

Put on the Full Armor of God

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Hello Victory family.

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of this fast and share Father's heart. As we are walking through this fast, may we grow in the knowledge and revelation of the armor of God.

All of God's promises and purpose are fulfilled by and through Holy Spirit. In John 16:12–13 Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He the Spirit of truth [Holy Spirit], has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come" (NKJV). This is why our relationship with Holy Spirit is essential.

The armor of God is a weapon not to be taken lightly, nor is any of God's goodness. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:10–13:

Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 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 (NKJV).

As we pray each day and have our time with the Lord before leaving our home, we declare by faith the armor of God. As we get dressed to go to school or go to work, we must put on the armor of God. We need our spiritual weapons as much, or more, as everything else in our daily walk. As God's ecclesia (church) upon the earth, we are His legal representatives for the Kingdom of Heaven. Wow, that's a mouthful right there, but we can talk about that another time. For now, let's focus on the armor of God.

When you look at the armor of God in the book of Ephesians, you realize that each piece is a representation of Jesus's divine attributes for our lives. They represent His authority given to us through the cross and resurrection. And although I could speak on the whole armor, I want to focus on the breastplate of righteousness. Since the beginning of this year, the Lord impressed upon me that we need to guard our heart and faith. The Word of God says in Proverbs 4:23, "Guard your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (KJV).

The breastplate of righteousness not only reminds us that our righteousness comes from Jesus, but it protects our spiritual walk with Him. Through Holy Spirit, it guards the center of everything that is life. Think of this in the natural—all of your vital organs are there, and you are wearing body armor to protect them. The breastplate of righteousness does that for your spirit man. Remember, our natural man or body is temporal, but our spirit is eternal. God calls us to walk in victory. That is why walking with Holy Spirit and being in the Word is important. In 2 Timothy 3:16–17 the Apostle Paul writes, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (NKJV).

My prayer and declaration today over our family here at Victory, is that we walk in the fullness of who Christ is in our lives and that Holy Spirit would continue to reveal in greater measure all that He is in us—the Hope of Glory—and that the love of God would abound in us towards all.

Love you all!!!