

THE NATURE OF OUR FOES

EPHESIANS 6:12-13

I. THE APOSTLE BEGINS BY SETTING ASIDE OUR PRE-CONCEIVED NOTION ABOUT WHO OUR PRIMARY FOES REALLY ARE (6:12a)

- A. Proofs That Our Wrestling Is Against Demonic Spirits & Their Methods
 - 1. Denial That The Enemy Consists Of Flesh & Blood
 - 2. Continuation Of The Thought Introduced In Verse 11
- B. Logical Conclusion Of The Matter Is That This Is Not A Fair Fight

II. THE APOSTLE CONTINUES WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE RANKINGS WITHIN THE DEMONIC WORLD (6:12b)

- A. Four Categories
 - 1. *Principalities*: Those Who Occupy The Principal Positions
 - 2. *Powers*: Those Who Earned Authoritative Positions
 - 3. *Rulers*: Those Who Exert Great Power Over The World
 - 4. *Wicked Spirits*: Those Who Patrol The Atmosphere
- B. The Common Denominator

III. THE APOSTLE FINISHES WITH THE RENEWED ADMONITION TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD (6:13)

- A. So That We Will Remain Standing In The Day Of Temptation & Attack
- B. So That We Will Not Succumb To What Is Implied: Falling