

The Armor of God

Ephesian 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

- Election, Gods obtainable will, joint heirs, being one spirit and one body, practice of self-control, husband & wife relationships, “finally” if you don’t grasp this everything else will be null and void.
- Paul implicates that you can operate in the omnipotent power of God as you submit to the kingdom principles and mandate. Then give an instruction on how to appropriate that power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

- Put on fully not partially the protection of God. YOU PUT IT ON, the obligation for God to protect you is only when you choose to put it on.
- You won’t stand against the devils schemes. It’s not just one scheme, but plural “many schemes” it goes with the territory.

¹² 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

- You never fight with persons per say but the spirit that influences the person to be contrary.
- Principalities and powers, rulers, authorities, powers of the dark world --- Angelic Order - They rule over smaller groups of angels, rather like the middle management of an organization, ensuring the fulfillment of the divine will.
- The angels of the third sphere are those who most directly guide, protect, and send messages to human beings, and can be likened to the front-line employees of a company, directly interacting with the customer—us. While still absolutely pure, wise, and powerful, these angels are furthest from

God in the angelic hierarchy, and so are better able to communicate with man in ways we can understand and even withstand. Think on when God directly communicated with Moses—the event, the barest glimpse of God, turned the man’s hair white. There is a reason God communicates and acts through the different levels of angels.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- The Apostle is making it clear why many don’t stand by his repetitious use of the word.
- You must again take the whole armor as a checklist he now teaches us what exactly to do in order to stand.
- You need it more than he did because this is now the evil day or perilous times he warned Timothy that were to come in the last days.
- Have you done what you know to do to stand implies when that is accomplished the connection to the all mighty power will flow through you to defeat the “scheme” of the devil against you.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

- It is like a girdle to hold you together and keep it all in place. To shape you up. “Daily bread essential” Joshua “meditate in this word day and night” “Blessed is the man”
- The relationship through a daily devotion to Him of understanding he has made you the righteousness of God.” There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus”

¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

- There is the study or devotion of who you are and his love for you and then there is the word study to put you on the offense in preparation to be able to pontificate or share the Gospel. (clinic)

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

- There are priorities in the armor. The shield of Faith because it will refute the lie Satan will throw at you concerning your plight or trouble. “Whose report will you believe” quench- put out the fire of doubt and unbelief many friends are used to throw darts at the righteous.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- This is obvious but there are many in the church who don't know if they are saved or not. You got to know or you will wind up like EVE doubting what God said about his love and devotion to you.
- Everything prior is defense- the sword or the word must be spoken a “Rhema Word” “Speak to the mountain” Abraham called those things that were not as though they were” Spoke The Word

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- Praying Always keeps us in the mind of total dependence upon God recognizing without Him we can do nothing.
- In the Spirit (pure motives)
- Discerning issues and intrusions that would disrupt kingdom business and the edification of the body of Christ.
- Interceding for all the saints, determining to pray for those around you to progress into the place God has ordained them.

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

- Paul request a specific prayer from the church for himself that what he would speak would be effective, not afraid of the message that he would give me to say to the masses, and the revelation of the knowledge of the truth be revealed to him.

²⁰ **For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

- An ambassador represents another country where he is from in a foreign land. Paul says he is constrained to do so and be bold about it.