

How The World Really Works, Part II

“Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you’re protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious. Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph.

Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart.

Stand on your feet alert, then you’ll always be ready to share the blessings of peace.

In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one!

Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies.

And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken word of God.

Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times.

Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.”

Ephesians 6:12-18 TPT

1. -We live in a world controlled by spiritual forces of wickedness

-We used to be part of the rebellious kingdom of darkness

-We're saved out of that kingdom by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

-our former master uses all of his power to oppress, deceive, hinder, and manipulate us in order to bring reproach on the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus.

-we are given power and authority over of all the works of Satan.

-we are given weapons with which we fight spiritual battles and protect ourselves against every demonic spiritual counter-attack.

-when we bind, demons are bound, when we resist, devils flee, when we cast out, demons make a forced exit.

Think of a field that's been cleared and cleaned up, ready for seed and fruit bearing.

Immediately, plants and weeds begin to encroach on the borders of the field. If you don't use your equipment to beat them back, they'll quickly take over the field and choke out the good, useful crops.

Lying spirits

Deceiving spirits

Distressing spirits

Fear spirits

Unclean spirits

Infirmity spirits

Anti-Christ spirits

2. Necessary Armor and Armament

Truth-a belt with five strips of leather hanging from it that held everything together.

-Something for your heart:

Righteousness-armor to protect the thorax where the heart and all the vital organs are located.

Tied to the belt of truth. They must be connected. No righteous without truth.

**-Something for your walk:
Preparation of the gospel-shoes that will keep us from falling or slipping, make us able to stand no matter the opposition**

**Something to put out fires:
Shield of faith-layered with leather hide that needed to always be well oiled. The fiery darts are extinguished by the shield.**

-Fire spreads

**-Fire looks for combustible material
“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”**

James 3:6 NKJV

**-Something for your head:
Helmet of salvation-protection for the
head, center of our thoughts, will, and
emotions.**

**-Something in your hand:
Sword of the Spirit-the rhema word of
God, spoken by a believer under the
unction of the Holy Spirit.**

**3. We focus on our victory in Christ, our
kingdom authority in the name of Jesus,
not on demons, devils, and darkness.**

**“When the seventy missionaries returned
to Jesus, they were ecstatic with joy,
telling him, “Lord, even the demons
obeyed us when we commanded them in
your name!”**

Jesus replied, “While you were ministering, I watched Satan topple until he fell suddenly from heaven like lightning to the ground. Now you understand that I have imparted to you my authority to trample over his kingdom. You will trample upon every demon before you and overcome every power Satan possesses. Absolutely nothing will harm you as you walk in this authority. However, your real source of joy isn’t merely that these spirits submit to your authority, but that your names are written in the journals of heaven and that you belong to God’s kingdom. This is the true source of your authority.””

Luke 10:17-20 TPT

**Is your name in the Book?
Do you belong to God’s kingdom?**