

EPHESIANS 6

Stark Road Bimonthly Bible Reading

November 16, 2019

I. Relationship of Children and Parents in the Lord (6:1-4)

A. Role of Children

1. Obey
2. Honor
3. Backed by early commands and promises of blessing

B. Role of Parents (specifically the father)

1. Do not provoke to anger (*Col. 3:21*)
2. Bring them up in discipline
3. Bring them up in the instruction of the Lord (*Deu. 6:4-20, Deu 11:18, Prov. 14:24, Prov. 29:15*)

II. Relationship of Slave/Master (Employee/Employer) (6:5-9)

A. Employees' Responsibilities

1. Obey with fear and trembling (Obedience with respect)
2. Obey with a sincere heart
3. Obey not with eye service, men pleasing behavior
4. Obey as servant of Christ-serves with sincerity and good will from the heart. Knowing God will reward faithful behavior

B. Employer's Responsibilities

1. Don't Threaten
2. Know the Lord is Over all as Master
3. No Partiality/Favoritism with God

III. Stand Against the Foe (6:10-20)

A. The Whole Armor of God

1. Whose armor is it?
2. Why do we wear it?
3. Who are we standing against?
4. Why is it necessary to take up the whole armor of God?

B. Parts of the Armor

1. Belt of Truth-Truth from God's Word binds (prepares for battle) a soldier and their conduct (*Luke 2:35*)
2. Breast Plate of Righteousness-Christ's Righteousness worn with good conscience of a life lived in obedience to God's word. (Practical Righteousness) (*2 Cor. 5:21, 2 Cor. 10:5*)
3. Shoes-Gospel of Peace. Believer at peace is confident in God's love has **firm standing**. (*Ephesians 2:17, Titus 3:1, Philippians 1:28*)
4. Shield of Faith-Simple Confidence in God quenches fiery doubts (*Hebrews 11:6, Proverbs 30: 5-6, Psalms 8:10*)
5. Helmet of Salvation-Security for the Head/Mind brings absolute confidence during present struggle that the future is secure. (*Ephesians 1:18, 1 Thes. 5:8-11*)
6. Sword of Spirit-Utterance of the Holy Spirit-word of God unique and appropriate for the specific need. (*Luke 4:13*)
7. Line of Communication- Prayer. Unceasing and diligent commitment to prayer born out of absolute dependence on God (*Luke 18:1*)

IV. Conclusion-Final Greetings (6:21-23)

A. Mutual Love and Concern

B. Beloved Tychicus

C. Grace to all in Lord Jesus Christ

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OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK

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- I. **Doctrine- Implications of Christian Faith (Our Blessings in Christ)** (*Ch. 1-3*)
 - A. Jews and Gentiles made alive (life from death)
 - B. Jews and Gentiles made nigh (on body in Christ)
 - C. Revelation and Stewardship of Mystery of Gospel
 - D. Doxology

- II. **Practice-Application to Christian Life (Our Responsibility to the Lord)** (*Ch. 4-6*)
 - A. General Responsibilities For Christians in the World—our walk (*Ch. 4-5*)
 - a. Walk worthy of Lord-changed mind
 - b. Walk not as other gentiles-changed life
 - c. Walk in love, as Christian of light-circumspectly
 - B. Particular Responsibilities For Christians in the Home—Our Relationships (*Ch. 5*)
 - a. Wives and Husbands (*Ephesians 5:21-33*)
 - b. Children and Parents—Parenting (*6:1-4*)
 - c. Servants(employees) and Masters (employers)—Our Employment (*6:5-9*)

- III. **Stand Against the Foe (Our Protection During Conflict With the Evil One)** (*6:10-20*)
 - A. The Whole Armor of God

- IV. **Conclusion (Our Concern For One Another)** (*6:21-24*)
 - A. Mutual Love and Concern
 - B. Beloved Tychicus
 - C. Love to all in the Lord Jesus Christ