

ALL OF GOD'S ARMOR

Week 10:

Ephesians 6:10-20

Today we will look at practical ways to daily use all of God's armor effectively in our minds, homes, church and world.

- For further study and application see these:
 - <https://www.gotquestions.org/full-armor-of-God.html>
 - <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/ephesians-6/>

DO THIS NOW

“PUT ON every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.”

- “Put on” in the Greek is a command to all believers. Paul like a military general to his troops **COMMANDS** the believers to take up their armor. The verb conveys a sense of urgency and demands that one take decisive action. Do this now! Don’t delay!

ALL WE NEED

- “Put on EVERY PIECE OF GOD’S ARMOR so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.”
 - “By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.” 2 Peter 1:3
 - The Roman soldier wore these pieces as his full armor for defense and offense. Paul was chained to a Roman soldier for three years!

RESISTANCE NEEDED

- “Put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to RESIST THE ENEMY in the time of evil.”
- Our ability to resist Satan and demons is enabled in us by God. Our resistance is pictured as a head on, face to face battle, and there is no armor for your backside!

A Roman centurion, according to Polybius, had to be the kind of man who could be relied upon to resist or stand fast and not give way, even when hard-pressed. So too for the Christian soldier who is called to **RESIST** the devil, to **FORSAKE** the world, and to **DENY** the lusts of the flesh. The alert believer must constantly remember that Satan's desire is to tempt believers to doubt, to deny, to disregard, and to disobey God. So strengthened by the Spirit and clothed with God's full armor, resist him!

TRUTH TO BATTLE AGAINST DECEPTION

- Since Satan is a liar, we must oppose him with God's truth. In Paul's day the people wore belts or girdles to bind up their flowing garments and hold everything together. It is God's truth that must hold everything together in our lives. As Christians, we must love truth and live truth.

RIGHTEOUSNESS TO BATTLE AGAINST DOUBT

- Christians, through one circumstance or another, often lack assurance... we are constantly aware of our failures and shortcomings. The first joy of faith has faded, and people often come to doubt God's presence with them, love for them, or forgiveness of their sin. Their conscience needles them, making them feel unhappy and miserable. They feel God blames them. This is simply a satanic attack, a crafty and devilish accusation, a lie designed to undermine what God is doing in your life.

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE TO BATTLE AGAINST DISCORD + DISUNITY

- Thus, THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT HIS FEET ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE SANDALS WHICH WILL GIVE HIM A FIRM FOOTING, NAMELY, THE GOOD NEWS THAT SPEAKS PEACE TO A SINFUL HEART, for the Lord Jesus made peace by the blood of His Cross, making a way for a holy God to reunite Himself with a believing sinner who in Adam had been separated from Him and His life. KENNETH WUEST



FAITH TO BATTLE AGAINST DISTRACTION
SALVATION AGAINST DISCOURAGEMENT
THE WORD OF GOD AGAINST ALL DECEPTION

- · A flood of depression or discouragement comes...
- · An insignificant thing gets blown out of proportion...
- · An opportunity to speak with someone about Jesus...
- · Opposition against a sense that God wants you to do something, to follow through on something...
- · A sense of panic and helplessness...

PRAYER TO BATTLE AGAINST DISORIENTATION

- All the while that we are fighting in the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, we are to be in prayer. Prayer is the very spiritual air that the soldier of Christ breathes. It is the all-pervasive strategy in which warfare is fought....Ephesians begins by lifting us up to the heavenlies, and ends by pulling us down to our knees. (MacArthur, J: Ephesians. Chicago: Moody Press)