

The Shield of Truth

I. The Important Role of Truth

A. Psalm 91:1-4 NKJV

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, “*He is* my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.”

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the ^[a]fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and ^[b]buckler.

1. His Truth shall be your Shield and Buckler.

- a. Shield – an instrument used for protection against the weapons of an enemy.
- b. Buckler – a surrounding shield that covers completely.
- c. Psalm 91 is a covenant declaration of God’s protection.
- d. The protection of Psalm 91 is contingent upon having your shield of truth.

B. Ephesians 6:10:16

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[a]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ 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, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

1. Above all taking the shield of faith

- a. **Above all** - at all times in all circumstances be sure to have your shield of faith.

2. The shield of faith is the shield of truth in Psalm 91.

a. **Romans 10:17 NKJV**

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

b. **John 17:17 KJV**

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

3. Since faith comes by the Word and truth is the Word, then my shield is actually a shield of the Word of God
The Word of God is my Shield.

C. The Word of God Shields me from everything the Enemy Sends my way.

D. How do I make this shield work for me?

It is evident that it doesn't work for all.

1. Take time to discover what the Word says.

- a. Search/Read/Meditate/Speak

- b. You cannot use the shield of the Word/Truth if you do not take time to know what it says regarding your circumstances.
- c. If you need healing, you should be meditating in healing scriptures.
- d. If you need provision, you should be meditating on scriptures to overcome lack.
- e. If you need hope meditate upon hope scriptures.
- f. As you meditate upon specific subjects, your shield is being developed.

2. Believe the Word that you have Received.

- a. It is possible to read the Word without believing it.
- b. It is possible to believe some of the Word without believing it all.
- c. You must meditate in it until you can believe it for yourself.
- d. It is the promises that you believe that will become your shield.

3. Receive by Faith the Word you have Believed.

- a. Once I believe a promise belongs to me, I must release my faith to receive that promise as mine.
- b. I received the promise of Salvation the day I got saved .
- c. There will also be a day that you release your faith to receive everything else that God has promised.

d. Peace is the greatest sign that faith has been released.

E. Other Scriptures to Consider

Prov 30:5 ESV

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Gen 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, ^[a]your exceedingly great reward."

God was Abraham's shield, but Abraham had to believe God's promises before he could partake of this blessing.

God's Word/Promises became Abraham's shield.

1 Sam 17:45 NKJV

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

While the Giant approached the battle with natural weapons and a shield, David came with the Lord as his shield.

David's confidence was the covenant promises of God. They were his shield against the enemy.