



**TREE OF LIFE**  
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PROVERBS 3:18

# The FULL Armor of God

Ephesians Six

Part Seven

# Be strong in the Lord and His might

Eph 6:10 **Finally**, be strong in the **Lord** and in **His mighty power**.

- Spiritual war equipment sandwich!

Eph 6:18 **Pray in the Ruach on every occasion**, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, **keep alert** with **perseverance and supplication for all the kedoshim**.

# The Spiritual Weaponry

**2Corinthians 6:4-7** On the contrary, we try to commend ourselves in every way as workers for God by continually enduring troubles, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, overwork, lack of sleep and food. We commend ourselves by our purity, knowledge, patience and kindness; by the Ruach HaKodesh; by genuineness of love and truthfulness of speech; and by God's power. We commend ourselves through our use of righteous weapons, whether for pressing our cause or defending it;

**2Corinthians 10:3-4** For although we do live in the world, we do not wage war in a worldly way; because the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds. We demolish arguments

- Read Psalm 18:38-40 & 144:1

# **“Buckle the belt of truth around your waist...”**

- **The belt of truth** has its origins in the Tanakh, it preexisted the “Roman Soldier model” Read **Isaiah 11:5** → **Psa 85:11-12** & **Psa 119:142**
- The belt of truth is centered around tightening our thoughts and not letting the thoughts of the enemy reproduce. **1Peter 1:13** “Buckle/Brace” It's for our mind! Tighten our thinking to align with Gods.
- Through the power of the Spirit and Prayer we can replace worldly thoughts with Godly ones **Isa 55:8-9** & **Rom 12:1-2** so we will have discernment (what's from God and what's NOT from God) and won't be naked **2Cor 5:2-4, Rev 16:15**
- Lack of foundation (Torah) the house crumbles: The church needs the Torah now more than ever!
- The 10 virgins, oil is truth, spirit is truth – don't run out!
  - Your Heart (Spirit)
  - Your Mind (Soul) BELT OF TRUTH!
  - Your Mouth (Body)

# “And put on the Breastplate of Righteousness”

- Its roots are in the Tanakh: priestly intercession (**Exo 28:28-31**) and divine warfare (**Isa 59:16-17**), fulfilled in Messiah.
- The Breastplate of Righteousness protects the heart (spirit) the source from which life and actions flow (**Prov 4:23**). Impurities aimed at your heart are designed to kill you! **James 1:15** Guard it with Gods Righteousness...
- Righteousness is relational, not self-produced; We stand in God’s righteousness, not our own. Through Messiah, righteousness is imputed to us, giving confidence to resist the enemy **Rom 5:17-21**. Resisting through submission **James 4:7**.
- When we walk in God’s righteousness, accusation loses its power and the armor advances us forward.
- Self Righteousness & God’s Righteousness are in conflict: **Rom 10:1-4** & **Titus 3:5-8**
- Humility! Repentance! That strengthens our relational Righteousness with God **Psa 51:19**. **Isa 54:17b** *“you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of Adonai’s servants—their vindication is from Me.” It is a declaration of Adonai.”*

# “Strap up your feet in readiness with the Good News of shalom”

- The “feet of Good News” has its roots reaching into the Tanakh: **Isaiah 52:7**
- The foot washing at Passover that Yeshua commanded is about Cleansing our “Halacha” (Walk). **John 13:1-11**. We can't bring the Gospel living in sin.
- Gospel is for us too! Our Peace, Joy, Truth & Holiness. **John 17:13-21**
- The Enemy has weak footing: **Daniel 2:34**
- 4 Sides of the Gospel: Repent, Kingdom, Torah & Sabbath. Through the Resurrection
- The Gospel transforms us from darkness into His Kingdom **Col 1:13** and the Gospel is oppression busting! **Mat 11:2-5**
- Gods Peace travels with us, “chases us down” ~ Psa 23 (**ירדפוני Iradafni**)
- The Gospel changes Nations! **Psalms 33:12, Matthew 4:13-17, Isaiah 9:1-2**
- A Shalom that rules our emotions **Col 3:15-16**, Surpasses circumstances **Phil 4:7**
- **Matthew 28:16-20** The Great Commission is the rally cry that unites us!

# The Shield of Faith!

**Eph 6:16 Above all, take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ~ TLV**

**Eph 6:16 Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ~ CJB**

**Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ~ KJV**

# It gives us an ability!

Context of each piece of equipment is:

**Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you are able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

- The equipment gives us an ability that we otherwise would not have!
- We do not have the power on our own to do it alone!
- We can't outthink the devil, we can't out pace him, we can't overpower him, we cannot beat him without God's equipment!
- We can defeat him by using Gods Power and His equipment uniquely to each situation being led by the Spirit!
- It's more than saying a prayer, *"I put on this piece or that piece"*  
it's something that you do!

# The Shield in the Tanakh:

- Gen 15:1 After these things the word of Adonai came to Abram in a vision saying, “Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”
- Deut 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Adonai, the Shield of your help and the Sword of your triumph? Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample on their backs.”
- 2Sam 22:3 My God is my rock, in Him I take refuge, my shield, my horn of salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior—You save me from violence.
- 2Sam 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect. The word of Adonai is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- Psa 3:4 But You, Adonai, are a shield around me, my glory and the lifter of my head.

# Shield of Faith: Above All?

***“Above all, take up the shield of faith” ~ Eph 6:16a***

- The phrase “*Above all*” doesn't mean “*most important*” otherwise that would imply that you don't need the other pieces or the Shield would do a better job.
- Two Greek words used here: “**Epi**” (above/ahead) & “**Passon**” (all/everything).
- Meaning: “*Out in front of everything, take the Shield of Faith*”
- It's what we lead with to extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy!

***2Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.***

- In other words, our Faith in God is so strong that no matter what the enemy throws at us, we know the God will overcome it. We know God will win. Our faith rest's Soley on Him and His strength! Stand firm in our faith in Him. See ***1Peter 5:8-9***

# Flaming Arrows of the Evil One

- Satan's Arrow Attacks come in different ways:
    - ❑ Verbal attacks (Lies, Accusation, Slander, Condemnation)
    - ❑ Circumstances (Discouragement, Temptation, Division)
    - ❑ Thoughts (Both above are intended to mess with your mind; FEAR).
  - Faith in God overrules these!
  - Faith Nullifies and Extinguishes the flaming Arrows!
1. Verbal attacks: **Genesis 3:1-6, Matthew 4, Revelation 12:10**
  2. Circumstances: **1Kings 19:4, 1Chron 21:1, Job**
  3. Thoughts: **Job 3:25-26 & Job 1:15-17**

**Fear and bad thoughts render us ineffective against the enemies work!**

# Faith in Our Brains



- We cannot stop evil things or evil thoughts from being thrown at us, but you can mitigate them & stop them from taking root through our imagination and you can mitigate the intended outcome which is to: **STEAL, MURDER & DESTROY.**

- Thoughts:

**Psalm 140:8 God my Lord, the strength of my deliverance, You shield my head in the day of battle.**


- Nightmares are from the enemy, not from God! God does not use fear or torment to communicate to His people.
- (Bad thoughts are NOT warnings from God).
- There are times where what we see puts us in awe: **Daniel 10:16-19**

# Sword and Shield!

- Respond with Words of Faith, speak the Truth back! (Sword of the Spirit)
- Speaking truth back, absorbs the arrows! Without speaking back, the arrows hit the target. You must resist the arrows (Shield of Faith) to nullify them.

 **Luke 4:3 The Adversary said to him, "If you are the Son of God, order this stone to become bread."**

 **Luke 4:4 Yeshua answered him, "The Tanakh says, Man does not live on bread alone." (Deuteronomy 8:3)**

 **Luke 4:6-7 "I will give you all this power and glory. It has been handed over to me, and I can give it to whomever I choose. So if you will worship me, it will all be yours."**

 **Luke 4:8 Yeshua answered him, "The Tanakh says, Worship Adonai your God and serve him only." (Deuteronomy 6:13)**

# Sword and Shield!

 Luke 4:9-11 Then he took him to Yerushalayim, set him on the highest point of the Temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, jump from here! For the Tanakh says, 'He will order his angels to be responsible for you and to protect you. They will support you with their hands, so that you will not hurt your feet on the stones.'" (Psalm 91:11-12)

 Luke 4:12 Yeshua answered him, "It also says, 'Do not put Adonai your God to the test.'" (Deuteronomy 6:16)

- The Sword of the Spirit is the Spoken Word of God, used together with the Shield of Faith, it is our victory:

Deuteronomy 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Adonai, the Shield of your help and the Sword of your triumph? Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample on their backs."

# An Effective Shield:

- The Shield is like a door, it shuts out unwanted things.
- If we left our doors open, what would we be exposing ourselves to?
- The Shield of Faith lets the enemy know that *“this is my position. I stand with God”* & *“I’m going to resist you Satan”*
- We stop the enemy's schemes at the door, and we don't let it take root in our minds. The enemy tries to enter through:
  1. Verbal attacks: **Genesis 3:1-6, Matthew 4, Revelation 12:10**
  2. Circumstances: **1Kings 19:4, 1Chron 21:1, Job**
  3. Thoughts: **Job 3:25-26 & Job 1:15-17**
- Check it with God before you allow it entrance!

# Shields Together Increase Effectiveness

- Shields used together have a greater effect!
- “Let’s Lock Shields” or “Form a Shield Wall”

**1 Cor 16:13 Be on the alert! Stand firm in the faith! Be men of courage! Be strong!**

**Phlp 1:27 Only live your lives in a manner worthy of the Good News of the Messiah. Then, whether I come and see you or I am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit—striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the Good News**

**Phlp 2:2 then make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, united in spirit, with one purpose.**

**Act 4:32 Now the whole group of those who believed was one in heart and mind. No one would say anything he owned was his own, but they had everything in common.**

**1Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house—a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Messiah Yeshua.**

- When we allow God to build us together in faith, there is Power!

# Strengthen Our Shields

- Strong Shields are made of many different layers. It's not how thick the steel is, it's how many layers of material working together that really strengthens the Shield and keeps it light weight.

**Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Chazak! Be strong! Do not be terrified or dismayed, for Adonai your God is with you wherever you go.”**

- God is our Shield! And when we deepen our Faith in Him it strengthens our position!

**James 1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (See Rom 5:3-4)**

- It's easier to stand in faith than it is to give up and take the arrows!

# God, Our Shield!

**Psalm 89:19** For our shield belongs to Adonai, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Psalm 28:7** Adonai is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him, and I was helped. Therefore my heart leaps for joy, and I will praise Him with my song.

**“Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” ~ Gen 15:1b**

- **The High Priest didn't wear a literal Shield, because God was his Shield!**
- **When we accept Messiah's atonement & righteousness, we are Shielded by Him.**

**1Cor 5:20** We are therefore ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were making His appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God. He made the One who knew no sin to become a sin offering on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

# Let God Be Our Shield!

- Let God be your protector and defender, let God vindicate you:

**Psalm 33:20 Our soul waits for Adonai—He is our help and our shield. Our heart rejoices in Him, because we trusted in His holy Name.**

**Psalm 46:11 “Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth.”**

- We will cover later, faith inspires us to God instructed actions! “Be still and Know” as the Psalmist wrote means “*Don’t act on your own*” but rather “*Act with God*”.

**Proverbs 3:5 Trust (Faith) in Adonai with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding.**

# Faith Shield = God Driven Action! (Not Self)

**James 2:14-26** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but does not have works? Can such faith save him? So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith without works and I will show you faith by my works. But do you want to know, you empty person, that faith without works is dead? You see that faith worked together with his works, and by the works his faith was made complete. You see that a man is proved righteous by works and not by faith alone. For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

- **Abraham example: Isaac vs Ishmail**
- **Even “Biblically Good things” can be off if not lead by the Spirit **Acts 16****

# Shield of Faith Works With Other Weapons

- The Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit:

**2Corinthians 4:13** But we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, and therefore I spoke.” So we also believe, and therefore we also speak,

- Sandals of Good News and Shield of Faith working together:

**Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.

# God is our Shield through Obedience!

**Prov 2:7** He stores up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

- When we sin, we break faith, we lose our Shield:

**Numbers 5:6** “Say to Bnei-Yisrael: Whenever a man or woman commits any sins against any person, thus breaking faith with Adonai, that soul bears guilt.

**Ephesians 4:27** nor give the devil a foothold.

**Num 23:21** “No one has seen guilt in Ya`akov, or perceived perversity in Isra'el; Adonai their God is with them and acclaimed as king among them.

**Num 23:23** thus one can't put a spell on Ya`akov, no magic will work against Isra'el. It can now be said of Ya`akov and Isra'el, 'What is this that God has done?!"

# It's Never "Too Late" for God's Shield!

Zech 3:2 Adonai said to the Accuser, "May Adonai rebuke you, Accuser! Indeed, may Adonai, who has made Yerushalayim his choice, rebuke you! Isn't this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

1Sam 17:34-35 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. If it rose up against me, I grabbed him by its fur, struck it and killed it.

- Whether we are being burned or in the grasp of death itself, placing our Faith in God and acting on His direction through Faith will snatch victory from the Jaws of defeat! That's the Shield of Faith in action!

# It's Never "Too Late" for God's Shield!

**1Samuel 30:1-5** Now it came to pass, when David and his men returned to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire; taking the women in it captive, young and old, without killing anyone, but carried them off as they went their way. So when David and his men came to the town, behold, it was burned with fire—and their wives, their sons and their daughters had been taken captives. Then David and the troops with him lifted up their voice and wept until there was no more strength in them to weep. Even David's two wives were taken captive—Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's widow.

# It's Never "Too Late" for God's Shield!

**1 Samuel 30:6-8** So David was in a serious bind, for the troops were calling for his stoning, for all the troops were bitter of soul, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in Adonai his God. Then David said to Abiathar the kohen son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. David inquired of Adonai saying, "Should I pursue after this raiding band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue! For you will surely overtake and you will surely rescue!"

- David lost His Wives!
- David was about to be stoned by his own troops!
- Strengthens himself in the Lord by pursuing direction from God
- Utilizing the Urim & Thummim. We use the inward witness of the Spirit

# It's Never "Too Late" for God's Shield!

**1Samuel 30:17-20 David attacked them from the twilight until the evening of the next day. None of them escaped, except 400 young men who rode on camels and fled. So, David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and rescued his two wives. There was nothing of theirs missing, whether young or old, sons or daughters, spoils or anything else that had been carried off—David recovered everything. David took all the flocks and the herd that they had driven ahead of the other cattle, so they said, "This is David's spoil."**

- **David gains victory over enemy, even though defeat was certain.**
- **Recovers everything and everyone lost!**
- **Gains spoils!**
- **The Shield of Faith flipped the defeat into victory through Faith and Action. according to Gods word! Advances the battle!**

# Abidding in His Shield

**Psalm 91** He who dwells in the shelter of Elyon, will abide in the shadow of Shaddai. I will say of Adonai, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. For He will rescue you from the hunter’s trap and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness is body armor and shield. You will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that stalks in darkness, nor the scourge that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look on with your eyes and see the wicked paid back. For you have made Elyon your dwelling, even Adonai, who is my refuge, so no evil will befall you nor any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, trample the young lion and serpent. “Because he has devoted his love to Me, I will deliver him. I will set him securely on high, because he knows My Name. When he calls on Me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble, rescue him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

# Abidding in His Shield

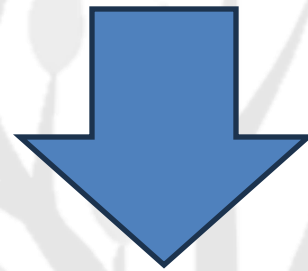
- Abiding not striving, not figuring it out on our own. **“He who dwells in the shelter of Elyon, will abide in the shadow of Shaddai”**
- Nearness first, action second .
- **“He will rescue you from the hunter’s trap”** Attacks we don’t see coming!

**Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is purified. He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words, or else He will rebuke You and prove you a liar.**

- The Shield is not something you hold between you and God, the Shield is God Himself between you and destruction. **“I will be with him in trouble, rescue him, and honor him.”**

# God Shields us from the Enemy

**Psalm 91:1 He who dwells in the shelter of Elyon, will abide in the shadow of Shaddai.**



**Rev 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God so they might take care of her for 1,260 days. (Think Goshen or Wilderness)**



**Psalm 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

# Overcomers through Faith!

**1John 5:4 For everyone born of God overcomes the world. And the victory that has overcome the world is this—our faith.**

**Revelation 14:12 Here is the perseverance of the kedoshim—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yeshua.**

**1Timothy 4:1 Now the Ruach clearly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, following deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.**

- **Don't set your Shield of Faith down!**
- **God is our Shield and when we place our Faith in Him, He is our Defender!**



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