

**HOW CAN WE STAND FIRM AGAINST OUR SPIRITUAL ENEMY?
INSTRUCTIONS FOR VICTORY OVER THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL
PREP FOR 2THES 2:6-12
Ephesians 6:10-12**

- I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO CONTINUALLY FIND OUR STRENGTH IN THE LORD: Our strength must come from the Lord because we have no spiritual strength in ourselves (10)**

- II. WE ARE COMMANDED TO CONTINUALLY PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD: Continually clothe your mind with His truth (11a)**

- III. WHY WE MUST WE OBEY THESE COMMAND CONTINUALLY? We are in a battle with a powerful, deceitful, scheming, doomed spiritual enemy who tempts us to trust and rely in self (11b-12)**
 - A. So that we will be able to stand firm against the devil's schemes: (11b, misc. passages)**
 - 1. Who is he and how did he fall? (Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14)

 - 2. His nature and schemes (misc. passages)
 - a) His nature revealed

 - b) His schemes:
 - (1) He tempts us to doubt God's Word and believe our judgment is as good as God's

 - (2) He capitalizes on our sin and disobedience

 - B. Because our struggle is spiritual, we need be strengthened in the Lord alone (12)**