

Study Questions  
Ephesians 15 - Revisited  
Sunday November 15th 2009

1). Eph 6:10 ¶ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

a). The word ‘finally’ here shows that the content of the Book is coming to a close – describe the structure of this Book that brings us to this point.

b). Why do you think the Book begins with teaching about the coming Kingdom of Christ?

c). Why do you think the concluding instructions begin by admonishing us to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might?

d). How would we understand being strong in the Lord?

e). Pr 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 ¶ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.*

f). What insight does this scripture give us on being strong in the Lord?

g). Why can't we use our own strength?

2). How does the content of the Book of Ephesians demonstrate what we see in this scripture? - 2Pe 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God*

*and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

3). As we look at the whole content of the Book of Ephesians what do you learn about what it means for those in Ephesus to have left their first love?

- a). Do you think this was an overnight thing or did it happen gradually?
- b). What warning is there in this for us?
- c). Is the pursuit of the Kingdom really our first love? How would we know?
- d). Describe how faith is of paramount importance in maintaining our first

love.

4). Eph 6:11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

- a). Who has the responsibility to put on the armor?
- b). Why do we need to put it on? And what would this look like?

c). Wiles = methodeia = from a compound of 3326 and 3593 (compare "method"); travelling over, i.e. travesty (trickery):--wile, lie in wait. What can we know about the wiles of the devil?

d). What do we understand about the armor of God in relation to this?

5). Eph 6:12 *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.*

a). What do we know, based on our scripture, about our enemy?

b). What is our positional relationship with regards to them?

c). What is the warfare about?

d). What is the 'church' making known to the principalities and powers?

e). Is there any exemption from the warfare?

6). De 7:1 ¶ *"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, 2 "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. 3 "Nor shall*

*you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. 4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.*

- a). What can we learn from this type of Israel and the 7 nations about our own warfare?
- b). Do you think there is any room for complacency?
- c) What is the reward for obedience and the consequence for disobedience?

7). *2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

- a). Why do we not war according to the flesh?
- b). What does it mean that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal?
- c). Where does the strength of our weapons come from?
- d). Can you explain how this works?
- e). What are the strongholds in our lives? And how did they get there?
- f). How are they to be pulled down?

g). Can you identify any strongholds that currently exist?

h). What are you doing to pull them down and what is the biggest struggle in doing so?

i). Is there any particular area in your life, or any particular circumstance where you find yourself wanting to be wise in your own eyes?

j). What does it mean to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ?

k). What does this look like in practice?

8). *Mt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.*

a). Here is a picture of the spiritual warfare as Christ engages Satan in a battle for the Kingdom.

b). In what way does Satan bring his attack against Christ?

c). What would this tell us about how he brings an attack against us?

d). How does Christ respond to the attack?

e). What does this teach us about our own actions?

f). What do you think is the weapon that will defeat our enemy on every occasion?

g). Where does the battle for the Kingdom take place?

h). As we look at this, is the intensity of the fight in our own life too great? Are the fortified cities too strong? Are there too many giants? – If any of these were true for us what lie would we have believed? And what scripture would we have to replace it with?

i). Do you have the certainty of a Caleb?

j). Jos 14:11 *"As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. 12 "Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said." 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.*