

THE ARMOR OF GOD  
EPHESIANS 6:10-15

WE ARE IN THE FINAL CHAPTER OF EPHESIANS. PAUL THE APOSTLE, CHAINED TO A ROMAN GUARD AWAITING TRIAL FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL, WRITES THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS. IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS LETTER, PAUL REMINDS THE CHURCH OF OUR IDENTITY AND POSITION IN CHRIST. GENTILES WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS, HAVE BEEN PREDESTINED FOR ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD, WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD, FILLED WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AND REDEEMED FROM ETERNAL DEATH. GOD HAS Poured OUT HIS INCOMPARABLE RICHES OF GRACE, GIVING US POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, AND ROOTING US IN LOVE. GOD, WHO IS ABLE TO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK OR IMAGINE, IS WORKING IN US AND THROUGH US, HIS BELOVED. THEN, IN THE LAST HALF OF THE LETTER, PAUL REMINDS THE CHURCH THAT WE SHOULD LIVE LIKE CHILDREN OF GOD. WE ARE TO PUT OFF THE OLD LIFE AND PUT ON THE NEW EVERYDAY. WE ARE TO SPEAK TRUTHFULLY, BE GENEROUS WITH OUR MONEY, TIME, AND TALENTS. PATIENCE, HUMILITY, AND FORGIVENESS IS THE NEW NORM. WE ARE TO LIVE WISELY, SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST, OUR KING. FINALLY, PAUL ENDS THIS LETTER REMINDING THE CHURCH THAT WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL WAR. SATAN AND HIS DEMONIC FALLEN ANGELS HATE US. TEMPTATION, FEAR, DOUBT, UNBELIEF, AND PRIDE ARE HIS Footholds IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN. HE HAS BEEN DEFEATED BY THE PERFECT LIFE AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST,

SO, SATAN MAY NOT TRICK A CHILD OF GOD INTO HELL BUT HE CAN TEMPT US WITH WORLDY LUSTS CAUSING US PAIN, LAZINESS, GREED, PRIDE, AND INEFFECTIVE TESTIMONIES. PAUL ENDS THIS LETTER WITH A BANG! SUIT UP CHILD OF GOD AND FIGHT THE BATTLE! AFTER ALL, WE'VE WON THE WAR. IN CHRIST WE WIN!

Ephesians 6:10-17 NIV

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:10 NIV

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FINALLY, IN LIGHT OF ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU  
IN LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS STANDING YOU HAVE AS A CHILD  
OF GOD  
IN LIGHT OF HIS GREAT PLAN OF THE AGES THAT GOD HAS  
MADE YOU A PART OF  
IN LIGHT OF THE PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY AND  
GROWTH HE GIVES TO YOU  
IN LIGHT OF THE CONDUCT GOD CALLS EVERY BELIEVER TO LIVE  
IN LIGHT OF THE FILLING OF THE SPIRIT AND OUR WALK IN THE  
SPIRIT  
IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS, THERE IS A BATTLE TO FIGHT IN THE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE, SO.... BE STRONG IN THE LORD NOT IN YOUR  
OWN STRENGTH...LUST OF THE EYES, FLESH, PRIDE OF LIFE

FILL YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD OF GOD DAILY  
OBEY WHAT YOU HAVE READ  
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

YOU MIGHT THINK “BUT I’M TOO WEAK TO FIGHT SATAN”

2 Corinthians 12:6-10 NIV

<sup>6</sup>Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, <sup>7</sup>or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to

me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

IT IS A MIND SWITCH, INSTEAD OF BEING ASHAMED, PROCLAIM YOUR WEAKNESSES AND LEAN ON GOD

THE MORE EFFECTIVE A BELIEVER IS FOR THE LORD, THE MORE THEY WILL EXPERIENCE THE SAVAGE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY.....

THE DEVIL DOES NOT WASTE AMMUNITION ON LUKE WARM CHRISTIANS

CHARLES SPURGEON:

It is possible that God might use you to scatter His seed with a hand that was never wounded, but He will not use you to minister to the brokenhearted until trials have made you tender and sensitive. Your present, painful experience is a necessary preparation for something that will give you tenfold joy. If we are not tested, we cannot be victorious. The rule of the kingdom is: no battle, no crowns; no conflict, no conquest.

Ephesians 6:11 NIV

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

FULL ARMOR/PANOPLIA/ EVERY WEAPON OF WARFARE  
OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE

STAND/HISTEMI/DUG IN FIRMLY

SCHEMES/METHODEIA/ORDERLY, SYSTEMATIC ERROR

ROMAN SOLDIERS HAD SPIKES ON THEIR SANDLES SO THAT  
THEY COULD HOLD THEIR GROUND AND NOT BE KNOCKED OFF  
COURSE

PAUL IS PROBABLY LOOKING AT THE ROMAN SOLDIER HE IS  
CHAINED TOO WHILE THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES REVELATION

GOD LOVES YOU AND HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE  
SATAN HATES YOU AND HAS A TERRIBLE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

THE GREATEST WEAPON WE HAVE IN WARFARE IS NOT  
BINDING SATAN BUT IN OBEDIENCE TO JESUS

1 Peter 5:8-10 NIV

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you

know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

OUR MISSION: ALWAYS OBEY THE WORD OF GOD IN EVERY SITUATION

Ephesians 6:12 NIV

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

STRUGGLE/PALE/WRESTLE, FIGHT WITH STRONG OPPOSITION

DON'T FIGHT WITH PEOPLE, FIGHT THE DEMONIC FORCES BEHIND THE INFLUENCE

WE FACE 3 ENEMIES: THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL AND HIS MINIONS

RULERS/ARCHE/FIRST, CHIEF, OR BEGINNING

SATAN HAS A HEIARCHY OF ANGELS

AUTHORITIES/EXOUSIA/PERMISSIBLE DOMINION OVER AN AREA OR SPHERE OF JURISDICTION

DEMONS HAVE LIMITED(BY GOD) AUTHORITY

POWERS OF THIS DARK WORLD/KOSMOKRATOR/ THE WORLD SYSTEM OPPOSED TO GOD...SIMILAR TO KOSMOS HEAVENLY/EPOURANIOS/CELESTIAL

3 WAYS WE GET ATTACKED: DISSENSION-DIVERSION-DESTRUCTION

Ephesians 6:13 NIV

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

PAUL REPEATS HIMSELF, THEN HE SAYS "WHEN THE DAY OF EVIL COMES"

WE MUST BE READY AT ALL TIMES, FILLED WITH GOD'S WORD AND FILLED WITH HIS SPIRIT (CLEAN MIND, CLEAN HEART) SO, WE CAN STAND DUG IN(HISTEMI) RESIST

WE HAVE CONQUERED SO MUCH DARKNESS IN OUR LIVES WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD...DON'T GIVE UP ANY GROUND YOU HAVE GAINED

JESUS DID NOT ATTACK THE GATES OF HELL WITH THE CHURCH HE DID THE FATHER'S WILL. WHEN THE DEMONIC ATTACKED, JESUS STOOD FIRM ON THE WORD OF GOD

JESUS DESTROYED THE WORK OF THE DEVIL BY OBEDIENCE THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO