## Brookland Baptist Church Spiritual Warfare Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Presenter

#### Defensive Armor

- I. Belt of Truth
- II. Breastplate of Righteousness
- III. Gospel Shoes of Peace
- IV. Shield of Faith
- V. Helmet of Salvation

#### **Offensive Armor**

• The Sword of the Spirit

### The Practice of Persistent Prayer

After Paul gives us 5 armor of defense and 1 armor of offense, he then speaks of the power that is vital to the life of a Christian: the message God uses to communicate with His people.

- "Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help" (TEV).
- "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (NIV).
- "Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion" (Jerusalem Bible).
- "Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes" (LBD).

As we put on the whole armor of God and after we are fully prepared and equipped for battle, the Apostle Paul says, "**PRAY ALWAYS**!" No believer can stand and fight in spiritual warfare without prayer. Prayer accesses and activates the power of God.

- No Prayer>>>>>>No Power!
- Little Prayer>>>>>> Little Power!
- Much Prayer>>>>>>Much Power!
- Luke 18:1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17

In spiritual warfare, it is not just enough to pray, but pray **ALWAYS**. It is hard to stumble when you're on your knees. Pray **ALWAYS**. If we have not learned to pray in our everyday lives, we will find it difficult to know God's peace and strength through prayer when the hard times come. Pray **ALWAYS**!

God has of His own accord placed Himself under the language of prayer, and has obligated Himself to answer the prayers of believers.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14
- John 15:7

God has ordained prayer as a means whereby He will do things through and for believers as they pray, which He would not otherwise do. Prayer is a specific divine appointment, an ordinance of heaven, whereby God purposes to carry out His gracious designs on earth and rewards the faithfulness of believers.

Believers have in the power through prayer to move the hand of God to work on their behalf, in a way He would not work, if prayer was not made. Prayer gives believers access to the throne of God's grace; to the mercy seat of our Heavenly Father.

However, note the above referenced scriptures, the word "**IF**". "**If**" is a conjunction. The function of a conjunction is to connect one idea with another idea. When a sentence begins with the conjunction "**if**", the second part of the sentence is rewarded based on the condition. An "**if then**" sentence is conditional. God will do for us based on whether certain "**conditions**" are met.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14
- John 15:7

# Evangelism Offering – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Noon	\$ 384.00
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