

Preparation Makes the Difference

Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"

As the New Year begins, we must prepare for 2008 if we are to be ready for whatever comes into our lives. We must want to please Him and do whatever He asks of us relying on His strength and direction for all areas of our lives.

God tells us in His Word that we are to prepare ourselves in order that we may stand against the wiles of the devil. Two examples given to us in the Old Testament:

At the time Moses was born Pharaoh had decreed that all male babies be killed. Moses' mother had to prepare an ark and put her baby in it and place it in the water, trusting that God would take care of him. God had already prepared Pharaoh's daughter to be at the river's edge and to lift him out of the water and save him. He even prepared the way for Moses' own mother to nurse and raise him!

When the Israelites asked God to lead them out of Egypt, they had to follow His word and directions in following Moses. When they came to the Red Sea they watched as God provided the way for them to safety. That is preparation ...to trust and pray and know that God will supply.

If we will read His word, pray with thanksgiving and a trusting heart and believe Him for our lives, we can do what God directs for our live and fully trust Him to provide according to His perfect will.

The Bible tells us, "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might!" God's Word tells us, "I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me." I must be strong in all things...not just when times are good, not just on Sunday, but believe Him for all things.

I must put on the whole armor of God and stand strong every day, all year. We cannot stand strong without the whole armor of God that comes from His Word, pray with Him and fellowship with the body of Christ. As the New Year begins, prepare for 2008 by putting on the whole armor of God. Satan's goal is to separate us from the love of God. We must pray without ceasing and give thanks to God for our salvation and for all He does to lead and direct in our lives.