Prepare for Battle!

Ephesians 6:12

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Introduction

Scripture

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.PRAY

Illustration

In arguably the greatest movie trilogy of all time, The Lord of the Rings, there is a scene in the 3rd movie, The Return of the King, where Denethor, the Steward of Gondor, in a state of disbelief and sorrow, looks out into the fields below from the top of the city, Minas Tirith, only to see thousands upon thousands of Orcs below ready to attack.The enemy's army had amassed below, leaving Denethor in a state of utter shock and despair. Leading him to command his army to "abandon your posts!" and to "flee for your lives!".It seemed that all hope was lost, until Gandalf wacks Denethor in the face knocking him out, and yells to the soldiers…"Prepare for Battle!".

This is a great picture of the Spiritual War that we are in. Many would like to believe that there is no war happening. That there is no evil enemy who opposes righteousness and truth in our world.

Many also feel like the enemy is advancing, and all hope is lost. They too are at a point of utter despair and discouragment, that it would seem that the only appropriate option is to retreat!

However, the Bible is filled with God's call on our lives to prepare for battle! For the Spiritual War that scripture speaks about is real, continual, and personal for us.

This morning, we are going to spend our time together looking at the characteristics of Spiritual Warfare, what it is, what it's not.

We will learn about the schemes of our great enemy, the devil.

Then we will conclude with our place in the war as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and the weapons God gives us to fight in victory.

The Nature of our Warfare (What is it)The Strategy of our Enemy (Who we fight against)The Path of our Victory (How we fight)

Main Point

Point 1

The Nature of our Warfare

Illustration

Ask anyone what Spiritual Warfare is and you may receive a whole array of different answers on the subject.When it comes to our understanding of what Spiritual Warfare is, Christians often times fall into one of two camps.They either under-emphasize or over-emphasize it.Under-emphasisThose who completely ignore the spiritual realm and our battle against spiritual powers altogether.They reduce Christianity down to simply moral-ethical teaching, and nothing more. To them there is no spiritual realm that influences us and the world.Yet, interestingly, some of the same people would say they believe God or even the Holy Spirit but regard the devil as a joke.Unbelievers make light of the occult (yesterday)Over-emphasisThen there are those who believe satan is under every rock waiting to pop out and attack!They think that every sin, conflict, or problem is a demon that needs to be cast out.Modern day delieverance ministries, which are largely driven by fear tactics, teach that the difficulties you experience in life are generational curses that need to be broken so that you can finally overcome, even though for the Christian, we have already been delivered from sin and satan, and through the blood of Christ we can overcome.We need to aim for the balance. Of course, as followers of Christ and people of the Word, we want to understand what the Bible teaches us about the subject.

Ephesians 6:12 is a great launching place for us in understanding the nature/characteristics of spiritual warfare.

Scripture

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Some important things to notice about Paul’s explanation of Spiritual Warfare here.

“Wrestle” (noun) = Fight, struggle.

The fact that Paul uses the word “wrestle” indicates that we are involved in a hand-to-hand battle and are not mere spectators at a game.

Paul is not calling us to fight, but that we are already in the fight.

If we are ignorant or just simply ignore this fact, then we probably aren’t winning the battle.

A man who does not understand the teaching of the Apostle on this matter is either fast asleep in the arms of the devil, or else is an utterly defeated Christian. - Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

But notice Paul says our fight not against “flesh and blood”, referring to other human beings.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 10:3 (CSB)[3] For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh,

Application

Often times we as Christians misdirect our fight. Thinking that the battle is fought mainly on the visible and tangible aspect of life.What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don’t they come from your passions that wage war within you? - James 4:1 CSBFor James, war is not necessarily physical and outward but spiritual and inward—a battle against desire and fleshly passion.We need to recognize that our enemies are not directly those we see face to face, especially those we call brothers and sisters.Rather, our fight is against spiritual powers at play.

“against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

A variety of terms used by Paul here to describe our spiritual enemies. These refer to satan’s helpers. The spiritual forces of evil that challenge and oppose us in heavenly contest.

They are on different levels and different ranks within satans army, but they all have one goal: Knock the Christian down.

Scripture

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV) that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

What matters is that we understand that they are all apart of the spiritual army that is under the command of satan, the one who hates our soul and the God who created it.

In regards to the nature of our warfare, we may even ask, “When did it begin?”

What is satan’s villain origin story?

Most scholars consider passages from Isa. 14 and Ezek. 28 where to speaks of the kings of Babylon and Tyre to be represented as types/figures of satan.

Satan was a part of God’s original creation, but in his pride and arrogance was cast down from heaven because of his desire to occupy God’s throne.

Scripture

Genesis 3:15 (CSB) [15] I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

The redemption God promised in the garden of Eden at the beginning is framed in terms of conflict.

Although there are many mysteries connected with his origin, what he is doing and where he is going is certainly no mystery.

But why is it important to know his origin? Because it gives us an understanding about the origin of spiritual warfare.

Origin !’ Opposition

You see “the opposition that we face as God’s people is spiritual, personal, intense, and continual.”

As we make our way through the book of Acts with Pastor Josh, we will observe the intense, spiritual opposition the early church experienced that has continued to this day towards those who live out the gospel and proclaim the truth of Christ.

For all Christian persecution finds it source of influence within the kingdom of darkness.

Illustration

Christians in NigeriaAccording to Global Christian Relief's latest report on Christian Persecution in Nigeria, the death toll of Christians killed is staggering.It is estimated that more than 50,000 Christians have been martyed for their faith, for the crime of simply being a Christian.But what has fueled the daily persecution and killing of God's people in Nigeria?The answer is spiritual. It has been the demonically influenced and empowered ideology of Islam.This ideology is a lie from satan himself. A lie that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.We are not called to convert demons, but sinners. The battle is rather with the false ideologies men and demons propagate so that the world believes them. Doomed souls are inside their fortresses of ideas, which become their prisons and eventually their tombs – unless they are delivered from them by belief in the truth.

Application

Does this not also help us make sense of why things are the way they are in our world?War erupting in the Middle EastThe problems that we face in our world today have an underlying cause, a disease, that cannot be remedied by human philosophy or wisdom, by any human effort.But only by the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church has the answer to the issues of our world today! Yet why do we keep it to ourselves?Think even local for a moment, here, where God has placed us. Are there not numerous problems that face our community and region?They are merely symptoms of an underlying disease. A disease that the gospel we carry has the ability to heal.ILL: Gone to the doctor trying to figure what's wrong with your health?The Christian should understand the world more than anyone else, because we know where the problems of it find their root.

Application

This is the nature and origin of our warfare. It is also why the church of Jesus Christ has faced such opposition for the last 2,000 years.Spiritual warfare is not something extraordinary to the Christian life, but is a basic element of it. As we live under the lordship of Jesus Christ, seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, we will daily fight with our spiritual foe.

Even though Christ has disarmed the enemy and holds the final victory, satan and his demons are still allowed to wreak havoc.

So we have looked at the nature of our warfare, now let's consider the Strategy of our Enemy.

Main Point

Point 2

The Strategy of our Enemy

Before we continue with this point, I must warn you. It is a dangerous thing to be “curious” about the satan and the occult. The bible teaches us about our enemy’s strategy to not only keep the world in darkness, but also to attempt to de-rail the Christian from there walk with Christ.

As we grow in our understanding of who our enemy is and how he attacks, do not be surprised if you begin to experience spiritual attacks.

“Either devote yourself to battle and victory, or decide to stay behind the lines”. - Wiersbe

But we cannot be ignorant and unaware of his schemes.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 2:11 (CSB) [11] so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.

We cannot afford to be unaware of his plans.

Jesus refers to him in John 10:10 as a thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

We are also told in Eph. 6 that we stand against the “wiles of the devil”. Meaning he is crafty, cunning, and strategic in his attacks.

He is even described as an angel of light in 2 Cor. 11, seeking to blind people’s minds to the truth of God’s word.

It’s been said that the Christian has 3 enemies: The devil, the world, and the flesh.

Satan wants to use our external enemy, the world, and our internal enemy, the flesh to defeat us.

“The world” = refers to the sinful human race, hostile to the truth and to the people of God.

Scripture

James 4:4 (ESV) [4] You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

“The flesh” = our own sinful nature

Scripture

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV)[11] Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

The devil = our greatest enemy that empowers the world to attack believers and appeals to our sinful flesh that can thwart us from serving God fully.

Scripture

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) [8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Strategy of Satan - Warren Wiersbe

In his book, Warren Wiersbe explains how the bible describes satan's character and schemes.

Main Point

Point 2A

The Deceiver

Scripture

John 8:44 (CSB) [44] You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

His target is our minds. Seeking to lead us into believing error instead of truth.

His weapon is lies and deception. Why?

Because the bible says God renews our lives by renewing our minds through His truth.

Consider Eve as an example.

Satan came to Eve to deceive her by questioning God's word, denying God's word, and even subsituting the truth with his own lie.

We know how the story goes. Eve is deceived by satan's craftiness.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 11:3 (CSB)[3] But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Application

Satan wants us to be ignorant of God's truth found in His word.This is why it is crucial for us to not only know God's word, but to memorize it, meditate on it, and of course, use it. For it is the sword of the Spirit.But you cannot wield it and use it, if you do not know it.Do you spend time regularly reading God's word?Do you seek to memorize scripture?Are there lies in your mind right now that you are believing?

Main Point

Point 2B

The Destroyer

Scripture

Revelation 9:11 (NIV) [11] They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

His target is our bodies. Desiring to see us suffer physically. Why? Because your body was given to you by God to bring Him glory.

His weapon is suffering.

Consider Job for a moment. A blameless, holy, and respected man. A man whom God allowed to experience suffering under satan's attacks.

God did not cause the suffering, but allowed for Job's testing.

"This should be a great encouragement to us, for we know that whatever suffering may come to our lives, God has ordained it and is in complete control." - Wiersbe

We do not have control over removing suffering from our lives, but we do have a control over how we will respond to the suffering.

Satan's purpose in your suffering is that you would become impatient with God's will.

Scripture

James 5:11 (CSB) [11] See, we count as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about—the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Patience is a Christian virtue/characteristic.

But the only way we can learn patience is by going through the trials that God assigns to us.

Application

God is not required to explain the why of our sufferings, but He does promise to give us everything we need for that moment. We live not on explanations but on the promises of God.Maybe you are going through suffering right now and have thought, “God what are you doing here?” Satan would want you to grow impatient in your suffering, leading you away from God and trusting Him.But God promises to meet you in your suffering, not to change your circumstances, but to change you.

Main Point

Point 2C

The Ruler

Scripture

John 14:30 (CSB) [30] I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me.

Satan’s target is your will, that is your ability to choose and make decisions. Why? Because God wants His children to be obedient to His will.

Satan’s weapon is pride.

Custom

PRIDE - Websters 1828Inordinate self-esteem; an unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, accomplishments, rank or elevation in office, which manifests itself in lofty airs, distance, reserve, and often in contempt of others.

Consider King David for a moment. A story many people are not familiar with.

We all know of King David’s sins of adultery, but do you know of his sin of pride that resulted in 70,000 people dying?

Scripture

1 Chronicles 21:1 (CSB) [1] Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to count the people of Israel.

Right after great victories are described in ch. 20, David's ego was inflated and he was enticed to number the people not for the glory of God, but for his own glory. And there were grave consequences for his sin against God.

Application

Satan's purpose in appealing to our pride is to make us independent of God's will.Pride is destructive, but subtle. Satan would want us to live our lives independent of God entirely.We may want to do something our way instead of God's way because in our pride we think we know what is best for our lives.When in reality, it will only lead to destruction.Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall. - Proverbs 16:18 CSB…be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." - 1 Pe. 5:5Our defense is the Holy Spirit producing in us humility. When satan comes to attack our pride, we must respond in surrender to the Holy Spirit, letting him work in us to produce humility and a submission to God.Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. - James 4:7

Main Point

Point 2D

The Accuser

Scripture

Revelation 12:10 (ESV) [10] And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."

Satan's target is our heart and conscience.

His weapon is accusation.

Consider Joshua the High priest for a moment.

Scripture

Zechariah 3:1 (ESV) [1] Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

The setting here is the courtroom of heaven where God is the judge, Joshua the high priest (the high priest at the time when the Jews returned from babylonian captivity) and satan as the prosecutor.

Satan seems to have a case because Joshua has filthy garments when priests were to have clean clothes. He represented the people of Israel and at this time they were sinful.

Satan is accusing God's people before the throne and he does the same today.

"You say you're a Christian? You go to church, read your bible, and even serve the Lord. But look what you've done now! You're not a very good Christian are you?!"

This is the enemy's tactic to dissuade you from Christ.

Before you sin, he tempts you saying, "You can get away with this", then after you sin, he shouts, "you'll never get away with this!".

Satan wants you to experience guilt and remorse for your sin, but not repentance.

Application

We need to learn how to distinguish between condemnation and conviction. When we sin, the enemy would want us to remain in a place of shame and condemnation.The Holy Spirit, however, brings conviction to our life that is meant to lead us to repentance.Condemnation leads you away from God. Conviction leads you towards God.Satan wants you to feel guilty. God wants you to know that you are forgiven.Guilt carried todayMy dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. - 1 John 2:1 NIVJesus Christ is our great high priest who interceeds for us so that we may be able to bear temptation. We can experience victory through His ministry of intercession.But Jesus is also our advocate, one who pleads our guilty case before the throne of God. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9When we sin, we must quickly and decisively go to the throne of grace, confessing our sin, receiving His forgiveness, and by faith trusting that you belong to Him.Unconfessed sin (Proverbs 28:13)Joshua and Ai.

Quote

— Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God aboveI have a strong and perfect pleaA great High Priest whose name is loveWho ever lives and pleads for meMy name is graven on His handsMy name is written on His heartI know that while in heav'n He standsNo tongue can bid me thence departNo tongue can bid me thence departWhen Satan tempts me to despairAnd tells me of the guilt withinUpward I look and see Him thereWho made an end to all my sinBecause the sinless Savior diedMy sinful soul is counted freeFor God the Just is satisfiedTo look on Him and pardon meTo look on Him and pardon me

So these are some of the strategy's of our enemy, and this is the nature of our warfare, now let's close with the most important truth of all: That we have the victory.

Main Point

Point 3

The Path of our Victory

Illustration

Coffee Mug ChristianityWe have fallen prey at times to what many refer to as "Coffee Mug Christianity".We sometimes reduce the bible into one liners in order to fit on a mug, t-shirt, or even everyone's favorite hobbly lobby decoration.One particular phrase that is in error that you see often is, "Let go, and let God"."Just hand it over to the Lord and He will fight your battles".But what that conveys is that we get to sit back and relax, enjoying the fruit of God's victory in the fight.

The reality is that we have a responsibility in the fight.

Quote

— Matthew Henry

Is not our life a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the common calamities of human life. Is not our religion much more a warfare? It is so; for we struggle with the opposition of the powers of darkness, and with many enemies who would keep us from God and heaven. We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are to govern ourselves…it yet remains that you apply yourselves to your work and duty as Christian soldiers." Now it is requisite that a soldier be both stout-hearted and well armed. If Christians be soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Think of the story of JoshuaFAITH

We fight from victory, not for victory.

Application

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. - Colossians 2:15 ESV

Through Christ's death on the cross, satan's minions do not have the same weapons to use against Christians as they do against unbelievers.

Roman Victory Parade

Scripture

2 Corinthians 2:14 (CSB)[14] But thanks be to God, who always leads us in Christ's triumphal procession…

Our victory is rooted in what Christ has done, not in what we do.

Again, not that we have nothing to do, but our doing is claiming that victory and applying it by faith!

God has provided us with the armor we need in the fight.

Scripture

Romans 13:12 (CSB) [12] The night is nearly over, and the day is near; so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV) [10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.[12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.[13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.[14] Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,The truth of God's word that holds all other pieces together. We must love truth and we must live truth.having put on the breastplate of righteousness,Protects the vital organs. Referring to the righteousness recevied in Christ when we trust Him. We are justified, declared righteous by Christ.[15] and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;Roman soldiers wore hobnailed shoes. We stand firmly upon the gospel of Jesus Christ being able to withstand the evil one.Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. - Romans 5:1-2The gospel brings peace to the war.[16] above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.Faith in Christ quenches the firery darts of the evil one, doubts, fears, worries, and so on. We trust Christ and His word. We cannot stop the enemy from throwing the darts, but we can stop them from starting a fire.[17] And take the helmet of salvation,This protects our minds which satan seeks to attack with discouragement and despair. But reminding ourselves of the salvation we have in Christ right now and the assurance of His return, protects us from despair and discouragement we face.and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;The word of God is that which is sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, joing and marrow.Our offensive weapon against the enemy.But how do we put this armor on?[18] praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—We put the armor on by means of prayer and the Holy Spirit.A perservering prayer, "praying at all times".Being in a constant attitude of prayer throughout our days.Praying in the Spirit is praying according to what the Spirit has revealed to you to pray about.Watchful prayer. "Be on alert".Second Sunday

Quote

There is no discharge in this war. While you and I are alive in this world the devil will be there with all his evil and malignity; and he will fight us to the end, he will fight us to our deathbed. Is this hopeless? It is the reverse! It is glorious. We are given the privilege of following in our Lord and Master's footsteps; 'As he is, so are we in this world' (1 John 4:17). It is a mighty conflict; but I can be 'strong in the Lord and in the power of his might', I can clothe myself with 'the whole armour of God'. Are you ready for the battle? Are you on the alert, are you on your feet? Are you just indulging your weaknesses and whims and fancies, and pitying yourself, and grumbling and complaining about this and that problem or situation? Rise up, shake them off, stand on your feet, be a man! Realize that you are a member of this mighty regiment of God, fighting the battle of the Lord and destined to enjoy the glorious fruits of victory throughout the countless ages of eternity. Have you heard the trumpet call? 'Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God.'Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, The Christian Warfare: An Exposition of Ephesians 6:10–13 (Edinburgh; Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1976), 22.

Call to Action

We've learned this morning about the nature of our warfare, what spiritual warfare is and the absolute reality that if you are a Christian, you are involved in the war.

Then we learned about the strategy's of our enemy so that we may learn how to detect him and defeat him when he attacks.

Lastly, we considered the weapons of our warfare and the path to our victory.

As we close I want to call you and me to action!

Not alone in the fight

I must say, it is vital that we always remember that we are not in this fight alone. There is no such thing as a lone-wolf Christian soldier.

I find it comical and honestly sad, when I hear Christians say that they don't need to go to church.Easy to slip in and out.

Scripture

Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV) [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

We have been put into the church for our protection, direction, and provision. We pray for another, we stir one another up to good works, we exhort one another, we care for one another. We need one another.

Everyone has an assignment

Scripture

2 Timothy 2:3-4 (CSB) [3] Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer.

You have an assignment in the war that is just as important as another's.You may not be on the front line, facing the attacks all the time, however, you still have an important role to play in the fight that brings everything together.If you are engaging in warfare, expect attacks. Even if you are behind the front lines, expect some artillery fire.What is your assignment in the war?

Fight with courage in the power and authority of Jesus Christ

Scripture

Joshua 1:9 (ESV) [9] Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Scripture

Matthew 28:18 (NKJV)"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

When Jesus tells us that He is with us always, even unto the end of the age, He is assuring us of His presence, power, and promise as we serve Him and seek His kingdom. This involves spiritual warfare for our spiritual growth.

Scripture

Romans 16:20 (ESV) [20] The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Concluding Thought

I believe God is doing great things in and through us as a church and the enemy knows.

Where there is a great work of God, there is an enemy who seeks to thwart it.

Whatever may come for us in this next season of ministry for the church, we must be alert, knowing our enemy is prowling around. Knowing that our enemy opposes us. Knowing that our enemy wants people to stay in their spiritual darkness.

The war is going on. You have a place in it. You have been given everything you need to fight and advance for the kingdom of God.

Fight the good fight of the faith, always on alert, standing firm in the faith, and being strong in Lord. Knowing this absolute fact, that the Lord is building His church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Will you prepare for battle?