

Are You Willing to Wrestle Principalities and Powers for Jesus?



After more than a decade of watching the war on Christmas rage—we've seen everything from battles over "Xmas versus Christmas" to a ban on nativity scenes and beyond—I've concluded that we have to keep fighting.

The war on Christmas is, after all, a war on Christ. Jesus advocates for us before the Father (1 John 2:1). The least we could do is advocate for Him before man. (This is where you offer a good, hearty "amen!")

Honestly, I get a bit weary of reporting on the twists and turns of the atheistic, humanistic (and other "istic") affronts launched against all things Christian during this time of year. And you may get a bit weary of reading about it. But we must not only read about the war on Christmas—we must also engage in it.

The truth is, the spirits behind the war on Christmas don't stop battling after we take our dying Christmas trees to the end of the driveway.

We're Not Wrestling for Santa and Candy Canes

Saints, now is the time to put on the whole armor of God and fight, because we're not wrestling for Santa and candy canes. We're wrestling for the right to exalt the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Son of God—Jesus Christ. Indeed, we're not fighting against human enemies. It's not the politicians or the media personalities or the unbelieving masses we're up against.

Let us remember that we're wrestling against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12). Friends, there really is a war on Christmas. And we really do need to take up the whole armor of God—but not to cut the politicians, media personalities and atheists to pieces with our tongues. We need to take up the whole armor of God in order to stand. Yes, to stand.

Think about it for a minute. The war on Christmas is merely a seasonal skirmish in the larger culture war. If we don't take our positions and stand with the full armor of God in the midst of this culture war, who will?

Let me put it another way: If we don't stand having girded our waste with truth, we may subtly stop resisting the lies that the principalities are propagating. If we don't put on the breastplate of righteousness, we may get self-righteous in our own piety. If we don't shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, those lost politicians, media personalities and atheists may suffer a sad fate.

Wield Your Sword of the Spirit

Above all, if we don't take the shield of faith, we won't be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. It's clear that those fiery darts are aimed at the body of Christ. But just because the rulers of the darkness of this age continue organizing onslaughts doesn't mean we can't let our light shine—we must. The Bible says not to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:2). Jesus said His disciples are not of this world (John 17:16). And the Bible says as Jesus is so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

Beloved, you have been blessed with the helmet of salvation. You will spend eternity with our Lord and Savior. The battle will one day be over. But for now, it's vital that you take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, 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. 6:17-18).

The dust is settling on the war on Christmas. But make no mistake: the culture war is raging and if we don't resist these devils they won't flee. In fact, not only will the devils not flee, they will get more aggressive in transforming America into an atheistic, humanistic society where harsh persecution become a reality.

So again, after more than a decade of watching the war on Christmas rage, I've concluded that we have to keep fighting. Are you with me? Or, better stated, are you with Jesus?

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