



Mirror, Mirror on the Wall
Session 6

- I. Introduction – spiritual warfare is the Bible’s answer to the bewilderment and impotency of our world to solve the great problems which have confronted men and women for centuries. Ephesians 6:10 reminds us to “be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”
- II. As Christians we battle against “the world rulers of present darkness.” (Ephesians 6:12)
 - A. The great cunning of the devil
 1. Clever ruses
 2. Subtle strategies
 - B. The devil is intent on weakening our faith, lowering our morals and neutralizing our witness.
 - C. We are engaged every moment of every day.
 - D. Our warfare is not an automatic procedure which we experience, but an intelligent program we are expected to follow. (We must use the armor!)
- III. The armor is an expansion of Jesus’ words. (John 14:20, “You in me and I in you”)
 - A. “You in me” – the Christian in Christ (Remember)
 1. He is my authority in every area of life.
 2. He is my assurance in the measuring of my life.
 3. He is my sense of well-being and the source of my joy.

B. “Me in you” – Christ in the Christian (appropriate/apply)

1. The shield of faith – come to practical conclusions from the ground in which we are standing in Christ.
 - a. “If Christ is the truth, if Christ is my righteousness, if Christ is my peace, then this and this is true and that is not true.”
 - b. When we think it through, we come to a “therefore.”
 - c. We can apply this to doubt, lust, immorality, weakness, confusion or uncertainty.
 - d. This is called “resisting the devil.”
2. The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit must likewise be appropriated.

IV. The helmet of salvation – “And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

- A. The helmet is designed for the head, for the intelligence and for the mind.
- B. The helmet can keep our thinking straight and preserve us from mental confusion and darkness.
- C. The helmet of salvation is the helmet of satisfaction.
 1. This is not looking back on our salvation.
 2. This is looking to the future. (Romans 8:22-25; 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:8)
- D. The helmet is the recognition that all human schemes to obtain world peace and harmony are doomed to fail.
- E. Through these failures, Jesus Christ is working out His own plan which will culminate with the Second Coming and the establishment of His eternal reign on the earth. (Hebrews 12:26-29)
- F. As a result, we are not to be taken in by the false expectations of the world, nor are we to withdraw and isolate ourselves.
- G. We are to be involved in the world, in order to accomplish God’s desire to confront people everywhere, at every level, in all enterprises of life with the good news of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ.
- H. All people of this world will ultimately be disillusioned because they have pinned their hopes and dreams on wholly unstable, unrealistic resources (authorities).

- I. Christians never trust in the New Deal, the Fair Deal, the Great Society, Camelot or Change We Can Believe In.
1. We expect wars and rumors of war.
 2. We expect false teachings, false philosophies, cults and heresies to abound.
 3. We know we are living in a mad, mad, mad world.
 4. We know that people all around us will be taken in by silky, subtle, satanic lies that are designed to mangle and mutilate the bodies and souls of humanity.
 5. We know that legislation, education, environmental improvements and even peace negotiations are only temporary measures.
 6. We know that the innocent and the weak will suffer and that injustice will often appear to win.
 7. We know that the blame lies squarely on the stubborn refusal of men and women everywhere to believe the true nature of the problem and God's remedy.
 8. We know that demonic forces will often rise and possess the world throughout history and all human schemes to control them will fail.
- J. We cannot identify ourselves with the methods of worldlings but we can identify with their persons.
1. We do not need to join their causes.
 2. We need to listen to them and be concerned about them as people.
- K. There are causes that we can join. (Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:17; 1 Peter 3:11; Colossians 3:22; Matthew 10:8)
1. Humanitarian causes
 2. Good government causes
 - Alleviate social evil
 - Further understanding between countries
- L. Jesus would have joined no committee but he would befriend anyone seeking to do good.
- M. We can only keep this perspective with the helmet of salvation – the hope of the coming of the Lord.