

Title: Put on the Armor is God, Part 3

Passage: Ephesians 6:10-20

I. SPIRITUAL ARMOR - 6 pieces

Ephesians 6:14-18

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

1) BELT OF TRUTH

“Having fastened on the belt of truth”

2) BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Having put on the breastplate of righteousness”

3) GOSPEL SHOES

“Shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.”

4) SHIELD OF FAITH

“In all circumstances take out he the shield of faith, which which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.”

5) HELMET OF SALVATION

“take the helmet of salvation”

6) SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“The sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God”

- Sword = refers to a small dagger used in close combat including defensive purposes
- both an offensive and defensive weapon
- Weaponry mentioned = God’s Word and prayer

Why is God’s Word powerful?

- breathed out and inspired by God

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- Inerrant and infallible (no errors or contradictions)
- God’s Word is authoritative - spoken from God
- Source of all truth
- All-sufficient (don’t need to know about other stuff)

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Luke 11:28

But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

God's Word as a defensive weapon

- see Matthew 4, Jesus example in His temptation by Satan (always responded with Scripture)
- Satan's temptations are very subtle in twisting Scripture to make sin look good/acceptable. (Ex: used Scripture to entice Jesus to jump off a cliff)

Matthew 4:8-10

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

- Christians who rely on merely on there experience of salvation are vulnerable to temptation.
- God's Word is like a dagger that is used with precision.
- How well do you know God's Word?
- Memorize Scripture is a must to recall in the face of temptation and trial.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

God's Word as an offensive weapon

- people's hearts can only be changed by God's Word.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Proverbs 2:1-2, 5-6, 9-10

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding...then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding...Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

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Galatians 3:26-27

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were *baptized* into Christ have put on Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 8:35-38

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being *baptized*?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Psalms 118:14

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.