

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 7 – Saturday

Eph. 6:10-12 – Footnotes 10⁴, 11¹, 11², 12¹

Let us start with Ephesians 6, verse 10 which says, “Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.” As we pointed out previously, it does not say here, “Be powerful.” Thank the Lord that it does not say that. Many of would quit right here. Instead of “Be powerful” it says, “Be empowered.” This means that it is only demanding your cooperation, not your power. It is demanding your will and your cooperation, but not your self energy. Be empowered! When we cooperate with the Lord He will empower us.

Verse 11 says, “Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil.” I would like to emphasize here a point that I mentioned briefly before. To put on the whole armour is a matter of the Body. We must be practically in the fellowship of the Body of Christ. We are not expected to be super Christians; we are expected to be members of the Body. When we are in the Body, we have the protection of the Body. In a good sense, the Body is the armour. The Body of Christ already has the armour; when you get into the Body, you have the protection of the armour. Imagine, and we have seen stories like this in history, that there is a battle and one of the soldiers gets separated from the rest of his battalion. Isn't that dangerous to be in enemy territory all by yourself? The protection is in the army. The protection for us is in the Body.

What the enemy would want to do is to isolate us. How does he come to isolate us? I am not saying that we need to be together all the time, that the enemy will attack every time we are not with other saints. No. We can be by ourselves at school, at work, at home, but we are in the Body. Prison did not isolate Paul from the Body. Actually, Paul wrote all of these verses in Ephesians 6 from a prison. Not only was he in prison, he was chained as he wrote, “I am an ambassador in a chain.” That means that when he was writing he was chained to the soldier next to him. He could not get away. Paul was also in prison when he wrote Philippians. There he said, “I know that this will turn out to my salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (1:19). Wherever we are we can have the supply of the Body; we can have the supply of the Spirit. That is why we must pray for one another. Sisters, don't you think of some of the saints as you are about your daily affairs? The thought of some of the saints is the Spirit moving in you. You may not realize that that particular saint is going through a particular attack of the enemy right at that time. We should just offer a prayer, even if the prayer is just to mention their name: “Oh Lord, remember so and so.” Maybe you think of the brothers who minister here and there, I hope you would pray; we need the Lord's protection. So it is not a small thing for a believer to just remember someone. Through our prayer they receive the bountiful supply of the Spirit. So the armour is for the Body.

Verse 12 says, “For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.” This is very fundamental but we must remember that our fighting is not against blood and flesh. No human being is our enemy; we should never take any human being as our enemy. There is an enemy behind and we need to have our warfare in that realm. We pray; we don't take any person as our enemy.