

**Series:** Ready, Aim, Pray  
**Message:** Target #5: God's Power  
**Scripture:** Matthew 6:13  
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**1 Corinthians 10:13**

<sup>13</sup> *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

**Matthew 6:13**

<sup>13</sup> *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

**James 1:13**

<sup>13</sup> *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*

1. There Is An Unseen World.

1.1 The Unseen World Is Filled With Angelic Beings.

**Psalm 34:7**

<sup>7</sup> *The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.*

**Psalm 91:11**

<sup>11</sup> *For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.*

1.2 These Angelic Beings Are Engaged In Spiritual Warfare.

1.3 The Activities Of Angelic Beings Greatly Affect Human Beings.

**1 John 4:4**

<sup>4</sup> *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*

2. There Is An Unseen Enemy.

2.1 Satan Was Created As A Sinless Angel Named Lucifer.

2.2 Satan Rebelled Against God And Was Cast Out Of Heaven.

2.3 Prior To Christ's Death Satan Deceived All The Nations And Accused Believers Before God.

### **Revelation 12:10**

*<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night."*

2.4 When Christ Died, Satan Was Defeated And Stripped Of His Previous Realms Of Authority.

### **Romans 8:33**

*<sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;*

2.5 Satan Now Roams The Earth, Seeking As A Lion Those He Can Devour.

### **1 Peter 5:8**

*<sup>8</sup> Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

3. The Enemy Has An Ingenious Strategy

3.1 The Strategy Incorporates The Use Of Three Allies.

1) Power Struggles

2) Pagan religions & philosophies

3) Seductive Influences

3.2 The Strategy Revolves Around A Three-Fold Plan.

1) He Tempts

2) He Deceives

3) He Accuses

4. God Has Provided An Adequate Defense.

4.1 The Present Reign Of Christ

4.2 The Armor Of God

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

<sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

<sup>12</sup> *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

<sup>13</sup> *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

<sup>14</sup> *Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

<sup>15</sup> *and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

<sup>16</sup> *In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;*

<sup>17</sup> *and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

<sup>18</sup> *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

### **James 4:7**

<sup>7</sup> *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

4.3 The Power Of God's Indwelling Spirit

### **Matthew 6:13b**

<sup>13</sup> *... but deliver us from evil.*