

Sermon Notes

**Title: The Invisible War (VI):
Preparing for Spiritual Battle**

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Topic: Spiritual Warfare

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On the cross Jesus **triumphed over** the enemy, Satan, yet Satan and a host of fallen angels and human operatives are still engaged in guerrilla warfare.

There are provisions: clear commands, protection and instructions on how to be victorious in the skirmishes that still arise but there are those who are **uninformed** about them.

God wants to **equip** you to withstand the enemy's attacks.

God has provided **weapons and armor**. You need to know how to put it on, and how to use it.

"Therefore, take up the full armor of God. That you may be able to resist in the evil day... Stand firm, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."
Ephesians 6:13-15

This is a call to man your battle stations. There's a sense of urgency.

This is something that **you do**, God doesn't do this for you.

Paul uses a word picture of a **Roman soldier**, it's a metaphor.

"stand firm" means hold the ground that you **already have**.

The "evil day" means "on **particular** days at **particular** times". There are specific times when the enemy is going to come.

The way you stand firm is by putting on the **full armor** of God.



Digging Deeper: a. From Ephesians 1:19-21, where is Christ now? How powerful is he? How does this instill hope in Christians as we encounter the evil forces describe in Eph. 6:11f. b. With what attitude should we face these forces? How does prayer fit into this battle?
For Further Reflection: As you consider your armor, what parts are in good shape? What is moldy and rusty? What do you need to do to get ready for battle? What is at stake if you don't? What evidence of this battle do you already see in your life? Your church? Your nation? The world?