

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Contending with the Powers of Darkness” – Part I Ephesians 6:10-20

I. Introduction.

A. Our new memory text.

1. Why this text?

- a. R_____ our level of awareness concerning the danger we face.
- b. R_____ a checklist in order to insure protection.
- c. R_____ us of our only weapon.
- d. R_____ the culture with gospel.

B. The Text – Ephesians 6:10-20

1. Consider Jesus’ ministry.
2. Consider Paul’s ministry.
 - a. John MacArthur
 - b. John Stott

II. Exposition

A. “Put on the full armor,” verse 10.

1. Verb “put on” – carries the idea of p_____
2. Armor
 - a. The Christian’s companion as opposed to acquaintance.
 - b. Jude 24
 - c. Why do we stumble?
 - d. Abundant life versus parched existence

B. “Schemes of the devil,” verse 11.

1. Greek is not *schema* (English “scheme”) but rather *methodia* from which we derive the English word “Method”.
2. The methodology is of stealth and deception.

C. “Struggle,” verse 12.

1. Original word is used of hand to hand combat.

D. “Rulers, powers, world forces of darkness, spiritual power of wickedness.”

1. Probably a designation of rank within the demonic hosts.
2. Note Daniel 10:11-13, 20.
3. Understanding Satan’s control over the unbeliever and the believer’s power to thwart him.
 - a. Satan’s control
 1. John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-2;
II Timothy 2:23-26; I John 3:10
 - b. The believer’s power.
 1. James 4:7; Colossians 1:11-13;
I Corinthians 10:12-13; II Corinthians 12:9-10

III. Points for Reflection

- A. How aware are you of the spiritual warfare that surrounds your life and family?
- B. Plan a family meeting to discuss the attacks from the powers of darkness in your home.
- C. You are not under the dominion of Satan, because of the renewal of the Holy Spirit who will enable you to resist.