



Easley Church of God
Sunday Worship 10-23-22
Sermon Series: The GAP-3

Key Scripture for this Series:

Ezekiel 22:30

I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 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.

UNDERSTAND THESE TWO TERMS:

- MIGHT is an inherent power of force.
- POWER is the use of might.

BIBILCAL EXAMPLES:

- Who will fill the GAP with _____ about _____? (Isaiah 59:1-2, 14-18)

Isaiah 59:1-2 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:14-18 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. 15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; the coastlands He will fully repay.

BIBILCAL EXAMPLES:

- Jesus warned of allowing a _____ amount of _____ teaching.

Matthew 16:6 “Watch out!” Jesus warned them. “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

BIBILCAL EXAMPLES:

- Apostle Paul directs us to be _____ in the _____.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

PREPARING TO FILL THE GAP (Ephesians 6:14-17):

1. Belt of Truth: To _____ the truth of Scripture in action and live in _____ before God.

a. Ephesians 6:13-14a 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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...

PREPARING TO FILL THE GAP (Ephesians 6:14-17):

2. Breastplate of Righteousness: Hold fast to God’s _____ of _____ righteousness.

- a. Ephesians 6:14b ... having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- b. Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

PREPARING TO FILL THE GAP (Ephesians 6:14-17):

3. Shoes of peace: Readiness for battle with a focus on peace _____ with God and _____ with people.

- a. Ephesians 6:15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- b. Philippians 4:7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

PREPARING TO FILL THE GAP (Ephesians 6:14-17):

4. Shield of faith: Trusting in God's _____ against _____ and _____.

- a. Ephesians 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- b. 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

PREPARING TO FILL THE GAP (Ephesians 6:14-17):

5. Helmet of salvation: Protection for our mind from _____ and _____.

- a. Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation...

FILLING THE GAP:

1. The stand must be with the _____ of the _____.

- a. Ephesians 6:17b And take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
- b. 2 Timothy 2:15-16 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

FILLING THE GAP:

2. The stand must be with _____ and _____ for the family of God.

a. Ephesians 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

b. Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

FILLING THE GAP:

3 The stand must be filled with the _____ declaration of the _____.

a. Ephesians 6:19-20 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

FILLING THE GAP:

4. The stand must be in the _____ of His _____.

a. Ephesians 6:10-11 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.

b. Isaiah 59:19-21 So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. 20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. 21 "As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

Conclusion:

Be prepared to fill the GAP!

It is our children that needs us to fill the GAP!