

“STAND THEREFORE”
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EPHESIANS 6:10-14

“Therefore” means because of what was just said. Because of the wiles of the devil, because of the warfare we are in, because we are wrestling with demon forces, we must be strong in the Lord and His power, in order to withstand the strategies of the enemy. Covid-19 is one of Satan’s wiles. It’s designed to steal, kill and destroy. Our ability to overcome it is found in God. We are to be strong in the Lord and His power, and we are to stand and continue standing no matter how long it takes to overcome. While living in an evil world, we must take a stand for God and a stand against the enemy.

THE STAND OF

1. Enoch – Lived in an evil time, yet he took a stand for God and against the evil of his day. He chose to walk with God by faith.
2. Noah – Took a stand for God at a time when evil was so rampant, that it had to be destroyed with a flood. If these two could stand for God at that time, we can stand for God in our homes, where we work, and even at our school.
3. Abraham – Took a stand in the midst of the wicked Canaanites who were so evil, they had to be destroyed by the sword.
4. Daniel – Took a stand for God as a captive in Babylon. If he could do so in an evil city, so can we in our day.
5. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – Took a stand for God against a king, even though their lives would be jeopardized.
6. Jeremiah – Took a stand for God when Israel was in an evil condition spiritually, morally and every other way. His stand put his life in jeopardy, yet he refused to stop standing.
7. Jesus – Took a stand for God against the works of darkness and the religious leaders of His day.
8. What about us? Because we live in a fallen world and are in a spiritual warfare, we too must take a stand for God and against every evil work. The only way to do so is by being strong in the Lord and His power.

STAND THEREFORE

1. Why do we stand?
 - A. **EPHESIANS 6:11-12** – Because an unseen organized army is planning strategies designed to destroy our lives, marriages, children, families, finances and relationships.
2. How do we stand?
 - A. Clothed with the armor of God. **EPHESIANS 6:13-18**
 - B. Scripturally – **MATTHEW 4:4**
 - C. Mentally – **1 PETER 1:13** Prepare mentally to make right choices.
 - D. Prayerfully – **MATTHEW 26:41**
 - E. Courageously – **DEUTERONOMY 31:6, JOSHUA 1:9**
3. Where do we stand?
 - A. **DEUTERONOMY 5:31** – Before God.
 - B. **MATTHEW 5:16** – Before men.
 - C. **EZEKIEL 22:30** – In the gap: At home, work, school, in war, in peace, when challenged, in good or bad times, wherever life may lead us.
4. How long do we stand?
 - A. **1 PETER 1:6-9** – Until the very end.
 - B. **MATTHEW 25:21** – Until we hear these words.