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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. - Ephesians 6:11, NASB95

A. The Battle

1. Our Adversary: Who Stands Against Us! Eph. 6:11-12

Satan lies, listens, loathes you, and looks for ways to devour you.

The enemy is real, organized, and active—but not unbeatable.

2. Our Ally: Who Stands With Us! Eph. 6:10, 13-18

Remember the strength from the Lord and the armor God provides.

God equips, empowers, and stands with you—you are never alone in the fight.

3. Our Assignment: Stand Firm with Our Armor On!

Eph. 6:13-14

We are called, not to win, run, or hide, but to stand firm in our faith.

Victory comes from standing in who God is and what God provides, and not in what we produce.

B. The Armor of God

1. The Belt of Truth—**God Steadies You:** The “belt of truth” refers to the truth God has revealed in His Word. Loins speak of the personal area of one’s life. Our private lives must be built on truth—not lies.

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness—**God Guards Your Heart:** The breastplate covered the vital organs of the chest, especially the heart. It was like an ancient bulletproof vest—this is God’s declared “righteousness.” This deals specifically with the heart of man.

3. The Sandals of The Gospel of Peace—**God Guides Your Steps:** When Paul speaks of the “gospel of peace,” he means that the gospel itself is the only true source of peace. We can build our lives on nothing else. Our feet (foundation) must be covered. We must be constantly alert to opportunities to share the Gospel that brings peace to all.

4. The Shield of Faith—**God Shields Your Weaknesses:** God is guarding you against lies and deception. Your dependency is upon God—not yourself.

5. The Helmet of Salvation—**God Protects Your Mind:** Satan cannot really harm, in any permanent or ultimate sense, a person who is genuinely born again and saved by the blood of Christ. The whole body belongs to Christ and is guarded by Him.

6. The Sword of the Spirit—**God Arms You With Truth That Wins:** The “faith” mentioned here is not *saving* faith, but rather *living* faith, a trust in the promises and the power of God.

Prayer—Prayer is not a piece of armor—it is the power that makes the armor effective. God stands with you, speaks to you, and strengthens you as you pray. You never fight alone. Dr. Warren Wiersbe states, “It comes as a shock to the new believer that the Christian life is a *battleground* and not a *playground*. In my pastoral ministry, I could always tell when a new Christian was starting to mature, because he found him/herself fighting battles. This was a good sign because, as Spurgeon used to say, *Satan never kicks a dead horse!*”



Scriptures for Your Life:

Trusting and Fearing God

Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalms 27:14 – “Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

Psalms 37:5 – “Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.”

Psalms 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God.”

Psalms 56:3 – “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

Psalms 90:12 – “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

Psalms 119:11 – “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Psalms 119:105 – “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Jeremiah 17:7 – “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.”

Character and Holiness

Proverbs 4:23 – “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

Proverbs 16:3 – “Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.”

Proverbs 27:17 – “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Matthew 6:33 – “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Romans 12:9 – “Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.”

Romans 12:12 – “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

Romans 12:21 – “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

1 Corinthians 16:13 – “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:14 – “Let all that you do be done in love.”

Christ and the Gospel

Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

John 15:13 – “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Romans 5:8 – “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 – “for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

Philippians 1:21 – “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Work, Endurance, and Relationships

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 – “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’”

Galatians 6:9 – “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Ephesians 4:26 – “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,”

Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 6:10 – “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

Colossians 3:2 – “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:23 – “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,”

2 Timothy 1:7 – “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Prayer, Temptation, and Perseverance

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – “Rejoice always,”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “pray without ceasing,”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

2 Timothy 2:22 – “So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.”

James 1:19 – “Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;”

James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober-minded; be watchful.”

1 John 4:19 – “We love because he first loved us.”

Revelation 3:11 – “I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.”