

Take up the
Shield of Faith

Armor
Up!

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Spiritual warfare requires the whole armor of God.

- READ: Ephesians 6:11-18

The armor of God consists of:

- **Three pieces which are secured to the body; (v.14-15)**
 - *(Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Readiness)*
- **Three pieces which we are to take up and use actively. (v.16-18)**
 - *(Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of The Spirit)*

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The Shield Of Faith:

- **(Eph 6:16 NIV)** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

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Two Kinds Of Shields

1. "Buckler"

- Small And Round
- Used In Hand-to-hand Combat



2. *Battle Shield*

- Head-to-foot Protection
- The Enemy Could Not Harm



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(EPH 6:16 NLT) In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.

(EPH 6:16 Amplified) Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

- **“In Addition,” or “Above All”** The Shield Of Faith Is To Be Over Us --
It Is Our Covering Protecting Us From The Attack Of The Enemy.

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2 Words to Look at Here – FAITH & SHIELD

- **FAITH Is Our SHIELD –**
- ***A shield* can either *look good* or *be effective*. *Faith is both***
- **Everything In The Kingdom Is Accessed By Faith**
- ***Faith Is The Answer To Our Challenges In Life.***

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- **The Power Of Faith:**
- When We Believe God --Things Happen!
- There Is No Limit To What God Can Do!

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The Shield Of Faith Is Essential In Our Standing Strong

- *It is an Invaluable Component of The Full Armor*
- **We Must Take Up The Shield For It To Be Effective**
- *It Is Only Effective When Used And Utilized*

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Faith Is The Shield That Wards Off The Attacks That You Can And Cannot See

A Shield Causes The Enemy's Attacks To Be Blunted –Or To Miss Their Target Altogether

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FAITH IS A VERY PRACTICAL THING: *The Shield of Faith protects and empowers us in the battle at hand*

- **Faith is** not believing that **God *can***, but knowing that **God *will!***
- **Jesus Said: “all things *are* possible to him who believes.”**

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What is Faith?

- Heb 11:1 (NIV) "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

FAITH:

- *Taking Jesus At This Word*
- *Believing That It Will Be Accomplished*
- *Placing Trust In God And His Word*
- *Being Persuaded In God's Power & Promise*

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Dictionary Faith = 'Belief Without Evidence'

Biblical Faith = Being Sure And Certain

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Bible Faith = Confident Obedience To God's Word In Spite Of Circumstances And Consequences

- ***True People Of Faith =***
 - *Obey God's Word*
 - *Act On What They Know To Be True*
 - *Act According To God's Word*
 - *Act According To God's Will*
- **Mark 11:22 “Have faith in God.”**

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Romans 10:17 (NIV) (17) Consequently, **faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.**

- ***The Shield Works In Tandem With The Sword You Need Both To Fight And Win Battles***
- ***Faith Wards Off The Blows.***
- ***The Sword (The Word) Pierces The Enemy's Defenses***

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Faith's Demand: Hebrews 11:6

- Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) (6) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Faith's Design: 2 Corinthians 5:7

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) (7) We live by faith, not by sight.

Faith's Duty: Romans 1:17

- Romans 1:17 (NIV) (17) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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Have Faith in God Faith is the answer to our challenges in life.

- When Anxious, Disappointed, Angry, in Need, Facing Death, Lonely, When Knocked Down, In the Middle of the Battle
- **Have Faith In God!** *Why?* Faith Forms A Mighty Shield With Which To Fight Off The Attacks Of Satan

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How Do We Move The Mountains In Our Lives? Have Faith In God!

- **(Mark 11:22-24 NIV)** "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. (23) "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. (24) Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- **(John 14:12 NIV)** I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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***Our Faith Originates In Jesus. Our Faith Is Perfected In Jesus.
(Heb. 12:2)***

The Shield Of Faith Is What Will

- **Defend The Principles Of Our Faith**
- **Declare The Promises Of Our Faith**

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The Shield Of Faith Resists, Rejects, & Repels The Enemy

- It Is An Awesome Defender & A Fortified Defense.

Our God Given Faith Is A Shield:

- **It Resists The Enemy Advance**
- **It Repels Every One Of The Enemy Attacks**
 - **It Rejects The Fiery Darts**

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There Are Many Fiery Darts Of The Enemy. Among them are:

- *Depression*
- *Discouragement*
- *Fear*
- *False Guilt And Condemnation*
- *Inferiority*
- *Pride*
- *Hatred*
- *How Can We Combat Them? **We Must Extinguish Them***
- *The Romans Would Pour Water On Their Shields To Keep The Flaming Darts From Igniting– **We Utilize our Shield***

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Our Faith Is The Shield That Gives Us Full Coverage Against All Of Satan's Attacks

- **Our Faith Is The Shield That Gives Us The Power To Be Victorious Against Every One Of Satan's Schemes**