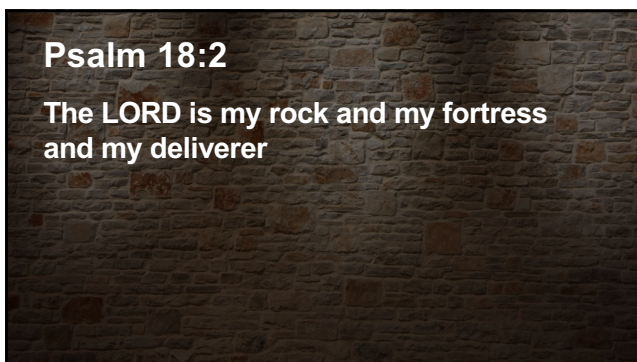




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Seals by covering head with helmet of salvation
Strengthens by girding with His Word
Stabilizes with Sure Feet
Secures with breastplate
Shields from weaponized words
Sword destroys barriers



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Why do we need armor and a sword?

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Ephesians 6:10-12
10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

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Ephesians 6:10-12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Ephesians 6:10-12 KJV

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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Greek Palē - Wrestle

wrestling (a contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck)

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2 Corinthians 12:2

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows

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Three Heavens in the Bible

Heavens	Levels
Visible Physical Heaven	First Heaven
Satanic Realm	Second Heaven
God's Throne	Third Heaven

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Well-Organized Hierarchy

"powers" alongside "principalities" and "rulers of darkness" suggests a well-organized hierarchy within the realm of evil, where different ranks of spiritual beings carry out specific roles and functions in their opposition to God's purposes.

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1 John 5:19

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

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Daniel 10:11-14

11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

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Daniel 10:11-14

12 Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

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Daniel 10:11-14

13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, 14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

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Hierarchy in the Devils Kingdom

Principalities	high-ranking evil spirits or demons that exert influence over regions, institutions, and nations. Influence religious, political and economic systems
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Hierarchy in the Devils Kingdom

Powers	Greek "exousia" is used to denote a specific rank or level within the hierarchy of evil spiritual beings that oppose God's will.
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Powers cause evil and corruption

"Powers" mentioned in Ephesians 6:12 are believed to be responsible for much of the evil, corruption, and moral decay seen in the world. Their influence is pervasive, affecting various aspects of life, including politics, culture, and individual behavior.

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How the Armor Helps Us

The Belt of Truth: Standing firm in the truth of God's word as a defense against deceptions promoted by these powers

The Breastplate of Righteousness: Living a life of righteousness as protection from the moral corruption and narcissism

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How the Armor Helps Us

The Shield of Faith: Trusting in God to defend against the doubts, fears, and spiritual attacks from these powers
The Sword of the Spirit: Using the Word of God as a defensive and offensive tool in spiritual warfare, countering the influence of these powers with truth

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What to do? Armor Up

1. Recognizing the Enemy
2. Spiritual Discernment
3. Dependence on God

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What to do? Armor Up

Recognizing the Enemy: Awareness of these powers helps believers recognize that their struggles are not merely against human opposition but against spiritual forces that seek to undermine their faith and relationship with God.

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What to do? Armor Up

Spiritual Discernment: Discernment is essential for identifying the influence of these powers in everyday life, whether through cultural pressures, personal temptations, or societal trends that contradict God's will.

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What to do? Armor Up

Dependence on God: The recognition of these formidable spiritual powers highlights the need for believers to rely on God's strength and the resources He provides, rather than their own abilities, to withstand and overcome these forces.

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