

# SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

*Fellowship Bible Church*  
**“WOMEN IN THE WORD”**

**Spiritual Warfare: Terms of Engagement**  
*Study Book by David Jeremiah*  
**Ephesians 6:10-18**

**Lesson 3—“The Girdle of Truth” Ephesians 6:14a (NASB)**  
*“Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, ...”*

## **Introduction**

**“the belt of truth”**- a spiritual application - 1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV)  
 Therefore ***gird up the loins of your mind***, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

KNOWING GOD’S WORD IS OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE ENEMY.

- How can we possibly put on the rest of the “armor of god” if we don’t know and believe and trust god’s truth?
- Are you putting on your armor?
- Do you know what your armor is?
- JESUS CHRIST IS YOUR ARMOR!

John 14:6  
 John 1:14  
 John 18:37  
 John 1:17  
 John 17:17  
 John 8:31-32

Ephesians 6: 14 “stand therefore”

Satan desires that we “wilt”. That our roots be shallow in God’s word.

God’s truth never changes - Hebrews 13:8

We can see through Satan’s lies by holding them against the truth of the Bible-  
 the inerrant Word of God

God is the Author of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)  
 God’s Word is without error (Psalm 119:160)  
 God’s word is fully authoritative (Psalm 33:4)

If we fail to stand “firm” against Satan it’s probably because of ignorance or because of our feelings.

**The foundation of Jesus Christ is the firm foundation.**

- 1 Corinthians 3:11 (NKJV) "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."
- Jesus believed that God's word was truth. Matthew 4:4

We are to be "equipped" with the truth of God

2 Samuel 7:28

Romans 3:4

Hebrews 6:18 (NKJV) "that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us."

Satan hates the truth, since he is the "father of lies". John 8:44

Do we believe God and his promises---his truth?

Deuteronomy 32:4

Psalm 57:10

Psalm 86:15 (NKJV) But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

TRUTH IS THE OBJECT OF TRUST!

Abraham was totally persuaded that God could perform what He had promised. He believed in the power of God.

Romans 4:18-22

Hebrews 6:17

1 John 5:10

KNOW THE TRUTH

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

ACCEPT THE TRUTH

TRUST THE TRUTH

WALK (APPLY) THE TRUTH

GOD'S PROMISES...1 Kings 8:56 (NKJV) "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

2 Corinthians 1:20

2 Peter 1:3-4

1 John 2:25 (NKJV) And this is the promise that He has promised us- eternal life.

GOD'S PROMISES BRING HOPE. GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT. Heb 6:13-20

We cannot take God's promises out of context.

- Promise of Protection - Psalm 91:4
- Promise for Endurance - Hebrews 12:7-8, 11; James 5:11
- Promise of Comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:3
- Promise of Peace - (contingent on conditions) - Philippians 4:7
- Promise of Provision (watchfulness) seeking help from God - Psalm 121:3. Promise to the humble Luke 14:11; James 4:6
- Promise to unbelievers AND believers-- John 5:24; John 11:25; John 20:31 (NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Psalm 40:11 (NKJV) Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

Psalm 91:4 (NKJV) He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler.

Proverbs 3:3 (NKJV) Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 23:23 (NKJV) Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

#### APPLICATION:

- The best antidote to the lies of the enemy is to read your Bible daily.
- As we read His word, we come to know the mind of Christ and the heart of God. Commit God's word to memory as much as you can. It will be ready to use against the enemy as he assails you with his lies!
- Use(apply) God's word in your life. Live it out!

REMEMBER-- God's word is infallible--- it does not lie. EVERY WORD of the Bible is TRUTH! (2 Timothy 3:16)

Looking for a "moral compass"? God's Word is the answer and it will not fail you!

**Ephesians 6:13-14 (NKJV)** "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"

“God’s Word is going to be challenged more and more in these “last days”. We, as God’s people, must separate ourselves from that which is false, devote ourselves to that which is true, and continue in our study of the Word of God.” Warren Wiersbe

As we stay true to God and His word of truth, then we become “equipped” to serve Him in this fallen and darkened world. We CAN stand firm and steadfast in proclaiming the Word of truth, regardless of the persecution or suffering that may come against us. We can “stand firm” and put on God’s armor, the “belt of truth”, to “stand firm against the schemes of the devil”. We, as believers, must intentionally not back down from the truth we know—that God’s truth (His written Word) is truly “inspired” by the One, True and only God of this universe.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**