



# Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

## Ephesians, Chapter 6:1-18

### Believer's WALK (Cont.) & Believer's WARFARE

Wednesdays  
8.00-9.00PM

#### **Believer's walk at HOME (of love, respect and obedience) (continued) :**

Wife/Husbands (5:21-33) Parents/children (6:1-4) What are children called to do? What is the blessing promised? What is the biblical expectation of fathers? How do fathers provoke children and what are the unintended consequences? Should fathers ever give up on rebellious children?

**Believer's walk at WORK (5-9):** What is God's expectation of workers and supervisors?

**Believer's WARFARE (10-18):** 'Finally' (what does it mean)? How can we be strong for the warfare? Who are we fighting? Who are we not fighting? What are examples of devil's wiles or schemes? (Principalities and Powers: What does it mean? Where do they operate from? Who created them? Who rules over them? What will be the end? ) Who all are present in the 'heavenly places'? What are the six pieces of the armor? What is the benefit of putting on the 'whole armour'? Who has access to the armour? What role does prayer play in our warfare?

#### **Personal Reflection:**

*How is our walk at Home and at Work? Are we winning the spiritual warfare?*

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# Ephesians 5:1-6:18



# Believer's Walk at Home (Children) (6:1-4)

What are children called to do?

Does obedience by children ever end?

What is the blessing promised?

What is the expectation of fathers?

How do fathers provoke children and what are the consequences?

# Children obey your parents (6:1-2)

Obedience is evidence of honoring our parents;

Obedience may end after growing old/married/leaving home but honor must continue till parents die

## WHY OBEY?:

It pleases the Lord,

It is part of God's divine order,

One of ten commandments,

It will lead to blessings (wellness and long life)

**Jesus** submitted to the authority of his earthly parents (**Luke 2:51**) and heavenly Father (**John 6:38, John 8:29, Hebrews 5:8**)

# Fathers ... do not provoke (21)

## **What are some ways fathers provoke and disrespect?**

Excessive control, unrealistic demands, harsh, hurtful words, irrational boundaries, uncontrolled anger, insults, lack of love, discouraging, lack of confidence, reacting before listening

## **What is the consequence?**

Resentment and bitterness, lack of respect from heart, Lack of confidence and self-esteem, no natural bond of affection between father & children, discouraged children, children hide the truth/sins/failures, children look for love & respect in wrong people

# How about if family member is not a believer?

Must wife still submit? (if husband is an unbeliever)

Must husbands still love? (if wife is an unbeliever)

Must children still obey? (if father is an unbeliever)

(yes, with reasonable exceptions as seen before;

Our first submission is to God)

# Master-Servant Relationship

## 6:5-9

What is God's expectation of workers and supervisors?

# Master-Servant relationship (Supervisors & workers in 21<sup>st</sup> century)

## Servants/Workers (5-8)

- **OBEY** (except when it leads to sin or physical harm or violates biblical principles like bribing, lying, exploiting, immorality)
- **WHY?:** We are working for the Lord (so we should give it our best effort, and work diligently and joyfully regardless of the nature of employer, I Peter 2:18, Titus 2:9-10)
- **Reward & Recognition:** Comes from the Lord (so impress Him, not people)



# Master-Servant relationship (Supervisors & Workers in 21<sup>st</sup> century)

## **Masters/Supervisors:**

- Be just and fair to employees (no discrimination, no exploitation)
  - Unfair treatment by master leads to dissatisfaction, rebellion, unethical practices and lower productivity
  - When employees feel they are treated with respect and fairly, they tend to be honest, loyal and exceed expectations!!
  - There is no partiality with God (9)

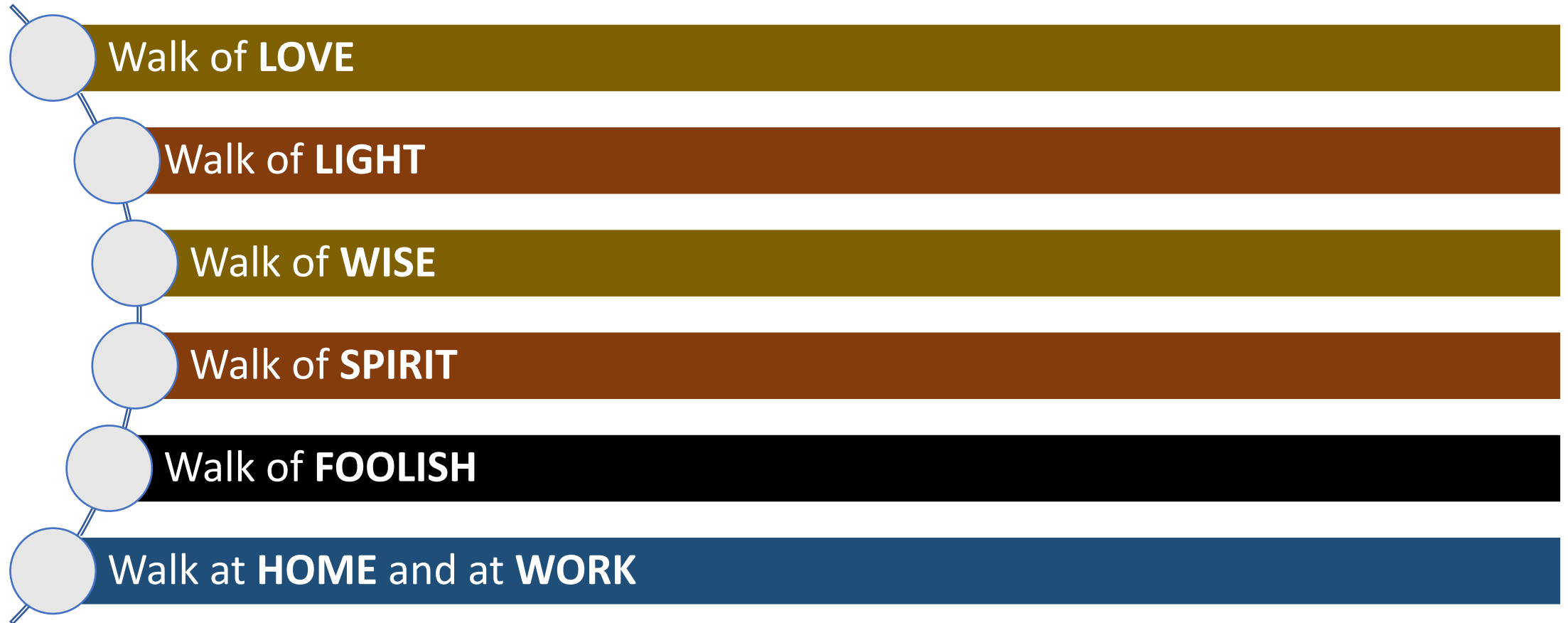
## **Masters & Servants:**

Behave like the New Man

# LORD ... our focus for earthly relationships

- **WIVES** ... submit as “unto the Lord” (5:22)
- **HUSBANDS** ... love as Christ loved the church (5:25)
- **CHILDREN** ...obey “in the Lord” (6:1)
- **SERVANTS** ... do it as “unto Christ” (6:5)
- **MASTERS** ... have a “master in Heaven” (6:9)

# Ephesians 5:1-6:9 ... How is our Walk?



# Believer's Warfare (10-18)

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(Principalities and Powers: What does it mean? Where do they operate from? Who created them? Who rules over them? What will be the end? Who all are present in the 'heavenly places'?)

# Finally,

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- Richness & Completeness of our spiritual blessings (chapters 1-3)
- High calling of our Walk as Believers (Chapters 4:1-6:9)

## **Key exhortations**

- Be Strong in the Lord (10)
- Stand (11,13,13, 14)
- Put on the whole armour of God (11,13)

# Be Strong (10, 11)

## Source of our Strength:

In the Lord (Power of His might + Whole Armour)

It is not our power or wisdom or experience ... it is all about Him

\* also in Paul's prayers (Ephesians 1:19-23, 3:20)

## In the Lord ... His might

I can do all things **through Christ** who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)

not by might nor by power, but by **My spirit,**' says the Lord of hosts (Zechariah 4:6)

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye maybe able to stand against the wiles of the devil (11) (13)

## **PUT ON**

We have to make a choice to receive His power and be strong

## **WHOLE ARMOUR**

Not partially dressed but fully dressed & equipped for the battle

## **PURPOSE**

- To remain standing (Satan is also pictured standing, I Chronicles 21:1)
- To defeat the wiles (schemes) of the devil

# What schemes does Satan deploy to make us stumble and fail? (11)

**Deception/Temptation** of the eyes, flesh, pride

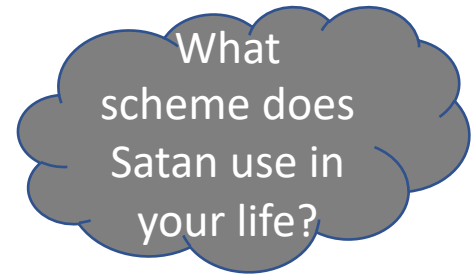
**Discouragement**

**Distractions** that hinder practice of Acts 2:42 (word/prayer/communion/fellowship)

**Disillusionment** to focus on earthly/temporal blessings rather than heavenly/eternal riches

**Divisions** by sowing discord & conflicts to weaken our relationships & unity

**Double life** (compromised life)





# The enemy (12)

**Wrestle** ==> Active war (not like a dormant volcano but an active volcano)

**The enemy:** Invisible,  
Not flesh & blood (not family, friends, bosses, church, terrorists)

**Location:** Spiritual wickedness in air/heavenly places (Satan, fallen angels, demonic forces, evil spirits)

**Present in heavenly places:**

Christ (Ephesians 1:20), Believers (Ephesians 2:6) Evil forces (Ephesians 6:12)

# Secret of Victory in Warfare



# Know the enemy

## Satan (known by many names)

- Liar (John 8:44)
- Tempter (I Thessalonians 3:5)
- Devourer (I Peter 5:8,9)

## Satan attacks at our weakest point

- we must know our weaknesses

## It is an **ongoing battle** (And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season, Luke 4:13) (

- we must be always ready

## Satan is powerful ...

- **but Our God is greater!** (see next slide)

# Know our Savior: our God is greater

- And ye are complete in Him, which is the **head** of all principality and power (Colossians 2:10) and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, **triumphing** over them in it (Colossians 2:15)
- For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the devil (I John 3:8)
- **Nothing** can separate us from the love of God ... nor principalities nor powers ... we are more than **conquerors** (Romans 8:38-39)
- Then cometh the **end**, when he shall have delivered up the Kingdom of God, even the Father; when he shall have **put down** all rule and all authority and power (I Corinthians 15:24)

# Some of the titles given to Satan

Devil, Satan, Old Serpent, Deceiver, great dragon (Revelation 12:9)

Accuser (Revelation 12:10)

Prince of the air (Ephesians 2:2)

Prince of this world (John 14:30)

Beelzebul (Prince of the devils) (Matthew 12:24)

Ruler of demons (Matthew 9:34)

Evil one (Matthew 13:19)

Enemy (Matthew 13:39)

Liar (John 8:44)

Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12)

God of this world (II Corinthians 4:4)

Roaring Lion (I Peter 5:8)

# Some of the titles given to Jesus ..

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)

The Light of the World (John 8:12)

The Gate for the Sheep (John 10:7)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)

The True Vine (John 15:1)

Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

**And many more wonderful names!**

# DISCUSS

## Armour of God

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 (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).

### Belt of Truth

(Ephesians 6:14)

### Sword of the Spirit

(Ephesians 6:17)

### Feet of Peace

(Ephesians 6:15)

### Helmet of Salvation

(Ephesians 6:17)

### Breastplate of Righteousness

(Ephesians 6:14)

### Shield of Faith

(Ephesians 6:16)

