

The Evil Day

- *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. Eph. 6:10-13*
- Most days are normal days.
- Work Days – Vacation Days – Sick Days
- What is an **evil day**?
- Like a 100 or 500 year flood – Everything that can go wrong does go wrong all at the same time.

The Evil Day – Prepared -- Succeed

- *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and **the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.** Matt 7:24-25*
- While the sun is shining all houses stand.
- When the evil day comes – the rain descends – the winds blow – beating on the house – the floods come – It doesn't fall

The Evil Day – Unprepared – It Falls

- *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and **the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.**" Mt 7:26-27*
- While the sun is shining all houses stand.
- When the evil day comes – the rain descends – the winds blow – beating on the house – the floods come – It falls because of lack of preparation.

Preparing for the Evil Day

- *Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 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. Eph 6:10-13***

Peter's Evil Day

- *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." Lk. 22:31-32*
- When you have **turned again**?
- How far did it go?
- How bad did it get?
- A terrible indictment of Peter! He had been warned the day was coming and he made no preparation.

Peter Fell in His Evil Day

- *Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." 71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" Mt 26:69-72*

Peter Fell in His Evil Day

- *And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." 74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. Mt 26:73-75*

What Should Peter Have Done?

- Jesus warned him of his danger.
- But he took no steps to protect himself.
- He should not have put himself near the fire
- *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*
Rom 13:13-14

We Have to Learn How?

- *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 1Pet. 5:8-9*
- Know our Weaknesses
- Know our Enemy
- Know our Allies
- Keep mind clear and eyes open

Could we be Destroyed

- *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. Hos 4:6*
- *with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2Th 2:10-13*

Need Endurance to Withstand

- *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. Heb 12:1-5*

The Panoply (Whole Armor) of God

- *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints*
Eph 6:14-18