and pulling them away from God. What we desperately need right now is a Prayed down, Church stirring, God sent, Holy Ghost convicting, sin killing soul saving revival!!

 The Church is facing an onslaught from Hell in every form imaginable. Many of Gods people are falling away from the faith. They are leaving God and the Church. Many souls are falling from their stedfastness. Do you know why? These spirits of darkness are wearing them down. It’s because they are in the wrong places, looking and listening to the wrong things. You cannot play with fire without getting burned. People must clean up their entertainment and sanctify their homes. Preachers are giving up. Singers have lost their songs of praise. The Church world in general have compromised with this modern age of moral looseness. You cannot partake of this world without getting the spirit that comes with it – Amen!

 It’s so sad, but in my mind I go back and remember being in Holy Ghost filled services in years past and shouted and rejoiced with precious brothers and sisters, but now they are gone. Their place in the church is empty. Something happened to them. I have preached right along with the best, handed the microphone to them and never missing a beat they would preach right along with me, but now the enemy of their soul sidetracked them. They gave in to something and compromised.

Tears are filling my eyes now as I type this Newsletter. Where are these precious souls? God still loves them! Somewhere they let up. The devil found a crack in their armor. Please children, listen to me, Satan is out for keeps, he is seeking to take you down and out! It’s time to put on the whole armor of God by getting back on your knees and pray and get in the Word of God. Get it in your heart. Let it be your source of strength. Let it be your spiritual wisdom and guidance. It’s the only way you will stand and overcome the enemies’ attacks in these last days!

**Rom. 13:11** – And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: For now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed. **Vs. 12**- The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the Armor of Light.

**THE FINAL WAR IS HERE!**

**WHO’S GOING TO STAND?**

 The end time scenario is before us. The culmination of the age is here. We are down to the wire. The final battle is in full array. It’s Satan against God – the wicked against the Righteous. It’s Gods people wrestling against the forces of evil, played out in real life on the world’s stage of the End Time. Who’s going to stand? Who’s going to fight? Who’s going to commit themselves to God and be Faithful? Who’s going to win? Satan is using every lie in his arsenal, every spirit of discouragement and we must be aware of his tactics. God’s people need right now to study their situation with a spiritual eye. Satan can magnify things and make them appear bigger than they really are. He is a master mind of distortion. He knows the art of painting the wrong picture and creating wrong feelings. Always use the Word of God to discern. Pray and wait on God. The Lord will show you what’s right. Never base your decisions on fleshly impulses. They can mislead you and you can miss God. You cannot afford to mess up now. Remember, it’s hard to recover from a wound of your enemy. Will you start Praying now and put on the Whole Armor of God and be able to stand and OVERCOME? May God Bless my Readers!!