

Victory Hour

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THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

God is a God of Order

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Introduction- Ephesians 6:1-9

God is a God of order. From the very beginning of what we know as “time”, God worked within the realm of order. He established order in the creation of the earth which was “without form, and void;” and filled with darkness. He furthermore established order as he created every living thing. Later, He raised up kings, kingdoms and leaders to lead His people. He bestowed blessings on the first born because of their birth-order. Even Ecclesiastes says, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” (Eccl. 3:1) God is a God of order and the Word of God gives us clear directives on the structure that God has established. God has given us guidelines for the way we are to submit to authority in three areas: First, The Law/World (Rom. 13); second, The Church/Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12; Eph. 5:23); and third The Home/Family (Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-3; 1 Pet. 3:1; Prov. 22:6).

Outline

1) God has established order for everyone – Eph. 6:1-3

- a. Children – vs. 1-2
- b. Parents – v. 4
- c. Servants – vs. 5-8
- d. Masters – v. 9

2) How are Christians to respond to those whom God has placed in authority over us?

3) We must remember

- a. God is the boss!!
- b. God holds you responsible for your actions
- c. God is always on the side of the righteous (Psalms 18:20)

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You Are Equipped for Battle

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Paul begins verse ten with the word, "Finally." As he brings his letter to the believers at Ephesus to a close, he urges them to be equipped and prepared for spiritual battle. Remember, he began the letter letting them know that they have been equipped with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Paul was saying to the Ephesians and even to us today, that God has given us everything we need to be powerful and victorious Christians. Go back and review chapter 1 and see what we as Christians possess (We are chosen, adopted, made accepted, redeemed, given wisdom and illumination, unified in Christ, given an inheritance and sealed by the Holy Spirit). These precious gifts are ours because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and are not only ours for the day when we shall go home to glory, but for us today as we live this life. Therefore, in chapter 1 Paul has assured us of what we possess through Jesus Christ. Now in chapter 6, he is telling us that while in this life, we will encounter Satan's many attacks. Although we won't be able to see and touch Satan, we have everything we need to defeat him, and the good news is that, the battle is already won!!!! It may not feel like it sometimes, but believe me; Satan's time is coming to a close end. You must understand that you have what you need to defeat Satan. Let's take a look at how we can walk in what is already ours.

Outline

1) You have the power to defeat Satan – vs. 10-12

- a. Spiritual Power
- b. God's Power

2) You have the protection to defeat Satan – vs. 13-17

- a. Loins girt about with truth
- b. Breastplate of righteousness
- c. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
- d. Shield of faith
- e. Helmet of salvation
- f. Sword of the Spirit

3) You are prepared to defeat Satan – v. 18a

- a. Be prayerful
- b. Be watchful

4) You are in position to defeat Satan – vs. 18b-20

- a. Through perseverance
- b. Through proxy prayer
- c. Through proclamation

