

“Dressed to Kill”! The spiritual warfare of believers!

Eph 6:10 Finally,(something remaining) my brethren, be strong(empower, enable, increase in strength) in the Lord, and in the power (dominion)of his might. (ability, forcefulness)

Finally: Having laid before you your high calling and the great doctrines of the gospel, I will now show you the enemies that will oppose you and how you can overcome them.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand(abide, appoint, bring, continue, establish,)against the wiles (method)of the devil.

Methods: The different means, plans, and schemes used to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men.

3 Great Blessings of the Armour of God:

1. Ability to stand against all enemies
2. Ability to quench every fiery dart of Satan
3. Ability to withstand all attacks

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high(above the sky) *places*.

We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are to govern ourselves. Now it is requisite that a soldier be both stout-hearted and well-armed.

Be strong therefore, strong for service, strong for suffering, strong for fighting. Let a soldier be ever so well armed without, if he have not within a good heart, his armour will help him little. Spiritual strength and courage are very necessary for our spiritual warfare. We have no sufficient strength of our own. Our natural courage is as perfect cowardice, and our natural strength as perfect weakness; but all our sufficiency is of God. In his strength we must go forth . By the acting's of faith, we must fetch in grace help from heaven to enable us to do that which of ourselves we cannot do

The Believers Armour:

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you(take up) the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done (worked fully, accomplished and finished)all, to stand. (a military phrase: having conquered all, stand, ready to do battle again.)

The whole armour will make you invulnerable and victorious!

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, (accordingly) having your loins (hip area, internal)girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate(heart, character) of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod (bound around and under, shoes)with the preparation of the gospel (good news)of peace; (prosperity, quietness, rest, set at one again)

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield(size of a door) of faith,(reliance upon Christ for Salvation) wherewith ye shall be able to quench (extinguish) all the fiery (inflamed, anger, grief, lust)darts (missiles)of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet(encirclement of the head) of salvation, (the defender)and the sword (judicial punishment)of the Spirit,(superhuman blast of air) which is the word (utterance)of God:

Those who would approve themselves to have true grace must aim at all grace, the whole armour. It is called the armour of God, because he both prepares and bestows it. We have no armour of our own that will be sufficient in a trying time.

This armour is prepared for us, but we must put it on; that is, we must pray for grace, we must use the grace given us, and draw it out into action and exercise it as there is occasion.

Satan is said *to stand up against us*, . If he stands up against us, we must stand against him; set up, and keep up, an interest in opposition to the devil.

Resist him, and he will flee. If we distrust our cause, or our leader, or our armour, we give him advantage.

2 Kinds of Armour:

Defensive:

1. Helmet
2. The Girdle: (truth) for the loins to brace the armour tight against the body, and support daggers, swords and other weapons.
3. Breastplate: in two parts, one to cover the breast and the other the back to protect the vital organs of the body.
4. Brazen boots: to protect the feet from rocks and thorns
5. Shield, to protect the body from blows and cuts.

Offensive:

1. Sword, to destroy the enemy and bring his surrender.

12 Commands for Saints:

1. Be strong in the Lord vs 10
2. Be strong in His power, vs 10
3. Put on the whole armor of God, vs 11
4. Stand, vs 13,14
5. Have your loins girt with truth, vs 14
6. Put on the breastplate of righteousness, vs 14
7. Have your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, vs 15
8. Take the shield of faith, vs 16
9. Take the sword of the Spirit, vs 17
10. Pray in the Spirit, vs 18
11. Watch in prayer, vs 18

