



Lighthouse Baptist Church ^{SBC}

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To Live In Power

Ephesians 6:10-13

Introduction:

- Exactly 10 years ago today, the United States was attacked:
 1. It put fear in Americans for years
 2. It crushed the economy
 3. It proved how vulnerable the most powerful nation can be
- The Roman Empire was viewed as a superpower
 1. Dan 2:40-43 prophesies of its f_____
 2. Dan 2:44 prophesies of the r_____ of Christ's kingdom, which
 - a. Would appear in the time of the Roman Empire
 - b. Would never come to an e_____
 - c. Is Jesus reigning as k_____ in people's lives
- Eph 6:10 commands us to be s_____ in the Lord
 1. The Lord is the more p_____ than all
 2. The word translated "be strong" is in the passive voice, which means that we are commanded to r_____ this power (more literally, *be empowered*)
- Do you want to live in power?

The Realm of Powerful Living (10)

- The empowerment is found:
 1. In our relationship to the Lord (refers to J_____ - see Eph 1:2,3,15,17, etc)
 2. In the p_____ that the Lord possesses
 - a. His ultimate demonstration of power was when He rose from the d_____
 - b. His power cannot be defeated.
- Paul was in p_____ at the time of this letter
 1. He knew God's power was not limited by this
 2. He saw God use his imprisonment to spread the g_____ even more so (Phil 1:12-15)
 3. He chose to be empowered by the Lord not defeated by his circumstances.
- Application
 1. Have you ever negotiated the terms for God's power?
 - a. *Lord, if only I had more money, I could serve you better.*
 - b. *Lord, if only I had better health, I could do so much more for you.*
 - c. *Lord, if only....* – this is deriving power from our circumstances
 2. God's power is not limited by your circumstances – p_____ yourself to be empowered by Him so that His power propels you through life, regardless of what you face.

The Reason For Powerful Living (11,12)

- Paul gives a picture of w_____
 1. Verse 11 commands us to put on the full a_____ of God
 2. The purpose is to battle against Satan's _____
 - a. Satan used to war against God until Jesus defeated Him on the c_____ and by rising from the dead (Col 2:14,15).
 - b. Satan now wars against those who keep God's commandments and hold to the t_____ of Jesus (Rev 12:17))
 - c. Satan wants to fall to sin, to our w_____, and to our circumstances.
- Paul states that our real struggle (a term used for wrestling in the Greek games, which the KJV preserves)
 1. Is not against the p_____ things (e.g. finances, governments, health, etc.)
 2. Is against s_____ wickedness
 - a. This spiritual wickedness is Satan and his d_____
 - b. They exist in the "heavenlies" (KJV – high places), which means in_____ places (see Eph 1:3 sermon)
 3. Every day we must realize that we are in a spiritual battle!

The Responsibility of Powerful Living (13)

- We are commanded to t_____ up the full armor of God
 1. We have already put it on (verse 11)
 2. To take it up means to u_____ it.
 - a. This enables us to r_____ in the evil day (the day of temptation)
 - b. This enables us to s_____ and not fall (as long as we have done e_____).
- There is no excuse for f_____
 1. You cannot blame it on others
 2. You cannot blame it on your childhood
 3. You cannot blame it on your weakness
 4. You cannot blame it on your genetics
 5. You have the power of God available to you – use it (next weeks sermon)