

ARMOR UP: Your Enemy Is Not Who You Think!

Scripture used: [Ephesians 6:10-12 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

Pastor Hurmon challenged us with an honest question: *How is your prayer life?* For many believers, the answer is neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. Yet Scripture reminds us that we are living in the middle of a spiritual battle, and a casual prayer life leaves us unprepared for the conflict we face. Too often we spend our energy fighting people, circumstances, or institutions, while missing the deeper spiritual forces behind them. Jesus Himself consistently withdrew to private places to pray, drawing strength from His Father before engaging in ministry. If the Son of God needed a private prayer life, how much more do we? God invites us to recognize our true enemy, stand confidently in Christ's victory, and remain faithful in prayer until He brings breakthrough.

KEY POINTS

1. **Our enemy is spiritual, not flesh and blood.** The Bible consistently describes Satan as a liar, deceiver, accuser, intimidator, and destroyer. While evil often expresses itself through people, institutions, and governments, Scripture reminds us that our true battle is against spiritual powers, not against one another. Until we recognize the real enemy, we'll continue fighting the wrong battles. See: Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT), Genesis 3, Job 1-2, Zechariah 3, Daniel 10, and 1 Peter 5.
2. **We fight from Christ's victory, not for victory.** Jesus has already defeated sin, death, and the powers of darkness. Because of His finished work, believers have been given His authority to stand against the enemy. Our confidence comes not from our own strength but from Jesus, who has all authority in heaven and on earth. See: [1 John 3:8 \(NLT\)](#), [Ephesians 1:20-21 \(NIV\)](#), and [Matthew 28:18-20 \(NIV\)](#).
3. **Stand firm and guard your mind with God's truth.** Spiritual battles are often fought in our minds. Satan attacked Jesus by challenging His identity immediately after the Father declared His love for Him. Jesus overcame every temptation by relying on God's Word. Likewise, we must know who we are in Christ through studying, memorizing, and internalizing Scripture. Even when answers seem delayed, we are called to "stand therefore" until God moves. See: [Ephesians 6:13-14 \(NKJV\)](#), [Matthew 3:16-17 \(NLT\)](#), and [Matthew 4:1-10 \(NIV\)](#).

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Our greatest enemy is not another person but the spiritual forces working behind the brokenness we experience. God calls us to cultivate a vibrant private prayer life so we can stand in His strength instead of relying on our own.
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Where have you been treating a spiritual battle as merely a human problem? How might your perspective change if you remembered that Christ has already won the ultimate victory and invites you to stand in His authority?
- 3) **DO** - Set aside a consistent private place and time for prayer this week, following Jesus' example. Ask God to strengthen you through His Word, remind you of your identity in Christ, and help you stand faithfully until He brings breakthrough.