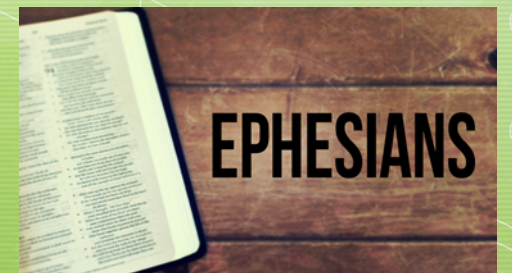


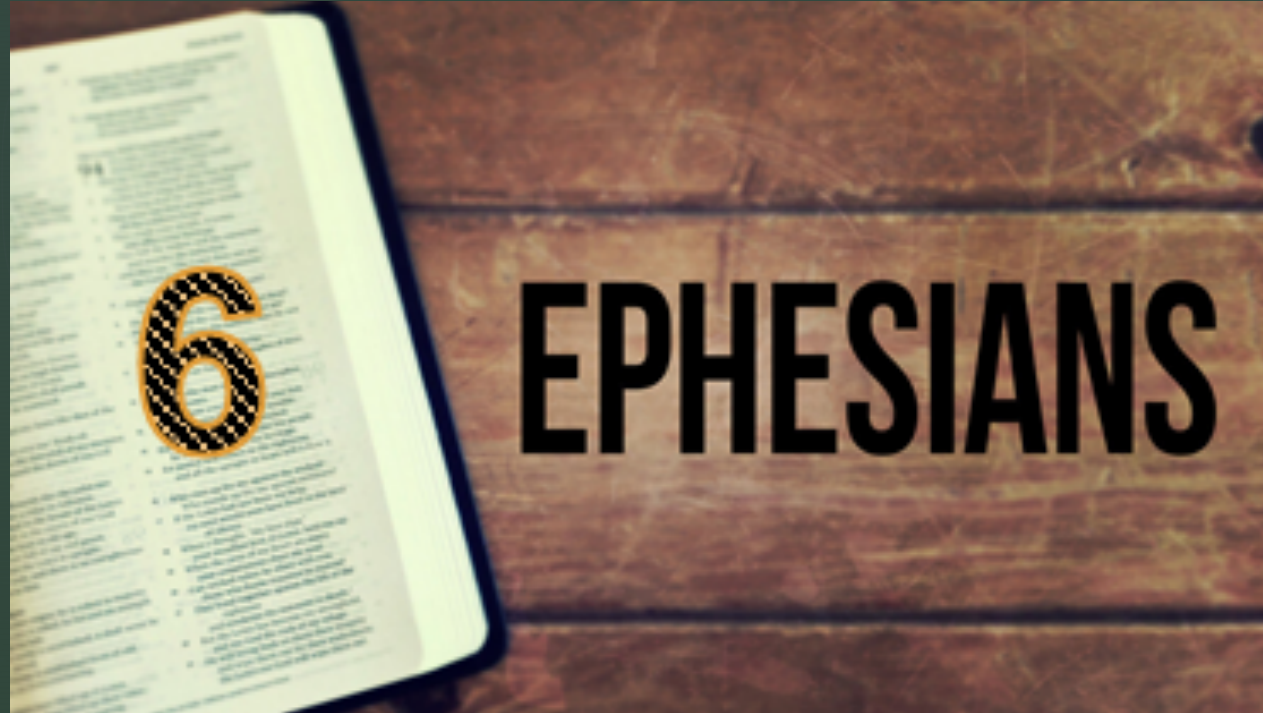
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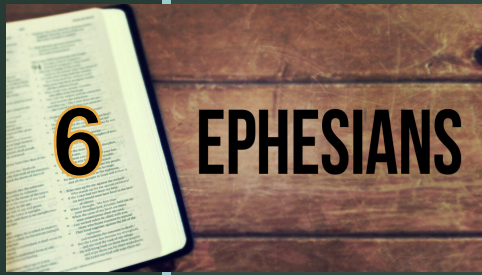
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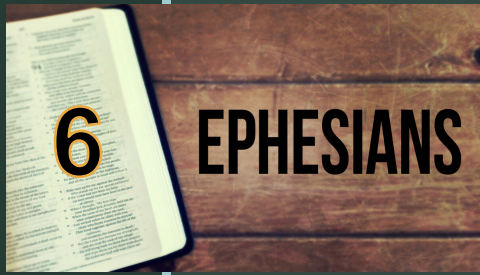






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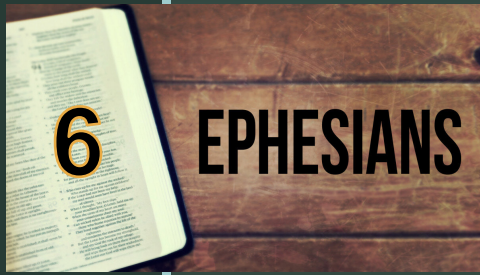
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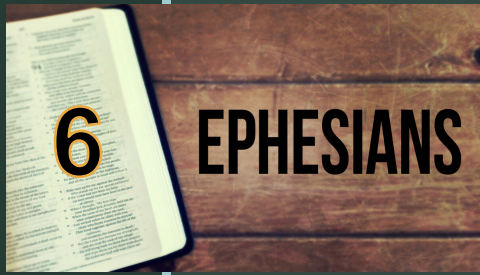
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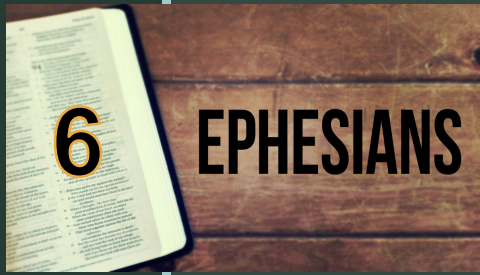
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# The Armor of God

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# The Armor of God

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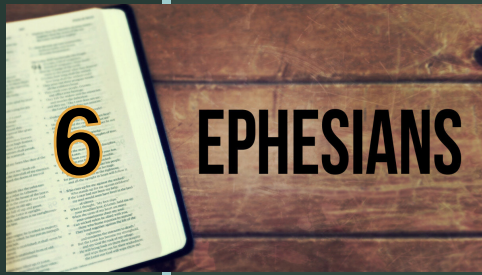
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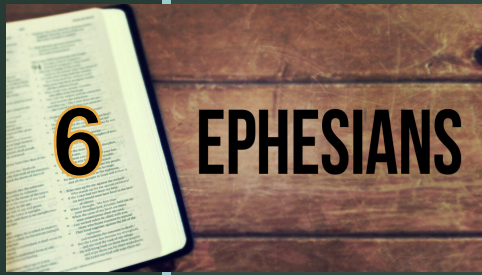
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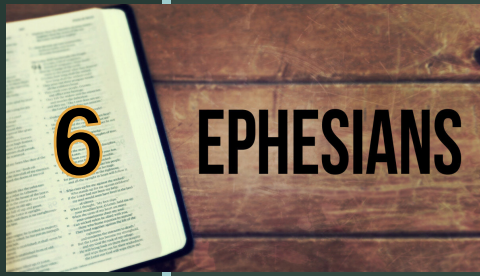
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## Final Greetings

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**Let's dig in!**



## **Chapter 6 is divided into three sections:**

- **Second part of Instructions for Christian Households (vs 1-9)**
- **Armor of God (vs 10-20)**
- **Final Greetings (vs 21-24)**

# Second part of Instructions for Christian Households (vs 1-9)



**How do you honor  
your mother and  
father?**



**How do you  
exasperate your  
children?**

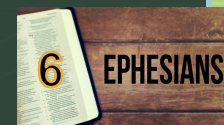




**What does it mean to  
serve wholeheartedly?**



**Do you believe that  
the bible is approving  
of slavery?**



**You cannot do right if you are not strong. Unless you have the backbone of principle — unless you have spiritual muscle and sinew by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost in you, you cannot continue to do that which is right. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord.”**



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**He will attack you sometimes by force and sometimes by fraud. By might or by sleight he will seek to overcome you, and no unarmed man can stand against him. Never go out without all your armor on, for you can never tell where you may meet the devil.**



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# The Armor of God *(vs 10-20)*



**When Paul wrote Ephesians, he was a prisoner of the Roman government. He was literally chained by the wrist to a Roman soldier to ensure that he wouldn't escape.**



As Paul reflected upon the soldier he was tied to, he realized that Christians also had armor to protect themselves just as the armor protected the Roman soldier.





In this passage, Paul uses the metaphor of the Roman armor to symbolize the Christian's armor used for protection against the forces of evil.





**This was important because Paul saw life as a constant spiritual battle against the forces of those who were against God.**

**Now let's  
meet our  
Roman  
gladiator!**



# The Belt of Truth



**John 8:32**  
**John 14:6**

The belt of truth holds the sword and gives freedom of movement. While others may guess, the Christian moves freely and quickly because of the truth he/she knows.

# Breastplate of Righteousness



**When a person is clothed in righteousness he/she is impregnable. Words are no defense against allegations but a good life is.**



# Breastplate of Righteousness



**Jesus, who was righteous, took on and bore every form of sin and darkness that belonged to us, and in exchange, placed on us His righteousness, making us (you and me) the righteousness of God!**

# Breastplate of Righteousness



**What is righteousness?  
It simply means, "Right  
standing before God."  
Or in legal terms it  
means being found  
innocent. Just as  
"justification" is the act  
of being acquitted**



# Breastplate of Righteousness



In 2 Cor 6:7 Paul first refers to righteousness as “armor” which most likely came from the book of Isaiah.

# Breastplate of Righteousness

**Also, the devil will try to talk you out of your breastplate. He will 'tell' you that you are not righteous, not worthy. He will throw the sins of your past right into your face. The very sins that you have been acquitted of, the very sins that God has removed as if never existing.**



# Shoes (sandals) of the Preparation of the Gospel of Truth



**This is a sign that one is equipped and ready to move. The Shoes or sandals of the Roman soldier were no normal footwear. Great care was taken by Rome to supply the soldiers with appropriate footwear for their assignment.**

# Shoes (sandals) of the Preparation of the Gospel of Truth



**Many a warrior has fainted on the march and dropped from the ranks exhausted, but no weariness of the way can happen to the man who is upheld by the Eternal God, for his strength shall daily be renewed.**

# Shoes (sandals) of the Preparation of the Gospel of Truth



**I may add that these shoes are such, as will last all our journey. Here our joy is great to find that they fit perfectly... ..and need no tugging or straining to get them on.**



# Shoes (sandals) of the Preparation of the Gospel of Truth



**The person who has peace with God and relies upon the Most High, shall never be moved, for the Lord upholds him. His shoes have driven themselves into eternal certainties and hold like anchors.**



# Helmet of Salvation



**This salvation forgives our past sins and provides us the ability and hope to overcome any future ones.**

**The helmet was the most noticeable piece of armor; it protects the mind.**

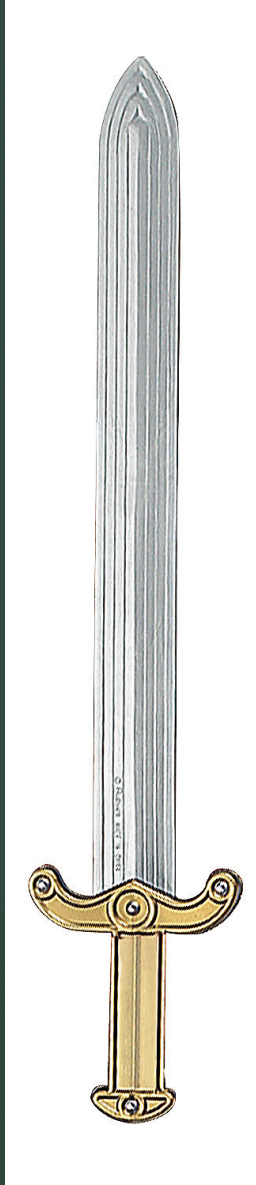
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**Protects from attacks of skepticism and doubts that come from every possible angle, that are aimed straight at our brain**

**It is a helmet that will not come off.**

# Sword of the Spirit



**“the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God”.**

**The sword is a weapon of  
defense against sin and  
also a weapon of attack  
against the sins of the  
world.**



# Sword of the Spirit



**So then, to properly wield the sword, you must be knowledgeable of what the Bible says (particularly the promises and statements of fact) and receive that word into your heart.**

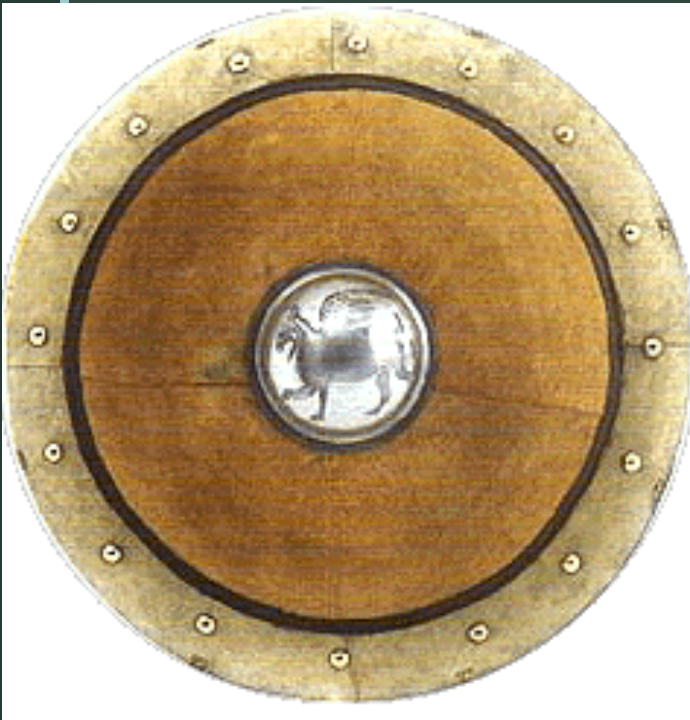


# Shield of Faith



The shield of faith is movable to deflect attacks no matter from which direction they come. For if the devil cannot get to you directly (from the front) he will attack from another direction.

# Shield of Faith



**"For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield" (Ps.5:12)**

**Not only does faith protect the whole man, but the apostle Paul suggests that faith also protects the man's armor**

# Shield of Faith

**Some people, instead of using the shield of faith to bear the blow, sneak away to the place of cowards. Ashamed of Christ, they make no profession of Him; or having professed Christ, they hide themselves by conformity to the world.**



# Shield of Faith



**Shield was an emblem of the warrior's honor.**

**Faith catches the dart; it not only receives it, out of all the pieces of armor, but also takes away its sting and quenches its fire:**

**Faith protects from all attacks.**



# Fiery Darts

One of the most dangerous weapons at this time was the fiery dart. It was a long dart dipped in tar and set on fire before throwing at the enemy.

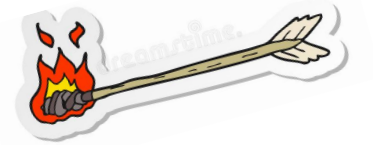




**NOW  
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# Attack the Gladiator with Fiery Darts







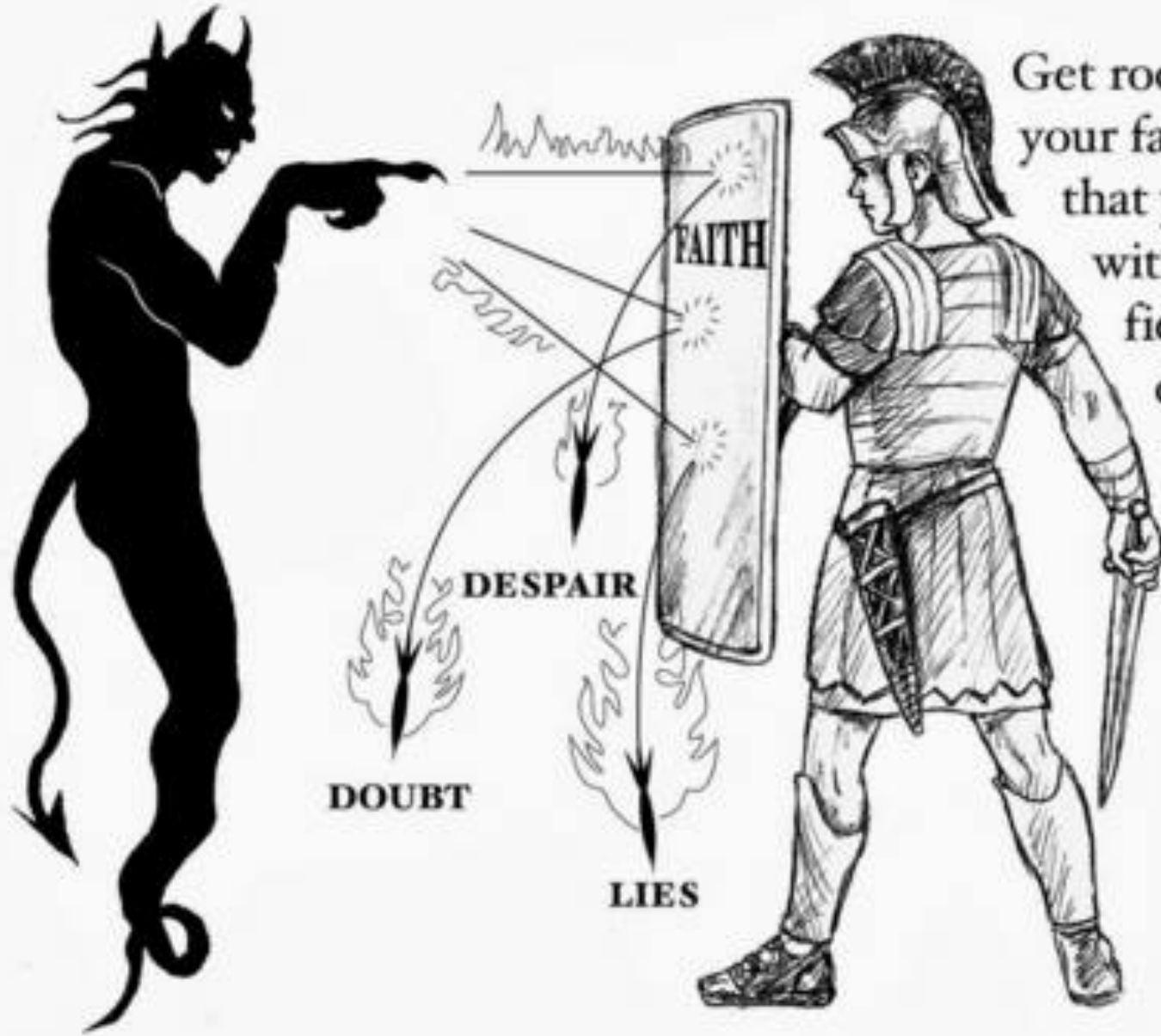




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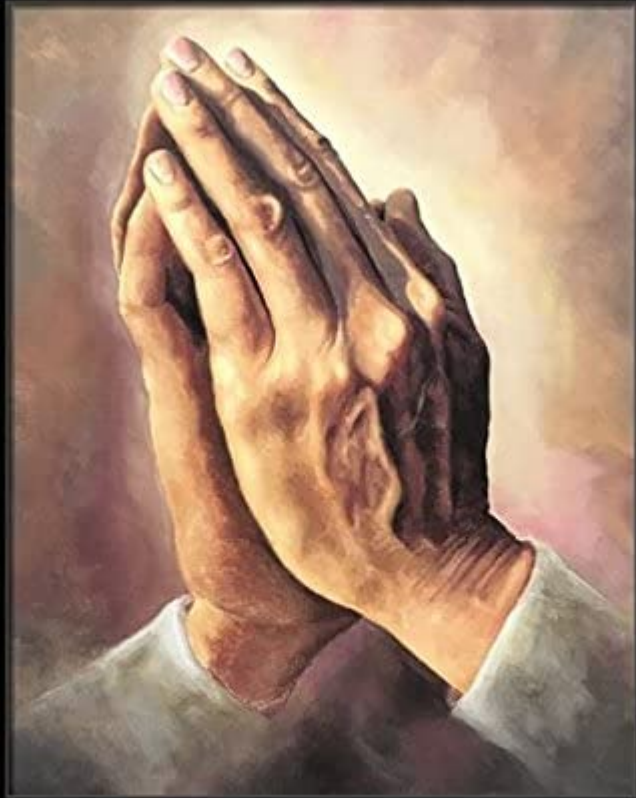


**It is this faith, the complete trust in Christ, that protects us. The shield is not the small round type. It is the great shield that completely covers the body.**



Get rooted in your faith so that you can withstand the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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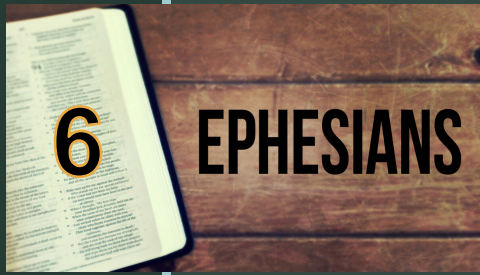


**The greatest weapon of all.**

**Three things about prayer:**

- 1) we must pray in our daily lives and not only in times of crisis;**
- 2) intense and not limp;**
- 3) unselfish.**





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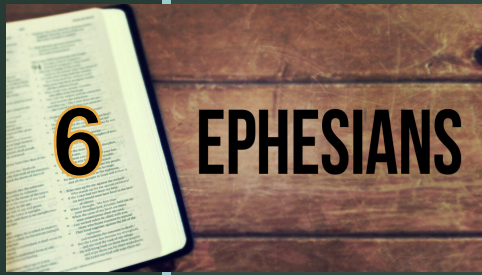
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**But will prayer for other people help us? Yes, very much. You will sometimes find that, when you cannot pray for yourself, it is a good plan to pray for somebody else.**



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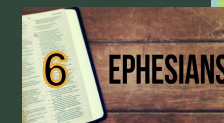


**Think of some child of God, and pray for him, and then the fire of supplication will soon burn up in your heart. The Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends, and he will do the same for you.**



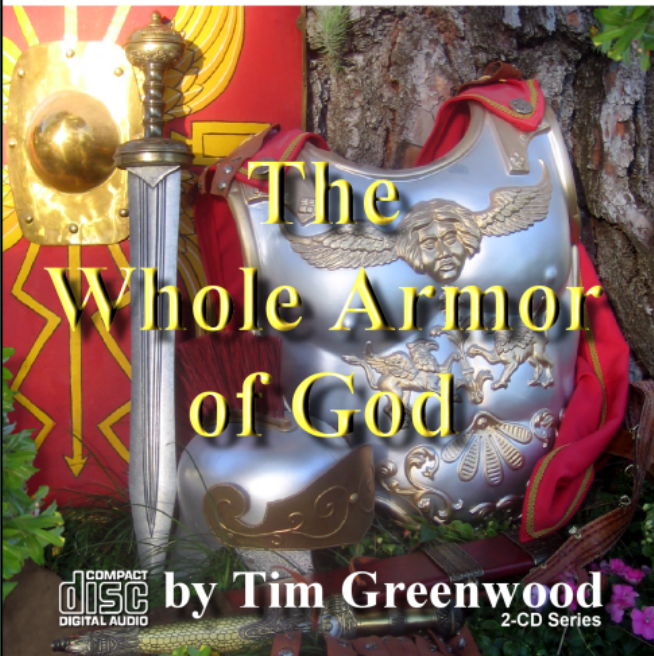
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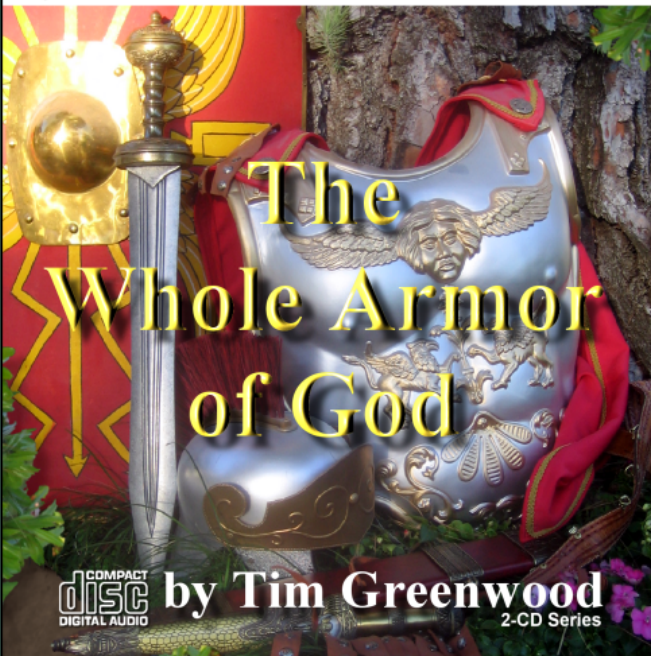


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Unfortunately, the first thing some new believers do is to put on the armor and begin to do battle with unbelievers. Just as bad are the believers that do battle with other believers. But this is not what the armor of God is for.

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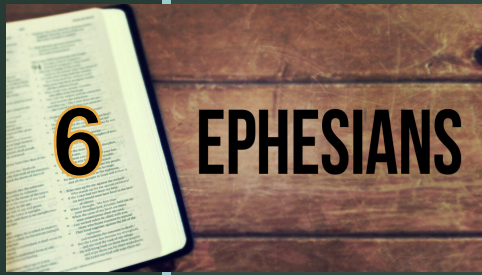


We are to stand in resistance against all the works of the devil. James 4:7 says resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

I want to point out that this is the armor of an intercessor, and that intercession is much more than prayer! This is Jesus' armor!

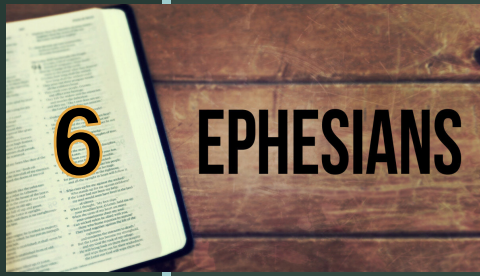
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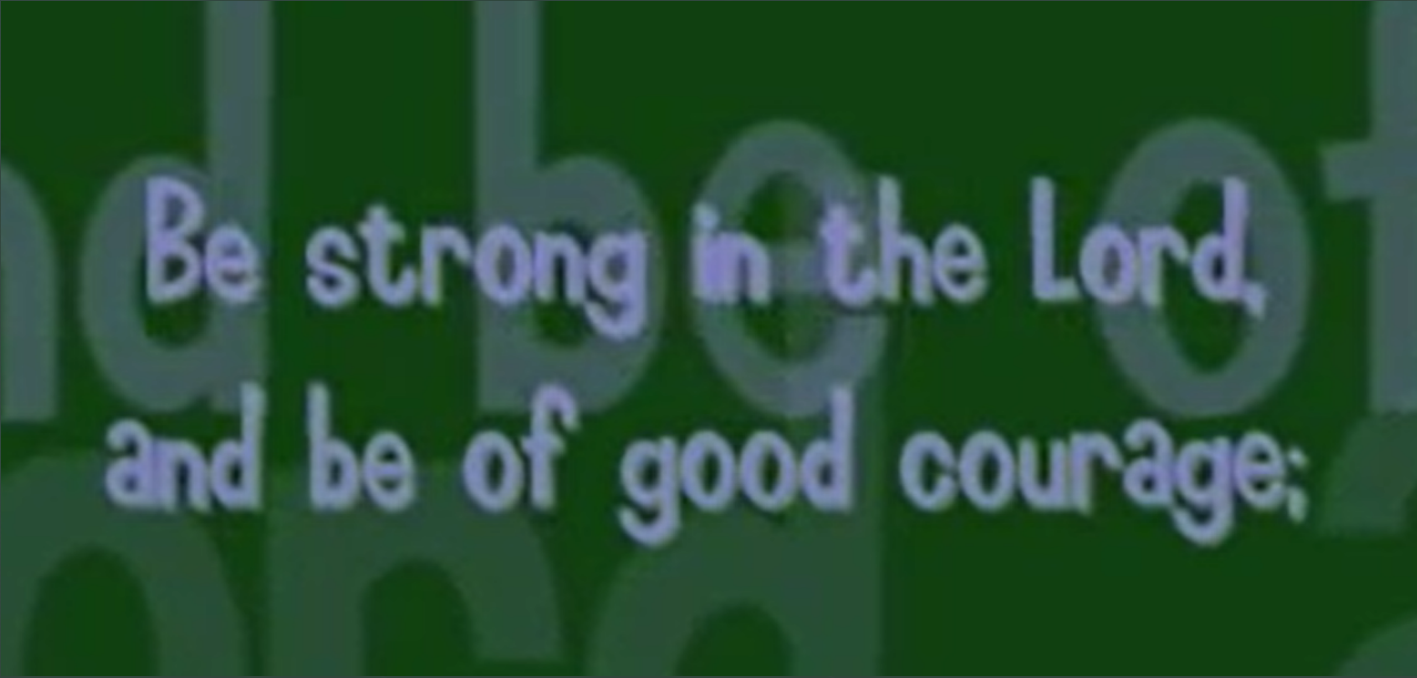
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**In the final greetings  
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chapter, notice how  
Paul once again  
brings up “grace” and  
“peace”**



A photograph of a sign with the text "Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;" on a green background. The sign is slightly out of focus and has a white border. The background of the sign is a dark green color with a pattern of lighter green circles and lines.

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**Linda Lee Johnson wrote the words to "Be Strong in the Lord" on a plane flight to her grandfather's funeral in 1978. Tom Fetke wrote the music.**





*That's all Folks!*