The Epistle to the Ephesians - Spiritual Warfare - Introduction

Ephesians 6:10-12

Be Strong in LORD

be strong - endynamoō - endue with strength, to receive strength, be strengthened, increase in strength - passive voice

Lord - kyrios - he to whom a person or thing belongs; sir, husband, idol, master, Lord

Philippians 4:13 1 Timothy 1:12 Isaiah 40:31 Hebrews 11:34

Resist Devil 1 Peter 5:8-9 James 4:7 Rebuke Jude 1:9 Matthew 28:19 Matthew 10:8 Mark 6:12-13

Know Thy Enemy

Sun Tzu - Chinese general, military strategist, and philosopher - 6th century BC

Chapter 1 - Detail Assessment and Planning

All warfare is based on deception. Hence, when we are able to attack, we must seem unable; when using our forces, we must appear inactive; when we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away; when far away, we must make him believe we are near.

If your enemy is secure at all points, be prepared for him. If he is in superior strength, evade him. If your opponent is temperamental, seek to irritate him. Pretend to be weak, that he may grow arrogant. If he is taking his ease, give him no rest. If his forces are united, separate them. Attack him where he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected.

Chapter 3 - Strategic Attack

It is said that if you know your enemies and know yourself, you will not be imperiled in a hundred battles; if you do not know your enemies but do know yourself, you will win one and lose one; if you do not know your enemies nor yourself, you will be imperiled in every single battle.

High Places

heavenly places(NKJV, ESV, NASB) - high places(KJV), heavenly realms(NIV) - places is italicized, not in original - epouranios - literally heavenlies, not earth

Ephesians 1:3 Ephesians 1:20-21 Ephesians 2:6 Ephesians 3:10

Creation of Beings in Heavenlies

Genesis 1:1 Colossians 1:16-17 Exodus 20:11 Ephesians 3:9 Revelation 4:11