

PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE—8

“Our Secret WEAPON”

Ephesians 6:18

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTE THE DEFINITION OF THIS SECRET WEAPON (Jeremiah 33:3). *“Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

A. First, notice a few opinions about prayer.

1. Prayer is the process by which we dress up in God’s armor.
2. Prayer is the power by which we go forth to do battle in God’s army.
3. Prayer by practice is the way we appropriate and aim God’s artillery.

B. Secondly, note some observations about prayer (33:3).

1. First, consider the demand of prayer (33:3a) *“Call unto me . . .”*
 - a. First, consider its simplicity. *“Call . . .”*
 - b. Secondly, note its audacity. *“ . . . unto me . . .”*
 - c. Thirdly, notice its immensity.
2. Secondly, notice the dynamic of prayer (33:3b) *“ . . . and I will answer thee . . .”*
3. Thirdly, consider the dimensions of prayer (33:3c) *“ . . . and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

II. SECONDLY, NOTICE THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SECRET WEAPON (Ephesians 6:18).

A. First, notice the consistency of prayer (6:18a) *“Praying always . . .”*

B. Secondly, note the classification of prayer (6:18b) *“ . . . with all prayers and supplications . . .”*

C. Thirdly, consider the companion of prayer (6:18c) *“ . . . in the Spirit . . .”*

1. First, no Christian can pray in the Spirit if there is unconfessed sin in their life (Psalm 66:18).
2. Secondly, praying *“ . . . in the Spirit . . .”* is to pray according to God’s will as revealed in His Word.
3. Thirdly, praying *“ . . . in the Spirit . . .”* is to pray in dependence on the Holy Spirit, under His direction and power.

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ IN USING THIS SECRET WEAPON (Ephesians 6:18d) *“ . . . and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”*

A. First, note how we are to be _____ (6:18d). *“ . . . and watching thereunto . . .”*

B. Secondly, notice how we are to be _____ (6:18e). *“ . . . with all perseverance . . .”*

C. Thirdly, consider how we are to be _____ (6:18d). *“ . . . and supplication for all saints.”*