

The Whole Armor of God:

The Strength of the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-20

The armor of God is not something we create or strengthen by our own efforts—it is the Lord's own provision, fashioned by His power and sustained by His might. Every piece reminds us that our strength is found in Him alone. Just as no two earthly armies wear the same armor, God's armor is unlike anything the world can offer. We can only put it on and walk in it as we remain dependent upon the Lord. Before we can stand against the enemy, we must first learn to stand firmly in Christ, trusting in His strength and resting in all that He has graciously provided.

1. Strong in the Lord v.10

The Greek word translated 'strong' means 'to be empowered' or 'in power.' It denotes being in a position to be strengthened. Therefore, not our own strength, but the strength found in that position of being in the Lord.

2. Against the schemes of the Devil v.11

The Greek word translated 'scheme' is *methodeia*, where we get the word 'method.' In the context of this verse it means that the Devils' plans are not random but well thought out and pointed to a specific end; a well-crafted trickery.

3. In Spiritual Battle v.12

The Devil may use earthly things to tempt but his desire is for a spiritual result: for us to choose materialistic things and worldly ways influenced and controlled by Satan over God's Will.

4. Standing firm in the Armor v.13

This standing does not imply inactivity. To 'stand firm' in Greek means to be firmly planted with the intent to face the opposition rather than run away.