

## Bible Study - Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 25 Pastor Charles A. Hall – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### To Live For God, Rather Than The World, We Must Believe That God Hears Us!

To live for God in a world that is so determined to live and behave in a manner that satisfies the flesh rather than the spirit is a challenge in and of itself. To sustain ourselves, and to give ourselves a fighting chance of escaping the evil trappings of this world, we must take advantage of every opportunity that we have to call on the Name of Jesus for help and assistance. To aid us in overcoming the challenges and uncertainties as we journey through this life. If we are to have any hope of surviving the evil influence of this world, we must first come to the realization that it is impossible to make it through this life without some supernatural intervention and assistance. The assistance we need must come from someone or source that possesses powers that are far greater, and more powerful than anything we possess. Since the powers that wage war against us in this world are not human, but rather wicked spirits in high places with supernatural powers that are far beyond our human ability to defend ourselves. It is for this reason that we need help to protect us from being totally overcome by the wickedness of this world. Most important, when we call on the creator of heaven and earth for help, we want to have unshakable confidence that help is coming! So we need to know who or what is this source of power, to give us the assurance or guarantee that our call for help has been received, and not ignored.

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-6** (3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (6) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

When we prepare ourselves to withstand the constant attacks by the prince of darkness, who is none other than satan, and his army of evil and wicked spirits. These attackers are not human, although the manifestation of the attack may appear to be human. This is the result of satan's deceptive and lying influence that he has gained over a substantial portion of humanity. For this reason we must be able to recognize satan's ways and tactics, and to always be ready for battle. To be ready for battle requires that we first accept the fact that we are at war, and that we must be dressed in our battle attire at all times. Remember that our enemy is not fleshly, even though some of the physical manifestation of the attack may appear human. So, our battle gear is not fleshly as well. Our creator tells us to put on the following battle gear:

- We must Know who our battle commander is: ***Called the Truth "Jesus Christ"***
- We must maintain a Righteous Character: ***We must Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness***
- Freedom and peace come through the gospel: ***We should be eager to accept the gospel***
- To protect ourselves against the daily attacks from satan: ***We must maintain unwavering Faith and Trust in God.***
- We must maintain a mindset that the battle is already won: ***Which comes from the gift of eternal life (salvation).***
- We must have access to God's power to defeat the enemy: ***Which comes from the Word of God***

**Bible Study - Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 25**  
**Pastor Charles A. Hall – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Ephesians 6:11-18** (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (16) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The Word of God tells us that if we believe the testimony and evidence that God has given us concerning His Son Jesus Christ, then we can ask anything according to His will. And, if according to His will, we have the confidence and assurance that our petition has been received by God.

- **1 John 5:5-15** (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (6) This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. (7) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (8) And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (9) If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (10) He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Word of God encourage believers to be rejoiceful always in pray to the Lord, and to seek Him in prayer continuously. This statement is not commanding us to pray aloud continuously, but rather to maintain a heart and mindset of constant prayer at all times.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** (16) Rejoice evermore. (17) Pray without ceasing. (18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.