

## II Corinthians 10

- v.1 emphasis on pleading - Paul is always humbling himself to reach them
- meekness and gentleness of Christ- Moses meekest man on the earth ( how do we know? he told us)
  - when Paul was there he wasn't this great giant of a man, he was with them, one of them

What is he pleading and begging about ? We see in the next chapters, it is their continued faithfulness, the danger of false apostles and teachers.

### see Acts 20

- v.19 serve the Lord with humility and tears
- keep back nothing that is helpful
  - publicly and house to house
- v.22 not bound by the Holy Spirit as if he had no choice but bound by his spirit and submission to God's will in his life
- v.24 nothing matters except finishing the race **with joy**
- ministry that he received
  - What is that ministry? to testify to the gospel of the grace of God
- v.25 he knows this is his last time on earth with these men
- v.27 not shunned to declare whole counsel of God- verse by verse book studies
- George Whitefield- There are many who can preach the gospel better than I, but no one can preach a better gospel- Its the message that counts
  - **this church has been purchased with His blood**
- v.29 savage wolves will come in- prepare the people by making them stable

### Back to 2 Corinthians

- v.3 there is a spiritual war not only for the world, for our nation but also in and for the church- we are under attack because Satan doesn't want us to be effective
- various areas of warfare- attacks, propoganda etc, **All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing**
- v.4 our weapons are spiritual- Ephesians 6 addresses our armor, but the focus here is our weapons
- all areas of battle are spiritual - we must do warfare in our arena, not the enemies

(Eph 6:17-18 [KJV])

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1- sword of the Spirit- the Word of God

- *Romans 1:6 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*
- *(2Tim 3:16-17 [KJV]) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
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- *(Heb 4:12-13 [KJV])*
- *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

2- prayer and supplication in the Spirit

- 1 Corinthians showed us the importance of being filled with Spirit, moving in the Spirit, being enabled by the Spirit,
- Prayer is our highest privilege, our gravest responsibility, and the greatest power that God has put into our hands.
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- Yet how often we fail to avail ourselves of that power- *And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; (Isa.64:7)*
- Our desire this weekend is that He Who said " *Men ought always to pray, and not faint*" would " *teach us to pray*"
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- We have been given incredible promises from God if we would just seek His face, and His will in prayer.

*(John 14:12-14 NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. {13} "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. {14} "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

- *(John 15:7-8 NKJV) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. {8} "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*
- *(John 15:16 NKJV) "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*
- **Could any words be plainer or clearer than these ? Could any promises be grander or greater ? Has anyone, anywhere, at anytime ever offered so much ?**

purposes of warfare

pulling down strongholds- dungeons, prisons

casting down arguments or imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against God- are you exalting anything against God

bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

**Satan knows that if we enter into battle for the souls of men, we will be victorious, Jesus said the gates of hell would not stand against the church, so Satan doesn't want us to enter the battle and that's why we're being attacked and our minds kept off things of the Kingdom**

Close with 2 Timothy- Paul finishes well, Peter finished well, we are in the war