

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 2 – Wednesday

Eph. 6:10 — Footnotes 10¹, 10², 10³, 10⁴

I hope that in this weekend we will come to the matter of the shield of faith and we will see there that faith has a lot to do with our will. We need to exercise our will in a proper way. This does not mean that we have to fight to be strong. We read Ephesians 6:10 which says, “Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of his strength.” Please note that it does not say, “Be powerful.” If it would say, “Be powerful”, I would say, “Lord, this sounds good but I don’t think I can do it.” But it does not say, “Be powerful”; it says, “Be empowered.” In other words, allow the Lord to dispense His strength, even to dispense Himself as our power and our strength. That needs our cooperation, the proper exercise of our will.

When man fell, our entire being was affected by the fall. The enemy injected himself into our body making it the flesh, and our soul became the self. That is why we need to deny our self. We do need to deny our self! And our spirit was deadened. However, even though our spirit was deadened, a function of our spirit was preserved, and that is our conscience. If man’s conscience was never preserved, how could man be saved? When the Spirit of reality comes, He will convict the world concerning sin. The Spirit’s conviction is effective because even in the fall God preserved man’s conscience. But not only so, even though our entire soul was corrupted and defiled by the fall, God still preserved our free will. There are many things in our mind, even things that we don’t want to be there, such as thoughts of revenge, evil thoughts, and jealousy. Our emotion is drawn to things that we don’t want to be drawn to, but we can’t help it. But God has preserved our will! If God did not preserve our will, how could man choose God? How could man be saved? Paul said that he was the foremost of sinners; but even so, he could respond to the Lord. Our will plays a key role in the spiritual warfare; we need to exercise our will. When it says, “be empowered” the word *be* is passive, but *empowered* is active. We need to be active to receive the dispensing.