

Recommended Reformed Resources for Sermon Preparation on “Being Strong in the Lord” (Ephesians 6:10-13)

IMPORTANT NOTE: We do not currently have access to the original preacher’s manuscript or detailed notes for this sermon. The following are carefully selected, solid Reformed (and Reformed-leaning) resources that align closely with the major themes presented: standing in God’s strength rather than our own, the reality of spiritual warfare against principalities and powers (not flesh and blood), putting on the whole armor of God, resisting the devil’s schemes, and practical application through Scripture, prayer, and the body of Christ. These can provide excellent exegetical depth, historical insight, illustrations, and application ideas for preparing or supplementing notes.

1. Classic & Modern Reformed Commentaries

John Calvin – *Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians*

Pastoral, Christ-centered, and strong on God’s sovereignty and the believer’s union with Christ. Excellent for emphasizing that our strength comes from being “in the Lord.” Public domain and widely available. **Free:** ccel.org or StudyLight.org.

Charles Hodge – *Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians (1856)*

Thorough exegetical and theological treatment from the classic Princeton Reformed tradition. Very helpful on the spiritual nature of the conflict and the believer’s dependence on divine power. **Free:** Monergism.com or CCEL.org (full PDF).

S.M. Baugh – *Ephesians (Evangelical Exegetical Commentary, 2016)*

Widely regarded as one of the best modern technical commentaries on Ephesians from a confessionally Reformed scholar (Westminster Seminary California). Outstanding on Greek, historical context, and the “powers” in v.12. Highly recommended for precise exegesis.

William Hendriksen – *New Testament Commentary: Ephesians (Baker)*

Clear, warm, and theologically sound Reformed exposition. Strong on practical application and the centrality of Christ in spiritual warfare.

2. Puritan Classics on Spiritual Warfare & the Armor of God

William Gurnall – *The Christian in Complete Armour (1655–1662)*

The definitive Puritan masterpiece on Ephesians 6:10-20 — over 1,000 pages of rich, practical, Christ-exalting exposition on every piece of armor, standing firm, and the nature of the spiritual battle. Ideal for detailed notes, illustrations, and application on “put on the whole armor” and “having done all, stand.” **Free full text:** Monergism.com (PDF) or Archive.org. Modern abridged editions also available.

Thomas Brooks – *Precious Remedies Against Satan’s Devices (1652)*

Masterful treatment of how the devil tempts, deceives, and discourages believers, with biblical “remedies.” Directly supports the sermon’s emphasis on recognizing and resisting “the schemes of the devil” (v.11). Short, readable chapters — excellent for application points. **Free:** Monergism.com or CCEL.

3. Reformed Expository Sermons & Series

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones – *The Christian Warfare (exposition of Ephesians 6:10-13) + full Ephesians sermon series*

Powerful, Christ-centered preaching in the Reformed tradition. Lloyd-Jones has an entire volume (and many individual sermons) on these exact verses, stressing God’s strength vs. self-reliance, the spiritual (not physical) nature of the battle, and standing firm. Audio and transcripts freely available at mljtrust.org. Outstanding model for warm, applicatory preaching style.

Ligonier Ministries / R.C. Sproul Resources

Teaching series and articles on spiritual warfare, the armor of God, and Ephesians from a solidly Reformed perspective. Search Ligonier.org for “Ephesians 6” or “spiritual warfare.” Good for concise teaching outlines and modern illustrations.

4. Free Online Reformed Resource Hubs

Monergism.com

Extensive collection of free Reformed articles, sermons, PDFs, and commentaries on Ephesians 6 and spiritual warfare. Search “Ephesians 6 armor” or “Gurnall” for hundreds of resources from Calvin, Hodge, Puritan authors, and contemporary Reformed teachers.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library (CCEL.org)

Free access to Calvin’s commentaries, Hodge, Gurnall’s *Christian in Complete Armour*, and many other public-domain Reformed works. Excellent for quick lookup of classic quotes and explanations.

These resources consistently point to the same central truth heard in the sermon: our strength is not in ourselves but in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has already won the victory. They are offered as helpful tools to enrich preparation, deepen exegesis, and provide fresh application — all for the glory of God and the building up of His people. Prayerfully select and adapt what best serves your congregation.