



The Armor of God

Week 1 – Intro

Every single day there is a battle taking place all around us. A battle that cannot be physically seen. Too often, we try to fight spiritual battles with _____ strength, wisdom, and methods, only to find ourselves worn down and defeated. But God has not left His people unprepared or unaware. Throughout this study we will take a deeper look into the armor of God in Ephesians 6. Here God reveals to us the reality of this warfare, the identity of our enemy, and most importantly, how He has equipped us to _____. If we are going to live in victory, we must understand who our Captain is, recognize the enemy we face, and learn what it truly means to stand as a soldier equipped with the whole armor of God.

I. The Captain vs 10-11

- A. We need to know that God is on our side. Josh. 5:13-14; Isa. 55:4; Heb. 2:10
 - i. He is a man of war. Ex. 14:14, 15:3; Deut. 20:4; Ps. 24:8
- B. We need to know our _____ comes from him, and his power is in us. 2 Cor. 3:5; Rom. 8:11; 2 Tim. 1:7; Acts 1:8
 - i. That power already defeated the enemy. Eph. 1:19-23; Heb. 2:14; 1 Jn. 3:8; Col. 2:10-15
- C. Through his power, we are able to win battles we have no business winning. Josh. 6:1-2; Jud. 7; 1 Sam. 14
- D. The captain supplies the armor through the _____
 - Belt of Truth – Jn. 17:17
 - Breastplate of Righteousness – 2 Tim. 3:16
 - Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace. - Rom. 10:14-17
 - Shield of Faith – Rom. 10:17
 - Helmet of Salvation - 2 Tim. 3:15
 - Sword of the Spirit – Heb. 4:12

II. The Enemy vs 11-12

- A. The Devil - We are to stand against the wiles of the Devil. 2 Cor. 11:3,14; Mk. 13:22
 - i. Wiles - “a trick or stratagem practiced for ensnaring or deception; beguile.”
 - ii. He is subtle - Gen. 3:1-5; Ps. 55:21

iii. He is strategic – Lk. 22:31

iv. He manipulates people and circumstances - Matt. 16:21-23

B. Our enemy does not fight us _____

i. Principalities – Dan. 10:1-3, 10-13; Mt. 4:1-11 cf Eph. 2:2

ii. Powers – When powers are connected with principalities in the bible its usually referring to heavenly or angelic beings or powers. Rom. 8:38; Eph. 3:10, Col. 1:16, 2:15

iii. Rulers of the darkness of this world – 2 Cor. 4:4

iv. Spiritual wickedness in high places – Nimrod, Pharoah, Nebuchadnezzar, Haman, etc

III. **The Soldiers vs 13-18** We must put on the _____ armor of God.

A. In contrast with worldly armor. 1 Sam. 17: 26, 37, 45-47

i. God is not looking for a physical soldier to fight, but rather a spiritual soldier to stand.

- Eph. 6:11, 13-14; Ek. 22:30.

ii. He is looking for those willing to stand in the face of evil. Gal. 2:11

B. A soldier cannot be distracted by the things around them. 2 Tim. 2:3-4

C. A physical soldier knows his weaknesses; a spiritual soldier embraces his weaknesses.
2 Cor. 12:9-10; Ps. 73:26