
Time to Stand

Victory Life Church — Pastor Duane Sheriff

Part 2: “Spiritual Battles” - Sunday, January 10, 2021

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJ)

- We are a battlefield between good and evil
- We, plus moral self-government restrains evil
 - o (2 Thessalonians 2 / Romans 13) ref

[Standing against the wiles of the devil]

- Wiles (strategies)

[Two major vehicles]

- False Religion / Man’s Philosophy
 - o 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (NKJ)
 - o 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJ)
 - o 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJ)
- The Pharisee’s (false religion) and man’s philosophies (corrupt government)

[When to fight]

- King David’s life example
 - o When the sheep were attacked
 - o When the nation was attacked
 - o 1 Samuel 17:34-37 (ref)
 - o 1 Samuel / 2 Chronicles 20 – “The battle is the Lords” – But they had to engage

[When not to fight]

- When Saul attacked him
- When Shimei cursed him – (2 Samuel 16)
- Shimei repented – (2 Samuel 19)
- David was merciful and forgiving when it was personal
- Matthew 5 – “Turn the other cheek”

Psalm 20:2 (NKJ) – Our help comes from Zion (the church)

[When to pick a fight]

- We are to defend:
- The poor / widows / unborn / weak / the powerless

[Deborah’s song]

- Judges 5
 - o “Why did you stay with the sheep pens?”
 - o “Some stayed beyond Jordan”
 - o “Some stayed with the ships”
 - o “Some on the shoreline in coves”

Example – Numbers 32:23 – “Your sin will find you out”

- When some tribes refused to fight that was considered sin and would cost them in their inheritance. When Israel refused to fight and cross Jordan, it was a 40-year sentence in the wilderness.