

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-20

I. The Incomparable Power Of Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:16-23

Ephesians 3:16-21

Luke 11:15-22

Hebrews 2:14, 15

Passive: Allow the Lord to strengthen you. Philippians 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:1

Active: Put on the Armor of God, “Each piece put on with prayer”.

Take Your Stand

Seated: Ephesians 1:20; 2:6

Walk: Ephesians 4:1, 17; 5:1, 8, 15

Stand: Ephesians 6:10, 13, 14

Against Satan’s Schemes

Against Satan’s Forces

On the Day of Evil

After the Battle

II. Satan's Schemes

A. To Exploit Our Weaknesses

2 Corinthians 2:10, 11

Ephesians 4:27

1 Timothy 3:6, 7

1 Timothy 5:11-15

2 Timothy 2:23-26

1 Corinthians 7:5, 6

B. To Deceive Through False Prophets

Acts 13:6-10

2 Corinthians 11:3, 4, 13, 14

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

C. To Enslave and Overwhelm by Spiritual Strongholds

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Pretensions against God in individuals, groups and society.

False beliefs, false philosophies, false religions.

D. To Cause Hindrances and Afflictions for God's Servants

1 Thessalonians 2:18

2 Corinthians 12:7

III. Stand Against...Stand On...Stand After

A. Stand Against Satan's Forces

Not against flesh and blood (however)

But against:

John Stott: "If we hope to overcome them, we shall need to bear in mind that they have no moral principles, no code of honor, no higher feelings. They recognize no Geneva Convention to restrict or partially civilize the weapons of their warfare. They are utterly unscrupulous and ruthless in pursuit of their malicious designs."

B. Stand on the Day of Evil

C. Stand After the Victory

Jericho-Ai

Mount Carmel-Jezebel

Matthew 16

John 13, 18

IV. Put On The Armor Of God

A. The “Whole” Armor

Isaiah 59:16, 17

Philippians 1:12-14

1 Thessalonians 5:8

“Pan” “Hoplā” Every piece is essential.

B. Put On The Armor By:

1. BUCKLING AROUND YOUR WAIST THE BELT OF TRUTH

- a. The Truth of God’s Word
- b. Truth in the Heart

An Honest heart overcomes _____ by Satan, by the world, and by ourselves.

2. PUTTING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- a. Of Christ
- b. Of Christ-Likeness

A Pure heart overcomes _____.

3. SHOEING YOUR FEET WITH THE READINESS AND FIRMNESS OF FOOTING OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

A heart at Peace overcomes _____.

The goodness of Christ restores peace between:

God and men

Men and men

Man and nature

Romans 10:15

4. TAKING UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH

A Trusting heart overcomes Satan's arrows of

_____, _____, and
_____.

By prayer

By quoting Scripture

5. GRAB THE HELMET OF SALVATION

A heart full of Hope overcomes Satan's deadly blows
(failures, despair, giving up, etc.)

“Satan doesn't have a big enough axe to split our helmets”

Salvation is past, present and future.

Philippians 1:6; 3:9, 10, 11

Romans 8:38, 39

6. GRAB THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Hebrews 4:12

Revelation 1:16

Revelation 19:11-16

A Warring heart wielding the Sword of the Spirit
overcomes Sin, Satan, and the World

Jesus used the Sword of the Spirit to:

Overcome Temptation

Matthew 4, Luke 4

Quoted from Deuteronomy 3 times

Defeat the Attacks of Satan and Men

Matthew 12:1-9

Matthew 22

Face Death

Psalm 22

Matthew 27

V. Praying In The Spirit

A. Regarding prayer, we have three choices:

Don't pray

Pray in the flesh

Pray in the Spirit

B. Praying in the Spirit vs. Praying in the Flesh

In the Flesh

Focus on self
Concerned about what people think
Rationalizes what we want
Empty words, repetitious phrases
Tells God what to do
Bitterness, Unforgiving spirit

In the Spirit

Focus on God
What God thinks...
Not my will, but thine...
Words from the heart
Lets God tell us
Love, grace...

Luke 18:9-13

Acts 4:21-35

C. Praying in the Spirit must permeate All of Life

On all occasions

All kinds of prayers

Always alert

For all the Saints

For all who preach the Gospel

D. Paul made his requests:

On the basis of:

To:

In:

For: