God's Soldiers

Andrew Roberts · Ephesians 6:10–20

INTRODUCTION

- You raise up an army, and you call an army to go and fight by talking about victory, by talking about a worthy cause.
- He is calling Christians to the fight. He is calling us to take up spiritual arms and go to war against the devil and against spiritual forces.
- God's soldiers win as they fight and pray. And it is a message that the church needs to take to heart.

1 God's Soldiers Win

Ephesians 6:10–13

- Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- When we are united with Christ, we gain his strength for resisting the devil, for resisting temptation, for these spiritual battles.
- If I have the strength God supplies, I have the power God supplies, and I'm wearing the armor God supplies, I'm going to win.
- Those spiritual forces are at work. And their desire is to capture enslave or oppress your soul.
- The real victory word in this paragraph is the word stand.
- After the battle has been waged, and after the dust has settled, God's soldier stands. The enemy has fallen, or the enemy has fled.

2 God's Soldiers Win as They Fight

Ephesians 6:14–17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 2:47

- This whole spiritual armament that we fight with, from the beginning of the list, really to the end of the list, that's all about the word of God.
- God's soldiers, we have to be people of the book.
- Our willful sin, our secret sins, our pet sin, that habitual sin, that sin disarms us. It disarms us because sin always alienates us from God.
- A soldier needs to repent of sin and pursue purity and holiness to value our salvation above any temptation.
- We really do have to make the fight. We have to go to this war.

3 God's Soldiers Win as They Pray

Ephesians 6:18–20

- Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

- It is always the right time when there is the need for prayer.
- There must be that kind of fervency, intensity, and perseverance in it. We're calling out to God in the midst of a battle.
- Prayer must be unselfish. When he talks about the supplication, he says, for who? For all the saints.
- What do God's soldiers need? We need boldness. We need boldness to be faithfully fighting as his soldiers until the Lord returns.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Whatever room you find yourself in whatever situation you find yourself in, you be God's soldier. Involved in the spiritual fight, full of prayer and with boldness, trusting the Lord and his victory.**

MY NOTES