

49-Ephesians-06-Transcript

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well greetings brethren good morning on this

happy sabbath this last day this last great day

and we did have a bible study yesterday evening

uh hopefully you were able to join us we had a great turnout

uh a great turnout in person and also online

so i'm assuming most of you were with us and i did cover quite a bit

of ephesians chapter 6 last night

so i won't go back over all of that

although we will read the whole chapter

line by line there was also a question

that came it was a very good question

that all the questions were great

a great interaction if you haven't um if

you weren't with us last night i would

encourage you to find uh

yesterday's bible study in the archive

and review it it was just a great

interaction

great questions and which i appreciate

it

but there was one question afterward i

thought about it i

i could have done a better job answering

that question from our sister sandy so i

do want to

kick off just going back over that

question and then we'll get into the

study for today we'll open with the word

of prayer

father we bow before your throne

wow lord we're so grateful to you thank

you for bringing us through the feast of tabernacles

and now this this last great day we

thank you father as we rehearse these
days
year upon year that you deepen our
understanding
and you deepen our faith we just thank
you lord that we have access to your
word
we pray now that you will bless the eyes
of our understanding
by the eyes of our enlightenment father
as we study this word from the apostle
paul
we thank you for it we ask your blessing
now in jesus holy name
amen uh so brother and as i mentioned
there was a question
um yesterday a great question and i
think i answered it satisfactorily
but could have done a better job by
quoting scripture
and the question from our sister sandy
was is it possible for somebody
in the covenant community indwelt by the
holy spirit
to also have a demonic spirit at the
same time
and i said you know absolutely not and
then i went on to talk about
why not but in saying absolutely not i
think i could have done a better job by
just quoting an example from scripture
of what i mean so let's look at that
here we see
let me just fix this up
we see here
in
first samuel 16. this is a great example
of
with saul that the spirit of the lord
departed from saul and an evil spirit
troubled him so you can see this that
the spirit of the lord departed from
saul and that's what
enabled the evil spirit to then take

possession of paul
and saul's servant said unto him be said
unto him behold now
an evil spirit from god troubles you
so so this is where we can see very
clearly that
the two do not coexist that the holy
spirit was with saul
and when he grieved it when he quenched
it when it left him that's when
this other spirit moved in and saul's
servants spoke
those words in the ears of david sorry
just skipping ahead now to chapter 18. i
just wanted to show david's intervention
now
and david said
uh okay i didn't want this thing i did
one verse i want to verse in
19. the evil spirit from the lord was
upon saul
as he sat in his house with his javelin
in his hand and david played with his
hand so
this spirit has overtaken saul
and you can see now he's with his
brother david
his servant david this is like a canaan
able situation
where abel goes out into the field with
his brother
and has no idea how the evil spirit
has orchestrated a plan within kane
to kill abel and it's the same thing
here david is playing
the harp to to ease uh solomon's
possession
and trouble meanwhile saul is full of
envy
and anger and he wants to kill david
and in verse 10 and saul sought to smite
david
even to the wall with the javelin
javelin so he really threw it like

really he wants to completely kill david
but david slipped away out of saul's
presence and he smote the javelin into
the wall
and david fled and escaped that night so
i wanted to quote
uh those two uh that those two chapters
in first samuel just a scriptural
reinforcement
that the holy spirit and the demonic
spirits
do not coexist at the same time that one
can quench the spirit
and having quenched the spirit one can
then be possessed
of an evil spirit but having the whole
the power of the holy spirit indwelling
in us
we're not going to have a demonic spirit
indwelling in us
simultaneously so sister sandy thank you
for your question
i hope that i hope that i answered it
well yesterday but i hope this
scriptural support
uh just reinforces that answer now
bringing it back to ephesians where it
says here
be you angry and and there's nothing
wrong with righteous anger
but just make sure it's not anger rooted
in sin rooted in selfishness rooted in
pride
and and the test for that is not to let
the sun go down upon your wrath
if the sun is going down upon your wrath
evil has taken hold of you
if you're going to bed and waking up
still angry the next day
the next year the next decade uh you
have a real problem
and this is where you are under the
influence of the devil
we can be angry and then re resolve the

anger

we can be angry for the lord and then
we're not you know we're not in this
constant state of anger but we're angry
for the lord this is all good
and then he really couples that now with
neither give
place to the devil so this um
not having self-control not having the
ability to control our anger
is where we can give opportunity for the
devil

to to to come back into our lives and
and and take hold of us
and this is going back to torah
leviticus 18

19. also you shall not approach
uh this is the wrong verse sorry hang on
a second let me just uh
i think maybe it's 19:18. let me just
look at that leviticus

19 just rushing this morning to put
these scriptures together
let me make sure i've got the right one
here leviticus 19:18.

yes you shall not avenge
so this is not within the the covenant
community for us to take vengeance
you shall not avenge nor bear any grudge
against the children of your people but
you shall love your neighbor as yourself
i am the lord so again if we're
harboring

uh grudges if we're harboring anger
this is not the way of god and so this
is

clearly in the torah do not bear a
grudge
against anybody in the covenant
community and don't seek your own
vengeance

love your neighbor as yourself now
in addition to that i wanted to just
cover here in second timothy 1

and verse 6 again just still with sister
sandy's question
therefore i put you in remembrance that
you stir up the gift of god
which is in you by the putting on of my
hands for god has not given us
the spirit of fear but of power
and of love and of a sound mind
so you can't have a sound mind if you
have
an evil spirit taking possession of your
mind
so here we have god has not given us the
spirit of fear
instead he's given us the spirit of
power of love
and of a sound mind so i think when we
put all of these
passages together it should become
crystal clear
that god's people who have the holy
spirit indwelling in them
cannot be possessed by an evil spirit
simultaneously
we can certainly quench the spirit and
then what does a
christ say that the man who you know he
was
relieved of this uh demon possession um
if he does not stay true to the right
path
then the demon comes back and when it
sees that the house is empty
and has been swept clean it brings seven
other demons with him
to take possession of the man so we who
are in this way
need to be very very careful not to
quench the spirit
okay we're into ephesians chapter six
and it's a kind of unfortunate chapter
break
between five and six i think that it
would have been better for them not to

break the chapter
at verse 33 so let's just go back and
pick up the last couple of verses
from chapter five to feed into
chapter six
where the apostle is now talking to
husbands and wives so first he was
talking to the whole congregation
telling them to submit one another to
love one another to avoid the works of
the flesh
and then he zeroed in on the family unit
and he spoke to wives first and then to
husbands
and he ended that passage by saying this
is a great mystery
what everything all the instruction that
he's been giving them about marriage is
a great mystery
but he lets them know that the mystery
concerns christ
and the church nevertheless although
you're not going to fully comprehend the
great mystery
make sure that every one of you in
particular so love his wife as himself
and the wife see that she referenced her
husband and i just have here the a b
uh pattern and of complementarity
in god's way yesterday with the bible
study
i spoke about the the um demonic
ideologies are all rooted in conflict
and karl marx itself just clearly
conflict theory
the root of marxism is conflict theory
and so it's about these human minds
clashing with each other in conflict and
the demonic world
loves that especially if there's a
bloodshed or what we could call
human sacrifice so create this conflict
to ultimately lead to human sacrifice
this is what the demonic the demonic

world loves and this is a form of
demonic worship
but god's way is the opposite a true
christian
does not get seduced into conflict
into conflict theory now when we're
defending the word of god
then you know we have to contend for the
faith once delivered
that's very different than this conflict
theory that that's based on covetousness
that somebody has what you don't have
and therefore you covet what they have
and therefore you engage in conflict to
destroy and to remove what they have
and so all of this rioting we see where
people are happy to destroy
other people's businesses simply because
they don't have it
this is the the way human minds work
when they're under demonic influence
they they are
they are deep into conflict the way the
christian mind works the way this this
sound mind works
when we have the power of the holy
spirit is rather than
engaging conflict we engage in
complementarity
in harmony so i have the a and the b
that god gives instructions to one's
brain one mind
but then he gives instruction to the
other mind that is interacting with that
mind
so that the two minds can work in a
complementary fashion
so the husband has to love the wife
and the wife has to reverence the
husband and when both do their part
we have harmony now continuing in that
vein that's why i say there shouldn't be
a chapter break we're dealing with the
family unit here

it says children obey your parents in
the lord
so the same way that the wife must
submit to her husband
but that doesn't give the husband the
right to abuse her
and to oppress her because she's doing
that
knowing that the husband must love his
wife the way christ loved the church and
gave himself for it
so now we have the same vulnerability in
six
one where children can be very
vulnerable
they're powerless they're very
vulnerable people and this is sort of
the beauty of christianity you look
around the world
all the different systems and ideologies
and religious systems and political
systems
and it's only those countries that have
been influenced by the teachings of
jesus christ
where the vulnerable are protected you
go into any other type of
uh nation any other ideology
and you take advantage of the vulnerable
you have grown
men 60 70 years old marrying
six-year-old children
and basically raping them to death
you have women being constantly stoned
to death and
accused of who knows what and they can't
defend themselves
in all of these societies that do not
have the influence of jesus christ
the vulnerable suffer because of the
demonic influence
so here children are very vulnerable and
they're just told very clearly
obey your parents but it's not just obey

your parents
where your parents become an idol same
thing with with women
if women just obey their husbands no
matter what their husbands say then the
husband does become an idol
the husband is actually replacing christ
but no you're obeying christ and then
you're serving your husband
and supporting your husband as if you're
supporting christ
not in lieu of christ and same with the
children
obey your parents in the lord so if
parents are instructing children
to do something that goes against god
then for the children to obey that would
be idolatry
so the parents have authority within the
lord
so children obey your parents in the
lord for this is right
this is righteousness honor then he
quotes
exodus 20. honor your father i think
it's verse 12
honor your father and mother which is
the first commandment
with promise so all of the other
commandments up to this one
there's no promise associated with them
this is the first not the only
this is the first commandment with
promise
you know go beyond the ten commandments
there are many more commandments
that god will give and there's a promise
associated with them
go to deuteronomy 28 and see all the
promises associated
with the commandments but this is the
first time there's a commandment
and there's a promise associated with it
that's how important

this commandment is and this is again
you look at these
marxist movements where karl marx hated
the family hated god
loved satan and now these these satanic
movements
want to destroy they want to blow up the
western prescribed
nuclear family that is utter nonsense
and purely satanic
it is in the nuclear family the god
ordained family
from creation that human minds
are shaped that you shape a human mind
in this family in this godly structure
between zero to seven years old and that
mind is then set it has been the
the synapses the neural pathways
have been formed a certain way and that
child is set for life
or destroyed that they they would be so
warped and messed up
that only by the miracle healing
miraculous healing
of god's holy spirit can that person
have any hope at all
so we have to defend the family and we
cannot support movements
that are out to blaspheme and destroy
the family
and he says so the and he actually
quotes the promise
in exodus that it may be well with you
and you may live long on the earth
ultimately when god
fulfills all of his plans and we come
into this millennial age
if you're not uh following the
commandment
of honoring your parents you cannot
function you will not be a healthy human
being
to function in the millennium and you'll
end up in the lake of fire

so so this is really really critical but
again what i said is that's part a
of the complementary pattern
if god only commands one side
that side is vulnerable if the wife just
has to do everything the husband says no
matter what
which is the case and you look at
something like islam
then the wife will be abused human
nature being what it is
but god safeguards the vulnerable
by giving a command to the other side as
well so the children are vulnerable now
but the other side is and you fathers
provoke not your children to wrath
you you can make your children very
angry you you can make them
disillusioned
you can make them very frustrated don't
parent like that
you know be be easy not not easy in
terms of permissive
but understanding they're human beings
with their own minds i mean as a
parent who has raised children in the
lord
and they are now successful adults
it is amazing to me it's quite
miraculous
when we're sitting at the dinner table
and talking and these are adults in my
home
and maybe they're advising me or giving
me their perspective on a matter that is
completely different from my own
and it's fascinating but there's this
bond of peace
and this bond of love that comes because
of how they were trained and how their
minds have been wired and there's this
respectfulness that they have
that we can just count on it's just
there because of how they've been

trained
but i have had to learn to balance and
that they're they're their own people
they think differently than i do
they have different passions and desires
than i have they have their own lives
and so we have to encourage that and
empower that and not provoke them that
you have to be just like me
you know your dad is this way you need
to be just like that no this is going to
provoke them to wrath
so so there's a balancing act here and
then but bring them up
in the nurture and admonition of the
lord
and the proverbs say that when a child
is raised this way ultimately they will
not depart from it
servants so that's now we had we had the
husband and wife as the original
foundational unit children come out of
that so now we have children and parents
as the next level and then these
children grow up
and they work for employers
and so this is the next level of
authoritarian relationship
that we're going to encounter and god
has instructions for this
christians should be the best employees
if you know where like myself i don't
work if i work for myself
my clients should rave about the
christian experience
without me beating them over the head
with the bible they should just
experience something different
if you do have a a manager you work for
somebody
your manager should be like wow this
person is really unique
this person is amazing you father so so
sorry verse 5 servants or today we would

say employees
be obedient to them that are your
masters
and again your masters according to the
flesh they're not your masters but
according to the flesh they are
and in this in this time these they
really were masters
but in our case we would say you're
employers
but the instruction for christians is to
be obedient
not to engage in riot and demonstrations
and trying to overthrow and
and and loot and smash windows
this is just not the christian way this
is the satanic way
this is the way of following the demons
christians don't behave this way
employees be obedient to your managers
according to the flesh your people who
are over you according to the flesh
with fear and trembling in singleness of
heart like just be
totally focused on your work and serve
your
your manager the way you would serve
christ
the wife submits to her husband the way
she would submit to christ
the children obey their parents the way
they would submit to christ
and employees submit to their employers
the way that they would submit to christ
i know it's difficult language but this
is the language of the bible
and don't do it with eye service
as men pleasers what does that mean
it means that you know when i was a
young man i was a security guard
and uh my first day on the job i was
trained by i was trained by the security
guard i was replacing
and he just basically told me how not to

do my job
how only to do it when people are
looking and i did the exact opposite i
was
i was a christian then i was new in the
faith but i did the exact opposite i did
my job
but this is this is what i service means
you only work when somebody's looking
and to be a men pleaser means you only
do it just to get their approval
no don't do it like that be
authentically committed
to doing your best work no matter
who it is it doesn't matter that the
employer is not a nice person they're
your master according to the flesh
and you serve them and you your ministry
so to speak
your preaching of the gospel so to speak
is how you work for your employer
they might be a terrible person but in
the end they say you know what that's
the best employee
i ever had not with eye service as men
pleasers but as the servants of christ
doing the will of god from the heart
it's the will of god that you work well
you don't complain and say well
he's got more than i do why should i
work for him
he's the man you know he's he that he
can afford for me
to skip off work i'll take a sick day
today he's got money he can afford it
this is not the christian way
the christian way is to truly serve
the way joseph did the way daniel did
not with eyes services men pleasers but
as servants of christ doing the will of
god from the heart
with good will doing service as to the
lord
and not to men so yeah they're your

masters in
the flesh but you serve them in the
spirit
as if you were serving christ this is
the christian way this is the christian
mind
knowing that whatsoever good thing any
man does
the same shall he receive of the lord
whether he be bond or free
so we're not focused that the marxists
want us to be focused on this life
and somebody has money in their bank
account and we don't how do we get the
money out of their account and into ours
somebody has a house and we don't have
it how do we burn down that house if we
can't have it
or how do we take it over and run them
out of the house this is
bizarre absolutely bizarre
and and just satanic and has nothing to
do with christ
if they have material things good for
them hope it works out for them
but we do know that most people that
have material things they go a bit loopy
in the head
you know you go you look at the people
who are just blessed with all kinds of
wealth
their children commit suicide or they
commit suicide or they're
addicted to drugs or material things
this is not the measure
of a man's success so they have these
things you don't have it
so what you have the promises
you have the promises and and we are
focused on
receiving the reward from the lord and
so knowing that whatsoever good thing
any man does so do your thing
and knowing this that the same you you

will receive
of the lord whether he be bond or free
it doesn't matter what state you're in
this doesn't matter this is according to
the flesh
but the lord is going to reward you
according to the spirit
now that's the a in the a b pattern
but it's not that if you have a
christian master now he can just
knowing this he can just take advantage
of you and ask you to do all kinds of
things no there's a flip side as well
and you masters or you managers you
employers
do the same things unto them
forbearing threatening the same way with
the parent don't be threatening all the
time forbear that leave that alone
knowing that your master also is in
heaven so you're you're a master over
them
but you have a master as well it's like
the the um
i think it was the centurion who his
daughter needed to be healed
and and christ was going to go with him
and he said no no i have people under me
i know when i tell them what to do they
do it
so you don't need to come to my house
just just command and i know she'll be
healed
and christ was impressed with that but
he could come to that understanding
because he was a good manager
and he had good employees so in the same
way
we can be employers
but we can be good employers because we
know we have a master
and so the way we want christ to treat
us that's the way we're going to treat
our employees you masters do the same

things unto them
forbearing threatening knowing that your
master also
is in heaven neither is their respective
persons with him
again somebody can have all the wealth
in the world
and another person has nothing when we
stand before god
it's not because somebody has wealth
that they'll get favor from god
or the other way around there's actually
a verse in the torah that says do not
favor the poor man
when the rich and the poor come to you
for judgment with today's marxist
ideology
automatically you give the benefit of
the doubt to the poor
the torah says don't dare do that
rich and poor come before you and if the
poor is wrong
you judge the poor and you make sure
that the poor recompenses the rich
not because you know they're poor and
they're
you can take advantage of them which is
the way most societies work
or the way our society works now if
somebody's rich or white or male or
christian
that automatically they're wrong no
we judge according to torah and judge
righteously
so there's no respect of persons the way
we have a society
now that's gone insane and is respecting
persons
not for their character but for nonsense
things they have no control over so
christ will not respect just because we
have a position that doesn't do anything
in our time of judgment with god and so
that a b pattern was really introduced

in ephesians 5 21 where we're to submit ourselves one to another this is how the christian mind works this is the self-control the power that the holy spirit gives us over ourselves so that we can engage in this a b pattern and so all of these instructions that we see are just helping us understand how human minds successfully engage with one another and then last night we spent most of our time here in ephesians 6 beginning in verse 10. finally my brethren so after all of this instruction that we've come through beginning when we began at the feast uh last sunday uh going through all these chapters of the letter he now comes to his conclusion so we have to have the force of all of his writing and this is what i covered yesterday all of this we have to keep in mind as he comes to his conclusion finally my brothers be strong in the lord this is the struggle obeying our parents in the lord submitting to our husband in the lord loving our wife in the lord all of this you know being a good employer in the lord being a great employee in the lord all of this is part of the struggle and requires a christian mind to pull this off so again when we're seduced into demonstrating and rioting we want our what do we want justice when do we want it now when we're we're in this um vein popping eye bulging you know

throat tearing rage over justice
this has nothing to do with the holy
spirit
so having the holy spirit having this
great power
within us gives us this self-control
to engage in this a b pattern of how
human minds complement each other
and even if the other doesn't engage in
their part
we engage in our part as unto the lord
so finally my brother be strong in the
lord all of these instructions that i
gave you as to how to be in the lord
be strong in that and in the power of
his might it's an epic struggle
and the principalities and powers are
trying to seduce us away from
our role in this a b complementarity
pattern
finally my brethren 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 read verse 11 here we should get
the sense
of the incredible you know gale force
wind of the power
and the cleverness of the devil that to
stand
as a christian against this is
miraculous
that we shouldn't take it for granted
that oh i'm a spiritual person i can
stand
let him who thinks he stands take heed
lest he fall
we have to understand just how powerful
this is
this is a mastermind who understands
not just you he hasn't just been
studying you and his demons haven't been

just studying you since you've been born
he's been studying humanity since adam
as god was creating adam he was studying
what is this and then he created eve and
he's studying and he's studying the
relationship between them and the
instructions god has given them
and he's using his mastermind to figure
out how to upend them
and then when god chose israel he
studies these people
and he figured out how to upend them and
throughout their history
even now to the church even with the
holy spirit
this mastermind is constantly studying
and coming up with new methods
and effective methods to upend god's
people
so please let's not take this for
granted this is serious we
we have been enrolled into an epic
struggle
so do everything you can to put on the
whole armor of god so that you can be
strong in the lord
because we're up against the wiles of
the devil
and we're wrestling not with flesh and
blood for we wrestle not against flesh
and blood
but against principalities against
powers against the rulers of the
darkness of this world
and i think christians everything that
we're involved in
and anytime we are involved in conflict
because there's times that we have to be
involved in conflict
there are times when conflict comes to
us there are times that we have to go on
the offensive
with the sword in hand but whenever
we're involved in any kind of conflict

we have to ask ourselves okay what is
the power
behind this conflict and do i understand
that my conflict is not with the human
being
it's not with flesh and blood it's what
the principalities and powers behind it
and am i walking circumspectly am i
walking according to this vocation
am i am i using the armor of god to
defend and to go on the offense with the
sword
so we wrestle not against flesh and
blood and again so you know
sometimes you see people they're just so
emotional
why because they're caught up in
themselves
which is flesh and blood they're caught
up in themselves
and they're caught up in the human realm
and we need to help each other get out
of that
and see things from a much bigger
picture an eternal picture
and a holistic picture we wrestle not
against flesh and blood but against
principalities against powers
against the rulers of the darkness of
this world it's amazing
this is what we're up against against
spiritual wickedness
in the heavenly in the epirenius in the
heavenly places
wherefore take unto you the whole armor
of god
don't allow any point of weak spiritual
weakness
don't have a spiritual achilles heel
because these
demonic beings are serious they are
looking to take us out
and they're patient you may think you're
doing well but they know you know one

week from now two weeks from now three
years from now
they know how humanity is unfolding and
they have a plan for all of humanity and
they're controlling the governments of
this world
and so they're just saying yeah the
weakness is there wait
because in two years time in five years
time we will pass this global
legislation
and that weakness will be able to take
them all out
so this is why we need to be taking the
time now to making sure we do not have
these spiritual
achilles heels wherefore take
unto you the whole armor of god that you
may be able to stand
sorry that you may be able to withstand
in the evil day
and having done all to stand so it's not
just about standing today
let him who thinks he stands take heed
lest he fall you may be standing today
i may be standing today but the point is
to be preparing
for the evil day so that we can stand in
the evil day
because when the evil day comes the
majority
will fail when the evil day comes
the majority will betray
when the evil day comes the love of the
majority
will wax cold so just being standing
today
congratulations that's great that's
wonderful we rejoice
that we're standing today the point is
can we stand
and withstand in the evil day which is
coming
and having done everything to stand it's

not having done
a little bit to stand having done kind
of a casual approach to stand
it's taking this serious this is why the
majority fail
because the majority don't take this
seriously we have to take this
really really seriously redeeming the
time preparing ourselves getting ready
so that when the evil day comes we will
do everything we can
to stand here in revelation 13
speaking of the evil day
and being able to stand in revelation 13
10 it says
he that leads into captivity that is the
beast power
shall go into captivity why because
christ led captivity captive
christ is now far above all
principalities and powers
human spiritual otherwise he's over
everything
so this tremendous human power which is
controlled by and empowered by this
tremendous
spiritual power behind it taking the
people of god captive
christ says he will lead him into
captivity
he that kills with the sword must be
killed with the sword you want justice
this is justice
this is god's justice and in
understanding
god's justice here is the patience
and faith of the saints if we don't
understand god's justice
if we want social justice now we'll be
taken out
we will be seduced and taken out what we
want is god's justice
in god's time god says vengeance is mine
we'll wait

blessed are those that wait upon the
lord we'll wait we'll wait for this
and it is in this understanding embedded
in this understanding is the patience
and the faith of the saints so if you
see anybody that's impatient wants
justice now
want social justice now they will be
taken out
i'm sorry we have to pray we have to do
all we can
to help them to see this that
yes there will be injustice terrible
injustice
it's all being orchestrated right now as
we speak
against the people of god and god says
be patient
vengeance is mine you got my my justice
is coming
on my time we want god's justice on his
time
and it is in this understanding of the
bigger picture
that we have our patience in our
patients will possess our souls
and is it's in this understanding this
is where the faith is
again in revelation 14 12 as he outlines
the
incredible power and influence of the
beast
he says here is the patience of the
saints
as we understand that god is far above
all of these powers
this is where the patience of the saints
is here are they
that keep the commandments of god and
the faith of jesus
so to get through this we have to have
on the whole armor of god
in order to have the patience of the
saints and to wait

for the justice of god in daniel 11 and
verse 32
he says and such as do wickedly against
the covenant
shall he corrupt by flatteries brother
shall betray brother
but the people that do know their god
shall be strong
and do exploit so the majority will fail
but those who have done all to put on
the whole armor of god and having done
all to stand
god willing we will do exploits in
a time of complete horror and complete
terror
god has not given us a spirit of fear
but a spirit of power
and of love and of a sound mind so we
will be able to operate in all of this
nightmarish horror
and do exploits for god if
we do all we can to stand in matthew 24
verse 11 christ says and many false
prophets shall rise that is critical
yesterday i spoke about the importance
of teaching
the human mind you know the brain is
empowered by
glucose but the mind
is empowered by knowledge that's why
over and over and over paul says grow in
grace and the knowledge of our lord
jesus christ
that's why we need teachers and that's
why
satan needs false teachers and false
prophets
because we see the world we interpret
the world
by the knowledge by the stories by the
narratives that were fed
and so the whole world now is being fed
a narrative around social justice
which is setting the whole world up

to rally against jerusalem it's a setup
that there's a pattern of that's
emerging that ultimately will result
in the whole world being united against
jerusalem
and christ returning and destroying all
the tribes of the earth
and brethren even are getting caught up
in this because there are false teachers
and false prophets and so this is a
necessary um
development in the path to the to the
destruction
of god's people that there will be false
teachings
and false prophets and they shall
deceive many
not a few many will deceive many most
will be taken out
and so this is the evil day that we have
to be preparing to stand
in and because iniquity shall abound
the agape the spiritually
uh empowered love
of most christians will wax cold
this is the evil day but
he that puts on the whole armor of god
and does all he can
or she can to stand and endures to the
end that's the one
that shall be saved it's it's a very few
it's not everybody the majority will
fail
because the majority are not taking this
seriously they're not putting on the
whole armor of god realizing it's not
that i'm standing now
it's that i need to stand in the evil
day
now speaking of the evil day and we
covered a little bit of this yesterday
when we looked at second thessalonians
uh or
i think it was second thessalonians one

where the apostasy the great apostasy
the great falling away
is foretold but paul
repeats it here to his
protege timothy when he says look
timothy
the spirit is clear there's no if ends
or buts about this
the spirit speaks expressly
that in the latter times coming into
this evil day
in the latter times some a
a percentage will depart from the faith
they will not stand they were not
putting on the armor of god and they did
not understand
that we are battling against
principalities and powers
they got seduced
it's very clear the spirit the spirit is
not ambiguous about this
it is a very clear instruction by christ
himself
that in the latter times some shall
depart from the faith how tragic
giving heed that they they have ear
itching ears
whatever they're hearing it's smooth to
them and they will give heed
to seducing spirits and doctrines of
devils
again that's why yesterday's study we
spoke about the necessity and the
centrality
of godly teaching
we need the teachers we need the
teaching
god christ said if you love me feed my
sheep
this is why so
let us not be complacent let us not be
overconfident
thinking that you know because i'm
standing now no problem

one saved always saved no no no
let's do all we can to get ready to
withstand the onslaught
that is coming before christ returns the
devil knows that he has a short time
he's going to be pulling out all the
stops and our world is changing it's
changing rapidly
and demonic forces are really flexing
their muscles
in seducing ways in ways that make us
feel good about ourselves
but engage in conflict and human
sacrifice
and witchcraft we have to see things
from a spiritual lens
back to ephesians 6 stand therefore
having your loins girt about with truth
we care about truth we go to battle with
truth we don't fall victim to falsehoods
having to learn loins girt about with
truth and
in ephesians one to three let's immerse
ourselves in those truths
that are in the first half of ephesians
and having on the breastplate of
righteousness ephesians 4 to 6
gives us the instructions of how to be
righteous
and it isn't in that righteous living
that the breastplate protects our vital
organs
particularly the heart you know there's
a part in ephesians 4 where he talks
about the things that are done by
christians in secret it would blow your
mind
what christians are up to in secret
because they're allowing themselves to
be seduced and then he says we must
expose them don't hide it you know i
think sometimes we go too far in trying
to keep everything confidential
paul says expose them expose these works

so that people know don't do these things
so if we're engaging in these things secretly
our hearts are being darkened and we
have we don't have the breastplate
to protect our vital organs the
righteousness all these righteous
instructions of how to be strong in the
lord
he gives us in ephesians 4 to 6. and
notice this now in verse 15 and i
touched on this yesterday
and your feet shod with the
preparation of the gospel of peace
that word preparation i think we read
over it
that the purpose of the teachers is to
prepare
and to empower the disciples so that
they in turn
can prepare and empower other disciples
that that i should have looked up the
scripture in acts i believe is acts 8
when persecution came upon the church
and the apostles said we will stay in
jerusalem and face this persecution
you guys run run for your life when they
ran for their lives they took the gospel
with them
because the apostles were preparing them
with the gospel of peace
and so that's even though the apostles
stayed in jerusalem the gospel spread
and so in the same way we cannot have a
passive church
we cannot have a church that's
ineffective
the purpose of the ministry is to
empower the brethren
to preach the gospel and also to edify
the body
preach the gospel edify the body and so
while we're in these times of relative

peace what our brother bernard called
soft persecution
this is the time to be preparing to be
ready to give an answer for the hope
that lies within you and if you study
that passage it's in the context of
persecution
but not only it's not just the knowledge
that we have
of how to preach the gospel it's also
how we put the wisdom that we gain
depending on who we're talking to how to
preach the gospel
so very very important that we're taking
this time putting on the armor of god
and preparing
for the gospel of peace and above all
taking the shield of faith
wherewith you shall be able to quench
all the fiery darts of the wicked and
there's many sermons we've had
that have gone through these these um
passages so these are fiery darts but we
need the shield of faith
and take the helmet of salvation and the
sword of the spirit which is the word of
the lord so the sword now is going on
the offense
with the word of the lord praying always
with all prayer and supplication
in the spirit and watching there unto
with all
perseverance and supplication for all
saints so prayer is a big part
of of this this armor and what we do and
praying for all saints
and for me that is for the apostle that
utterance may be given to me
that i may open my mouth boldly to make
known the mystery of the gospel
so he was in the role of an evangelist
and he was teaching the unchurched
he was going to the gentiles and sharing
the gospel with them and also to the jew

the jew first but also the gentiles and
and so not everybody does the same thing
and his part in the body was exactly
this so
he he says to pray for him as well so
everybody's doing their part
and he has a part and we're supporting
him in his part and today
there are certain men that have to do
this part and have to do it boldly
and we should be praying for those men
that they can do their part
for which i am an ambassador ambassador
in bond so he was in prison then he's
the prisoner of the lord
and for doing his reward for preaching
the truth
was being imprisoned so for which i am
an ambassador in bonds
and that therein i may speak boldly as i
ought to speak so he sees himself he
doesn't see himself as a prisoner he
sees himself as an ambassador for the
lord
and he's speaking boldly so that the
roman guard themselves end up converting
to to the way
but that you also may know my affairs
and how i do tychicus a beloved brother
and faithful minister so he calls him
out as a faithful minister because he
was very worried about the ephesians
ministers
but this is a faithful minister in the
lord shall make known unto you all
things so you'll get to learn of my my
state
whom i have sent unto you for the same
purpose
that you might know our affairs and that
he might comfort your hearts and as the
brethren come to know their affairs they
could pray more effectively
for him peace be to the brethren

and love with faith from god the father
and the lord jesus christ so again very
very clear the good will
that the father and the lord jesus
christ have toward us
grace be with all them that love our
lord jesus christ in sincerity
amen so what an amazing amazing
a little book that's just so jam-packed
and
you i think i would just encourage
everybody to sit down and just read this
book
and then go through the the teachings
that we've had here
as a starter as a way to initiate your
study of the book
so take it further and for example i
yesterday
i really focused on kind of giving a
survey of the book of this
epic struggle between the christian
and the prince of the power of the air
and the principalities and powers
but that that's we engage in that
struggle with a power
that is far above the principalities and
powers and so that clearly is
a theme through the book but if you look
here
in uh i did a search on the word peace
if you look at the word peace there's a
theme of shalom
of peace in the book it's mentioned
seven times from start to finish
throughout the book i focused on power
uh
eight times there's this theme from
start to finish on power
in the book if you look at grace there's
a theme of grace
12 times as mentioned from start to
finish
in the book and finally most importantly

love 38 times
this theme of love is mentioned in the
book
so there's a lot of study that can be
done
around what the apostle paul remember
the apostle paul
met with the risen christ and studied
under the risen christ
as a as a highly uh educated scholar
in in the word and he came to understand
so much
and so enlightened and so we cannot read
if
oh yeah i read ephesians oh yeah oh yeah
i know the bible
we have to be very respectful of this
man's knowledge in the lord
and there's so much that can be done so
i hope that through this feast
i've been helped i've been able to help
you scratch the surface
of this book and that you'll be
encouraged and motivated to go back
through it and study it more deeply
and share your insights with the
brethren and do your part
in this epic struggle that we've been
grafted into and drafted into
it's an amazing book and again as i
opened up this whole study
if the ancient israelites were commanded
to rejoice because of the increase the
physical increase the blessings of
physical increase
at the work of their hands how much
more should we rejoice because of
all the spiritual blessings god holding
nothing back
that we enjoy at the work of god's hands
at the work of christ's hands
this is just an amazing mystery that we
are now a part of
let's stay focused brethren and let's

remember to put on the whole
armor of god jesus christ is lord
and he's coming very very soon we just
have to be patient brethren and get
through the evil day
knowing that christ is far above all
these principalities and powers
god bless have a great last great last
great day and we're looking forward to
resuming our study on psalms god willing
on october 14th
god bless
you