

EPHESIANS – Session 10.

The Full Armour of God

Read Eph. 6. 10-24.

Do you look upon life as a battle of good and evil? Is it?

What are Christians told by Paul to do? (v.10)

Why? (v.11)

Where is the real struggle? (v.12) - see note below.

How do we prepare for it? (v.13)

What are the 7 parts of the Christians armour? (v.14-18)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

How many pieces of this armour are offensive?

Where do you see the influence of Satan most at work today?

What is the result of the soldier (in Paul's day) going out without armour?

What are 2 principles of prayer found in this passage?

What are the main requirements for a soldier (apart from armour)?

For personal thought:

Am I taking this battle seriously in my personal life, my attitudes, the allotment of my time, etc.? How much am I disciplined? Do I take training seriously? Am I employing every piece of the armour of God? Am I a good soldier of Jesus Christ?

Note on verse 12.

Paul is saying that our struggle is not simply with human beings and difficulties here. It is much deeper. We have enemies which are evil forces and powers beyond this world and in every part of the life of this world scattering the seeds of discord and sin to prevent God's people living in harmony with Jesus and with each other in Jesus and to prevent Jesus bringing all things everywhere into His harmony at last.

In the last war we put up with all kinds of trials and deprivations. The phrase used commonly was 'There is a war on'. Paul is saying 'There is a war on'. We need God's help and provision to fight it well. Fortunately He has given us all that is needed to resist the attacks of evil.

And we do know what the final result of the war will be.