

## **“Ephesians: God’s Glorious Design”**

### **The Stand of the Church in Spiritual Warfare: Praying and Watching!**

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Prayer permeates all of our spiritual armor. “The reasons for this conclusion are: (1) Paul uses no figure after v. 17; (2) “and” is used before four of the six pieces, but absent with prayer, and the fourth, though having no “and,” has three figures before it and two after it; (3) no genitival form appears with prayer as it does in five of the six figures of speech; (4) no part of the body is used with prayer as with the others; (5) Paul repeats prayer, mentioning it five times (vv. 18, 19), which he does with no part of the armor; (6) verbal action is no longer combined with a reference to a part of the body after v. 17.”

James Rosscup, “The Importance of Prayer in Ephesians,” *Master’s Seminary Journal* Volume 6 (Sun Valley, CA: The Master’s Seminary, 1995).

- III. The Conclusion, Eph 6.21-24