

Valiant for the Truth - Phil. 1:27

by Bernard Fell

We are called to stand firm in our faith, like the warriors of Sparta, and form a solid wall against the inroads of false teaching.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 4:3, Ephesians 6:13, Philippians 1:27, 1 Peter 2:5

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Description

Bernard Fell preaches on the importance of unity and solidarity among Christians, drawing inspiration from the story of the noble King of Sparta who showcased his army as the walls of the city. He emphasizes the need for believers to stand together, like bricks in a wall, against false teachings and spiritual dangers, echoing the call to be strong in faith and unwavering in their commitment to Christ. Through tribulations and challenges, Christians are encouraged to rely on God's grace and stand as living stones in the ramparts of true witness.

Transcript

Stand fast in one spirit,

with one mind,

striving together for the

faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27

"He's a brick"!-a word oft spoken

Of a brave and generous man.

Let us contemplate a moment

How this saying first began.

Once a noble King of Sparta,

From his youth a man of war,

Entertained a foreign caller,
Named by rank--Ambassador,
Who, when trav'ling round the kingdom,
Saw no ramparts, towers, or forts.
With concern he sought the monarch
To express his candid thoughts--
"Sire, I make this observation,
Though I scorn to give offence,
I perceive in your dominions
No stout walls reared for defence;
I observe with trepidation,
This proud city you expose
To the many lurking dangers,
And destruction by your foes".
But the King replied, serenely,
"You have looked, and looked in vain";
Then he led his guest distinguished
To his army on the plain.
Pointing to ten thousand warriors,
Valiant, mailed, for chivalry,
"There, behold the walls of Sparta,
Ev'ry man a brick you see!"
God today needs Spartan Christians
Who will form a solid wall,
'Gainst the inroads of false teaching;
Hear the Captain's stirring call!
We may pass through tribulation,

'Tis the path the martyrs trod;
Grace sufficient is provided,
With the panoply of God.
Strong in faith, with colours flying,
Stand for truth, for Christ alone;
In the ramparts of true witness,
Ev'ry saint's a living stone!

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