

## **Ephesians 6**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 6:10.

B. There is war in heaven with Satan and the angels. (Isaiah 14:12-14)

### II. Satan has five tools to attack us today.

A. Doubt. (Genesis 3:1, Matthew 4:3)

B. The deadening effect of sin. (Judges 16:1-20; John 12:6; 13:27)

1. Sin destroys one's sensitivity to God.

2. We will either be ruthless with sin or it will be ruthless with us.

C. Diversion. (Nehemiah 6:1)

1. The great problem facing us today is mediocrity.

2. We do too many good things that keep us from essential things like time with Christ.

D. Division. (Genesis 3:12; I Corinthians 3:3; Acts 15:25, 39)

E. Discouragement. (I Kings 19)

1. God is a God of hope. (Romans 15:13)

2. The spies discouraged the people of God. (Numbers 13:26)

### III. Our response to Satan's attack: the armor.

A. Truth. If you have a clear conscience, you do not need a good memory. (Acts 24:16)

B. The breastplate of righteousness. If we ask what the right thing to do is, this will help us.

C. Feet covered with the gospel. There is a tremendous benefit outwardly identifying with Christ.

D. The shield of faith. David relied on the promises of God. (I Samuel 17)

E. The helmet of salvation. We have assurance of our salvation. (II Timothy 1:12)

F. The sword of the Spirit. When we are attacked, we quote the Bible. (Ezekiel 2:4)

G. Prayer.

IV. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

**Application questions:**

1. To which attack of Satan do you find yourself most prone? Explain.

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2. Which response to Satan do you find most helpful in this attack?

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3. How would you respond to a Christian who denies that Satan really has any influence on believers today? Explain.

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