

PRAYER STUDY #8  
WARFARE SCRIPTURES  
EPHESIANS 6:10-18

10 "In conclusion, be strong in the Lord[be empowered through your union with Him]: draw your strength from Him[that strength which His boundless might provides].

**THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH. Nehemiah 8:10**

11 Put on God's whole armor[the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you might be able successfully to stand] up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

**BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT, BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL, LIKE A ROARING LION, WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR. 1 Peter 5:8**

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly[supernatural] sphere.

A. Despotisms or principalities are over geographical areas, towns, churches, ministries.

B. Powers are over world systems such as the educational system, prison system, etc.

C. Rulers of darkness of this world are responsible for slanted news, pornography, violence and sensuality of television and movies and literature, demonic influences in certain types of music, etc.

D. Wickedness in the heavenly sphere promote cults, false doctrines, the occult.

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day[of danger], and, having done all[the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

Are we in the evil day?

14 Stand therefore-hold your ground-having tightened the belt of truth around your loins, and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God;

**JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE..."John 14:6**

Loins-area between the hips, the place of procreation where birth takes place

**BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY-Genesis 1: 28**

**BE YE HOLY**

15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

**PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID. John 14:27**

**16 Lift up over all the (covering) shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].**

**SO THEN FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD. Romans 10:17**

**17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.**

**IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD...AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US...John 1:1-14**

**18 Pray at all times-on every occasion, in every season-in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).**

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

#### *Discern Demonic Immorality*

A pastor from Brazil shared this story with me:

I had never struggled with pornography and lust in my life as a believer. It was just simply not one of my fights. Then a year ago, I suddenly began to be totally obsessed with lust and pornography. It was almost overwhelming. It felt like something coming from outside of me. Some pastor friends and I began to pray. Soon a convert from the occult came to me and told me that for the past year, ten Macumba (a satanic cult in Brazil) groups in this area had made a list of targets to destroy with immorality. He told me, "Your name is on all ten lists."

Upon discovering the enemy's strategy, these people prayed directly against the darts of immorality. Instead of shrinking back with guilt and shame, I became assertive and turned my strength to resist satanic invasion. By God's grace, I succeeded.

Months later I visited this man's city for a conference. This pastor was baptized with fire in a spectacular way.