

Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20

Our Weapons – Part I

Revelation 12:10-11

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10 **Finally**, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,

being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Here is the **outline** we will follow:

1. The Battle Is the Lord's – “Be strong in the power of His might.” Eph 6:10-11
2. The Enemy We Wrestle – “not against flesh and blood...” Eph. 6:12
3. **Our Weapons – the blood, testimony, – Rev. 12:10-11**
4. Our Weapons – as offense – **authority, sword, and prayer – 2 Cor. 10:4-5**
5. Our Battles & Strongholds – truth battles – “truth sets you free.” – John 8:32
6. Our Prayers – all prayers and supplications – Isaiah 59:16, no intercessor

I have deliberately changed the order of my original outline because we need to think more clearly and logically about this passage. I thought the next step was to talk about our armor but after further thought and study I found that this is not the case. We want to pause on Verse 11 as a preface to our armor with other elements of our spiritual weaponry that are mentioned elsewhere in Scripture..

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2 Corinthians 10:4-5

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

INTRODUCTION TO WEAPONS

Taking on the task of exposition of Scripture is not easy. It involves many hours of study and prayer, not just preparation of a sermon. It requires a careful study of the passage at hand and careful comparison to other biblical passages to glean the full riches of that truth.

This morning, communion Sunday, we start to deal with the issue of our weapons. Paul lists the parts of the armor of God. By comparing to other passages we know that he was not being exhaustive, listing all the parts of that armor. In other biblical texts we learn of other parts of God's heavenly armor given to us to defeat the enemy.

For instance, Paul talks about the armor of light (Romans 13:12), and the armor of righteousness (2 Corinthians 6:7). In **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** Paul gives us more ammunition for our a spiritual warfare when he says,

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He introduces the concept of strongholds of the enemy that need to be pulled down, which we need to discuss.

In **Revelation 12:10-11** the Apostle John gives un even more insight into this armor and weaponry in spiritual battles when he say,

*"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb**, and by **the word of their testimony**; and they **loved not their lives unto the death.**"*

So, this aspect of Weapons of our Spiritual Warfare, can really be divided into several segments with a message on **Revelation 12:10-11**, **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**, and back to **Ephesians 6:14-18**. This Ephesians passage itself can be divided into defensive and offensive weaponry.

We will endeavor to do this and stay within the framework of our original projected number of messages to the end of Ephesians. We do have a couple of week's leeway before Christmas.

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Introduction

The weapons from three passages:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Revelation 12:10-11, Ephesians 6:14-18.

Outline. (ie) Lost treasures, (ie) Lost claims. – Colorado Lost Gold Mines and Buried Treasure – Caroline Bancroft. (Grand Lake Treasure)

I. The Blood of the Lamb

“They overcame him with the blood of the Lamb”

1. The Passover – “When I see the blood...”
2. The Word “Plea” – “Plead (**beg?**) the Blood”
3. Plea Your Rights – “..but who are you?”
4. We Have an Advocate – Defense Attorney

“How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?”

II. The Word of Their Testimony

What Is Your Testimony?

“Overcame him by the word of their testimony...”

1. I have been redeemed – Revelation 5:9
2. I am bought with a price – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. I am a child of God – John 1:12 (received him)
4. I am joint heir with Jesus – Rom. 8:17, Galatians 4:7,

“And they loved not their lives even unto death.”

Your Response

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” – I Peter 1:18-19

Our Testimony – *Arise My Soul, Arise*, by Charles Wesley

NIV Revelation 12:10-11

10. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.
11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

NIV Romans 8:17

17. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,

NIV Galatians 4:7

7. So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

NIV I Corinthians 6:19-20

You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

NIV Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Redeemed by the Blood

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast REDEEMED us to God BY thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, THROUGH the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Colossians 1:20 And, having made PEACE through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to ENTER into the holiest BY the blood of Jesus,

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have REDEMPTION through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made NIGH by the blood of Christ.

Our Weapons Part I – The Blood and Testimony

Revelation 12:10-11 – the Blood and our Testimony

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(ie) Lost Treasures, Lost Claims

The Passover – Exodus 12:13 the angel of death and the blood identification

Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Exodus 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

The Word “Plea” the Blood –

Hebrews 10:19-20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God;

The word “plead” in our present day is often used as someone pleading, or begging, for his life. It is not pleading but a laying claim. It is in ancient English a legal term from which we get the idea of pleading a case before the court. It is the laying out of evidence to prove innocence. It has nothing to do with begging, and everything to do with rights. The word “plea” only occurs once in Scripture in Deuteronomy 17:8 <01779> deen, meaning a dispute, or claim.

Deuteronomy 17:8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

The Word “Plead” occurs often in the Old Testament

Heb 03198 יכח yakach, argue, convince, reason together

Heb 07378 ריב ריב reeb, to quarrel of contend with neighbor

“I Plea the Blood.” – If I “Plead” the blood of Jesus I am begging. We are not beggars, but sons. We don’t plead with the Father. We “plea” or make appeal based on our legitimate rights. This is my CLAIM. You do not plead the 5th amendment, but you “plea the fifth amendment.” That is, you take your stand behind your legal rights.

Plea Your Rights – Acts 19:15, “Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are you?”

To “plea the blood” is to reassure yourself he has shed his blood for you. For instance, if I start to doubt my salvation, I just remember that Christ shed his blood for me, washed me in his blood and I accepted him as my Savior. So I tell the devil to get behind me and take his doubts with him. I am a child of God, redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and joint heir with Christ.

We Have an Advocate – Defense Attorney

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [<3875>](#) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

The Prosecutor is the devil who accuses us before the throne of God

The Defense Attorney is Jesus our advocate before the Father

The Evidence is the Blood of the Lamb

The Witness is our Testimony

(ie) Charles Wesley’s Hymn: Arise My Soul, Arise

Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands

My name is written on his hands.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [<3875>](#), that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:26 But the Comforter [<3875>](#), which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter [<3875>](#) is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter [<3875>](#) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

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We Have A Mediator

3316 mesites *mes-ee'-tace*

from [3319](#); n m AV-mediator 6; 6

1) one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

1 Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Arise, My Soul, Arise *by Charles Wesley*

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above,
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears;
received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers;
they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4. The Father hears Him pray,
His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away
the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood,
The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

5. My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

THE BLOOD – Songs of the Blood

O, the blood of Jesus;

O, the blood of Jesus;

O, the blood of Jesus;

It washes white as snow!

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What Can Wash Away My Sin?

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

The blood that Jesus shed for me

Way back on calvary

The blood that gives me strength from day to day

It will never lose its power

Oh it reaches to the highest mountains

And it flows to the lowest valleys

Oh the blood that gives me strength from day to day

It will never lose its power

It's soothes my doubts and calms all my fears

And it dries all my tears

Oh the blood that gives me strength from day to day

It will never lose its power

Oh it reaches to the highest mountains

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THE BLOOD

1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Hebrews 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

Hebrews 9:20 Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Hebrews 10:4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Hebrews 10:19 ¶ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

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Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.