

The Armor of God

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breast-plate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” (Ephesians 6:10-20)

The Lord God had lavished His love on us when He sent to us His only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ when He came to the world He called people to follow Him and serve Him. He taught them His Word, and He taught them how to live their lives for Him. He showed them miracles and taught them how to cast out demons and evil spirits. At the end of His mission on earth the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life to us when died on the cross for our sins. He was buried but rose from the dead on third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. After His resurrection from the dead Jesus ascend to heaven. But before He ascent to heaven The Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His apostles with this command, *“All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mathew 28: 18-20)*

This commission is also for us to obey and follow in our lives; to go and preach the gospel and to make disciples who would follow the Lord. Worthy to mention also that when the Lord Jesus sent us to preach the gospel, to heal the sick and to drive out demons He gave us power and authority. He did not send us empty hands, but He filled us with power and authority as He said, *“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.” (Luke10:19)*

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the armor of God to stand firm in faith in Him, and to fight the powers of darkness, which are devil and his demons, *“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”*

Stand firm; His Word is clear to us, ‘Stand firm.’

- 1) **Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist:** The belt of truth is the Word of God. Pantaloons without belt it will be dragged down. In the same way a Christian without the Word of God is a shaky Christian; he cannot stand firm against Satan in this world if he does not know the Word of God well.
- 2) **Stand firm then, with the breast plate of righteousness in place:** This is the holiness that God commanded every believer to live in. If we live in sin we cannot fight Satan; we would be defeated. Because how we can say that we are fighting Satan if we are doing the same evil he is doing.
- 3) **Stand firm then, with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace:** Every one of us should use his feet to bring him to places to preach the gospel, and where God would be glorified. If you go with your feet to wrong places or where God did not ask you to go, as if you are going and moving bare foot.
- 4) **In addition to all this take up the shield of faith:** Faith in God and in His power, as well as fixing our eyes on Jesus will build our faith in Him. As we listen and obey His Word our faith will be strengthened, and this faith you can use to stand and fight against Satan. By our faith in God we can distinguish the flaming arrows that Satan would shoot against us.
- 5) **Take the helmet of salvation:** This is to protect your head and mind. If we are wounded in the head we cannot continue to fight the enemy. Covering the head with the helmet imply also our submission to God, His Son Jesus Christ, His Word, His church and to the pastor whom God had placed over us in the Lord. Submission to the above authorities will protect us.
- 6) **Take the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God:** The Holy Spirit will go before us as long as we carry the Word of God to the people. If we use empty words not the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will not work for us.
- 7) **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints:** The back of the soldier will be given to the peer soldier of the same army in order for him to be protected. As we pray for one another in the Spirit we are protecting one another. The prayer is to fit in the missing part of the armor of God and that is the back of the soldier.

My Dear and Beloved: Check yourself, and check your armor. Are all parts there, are all parts intact? If there are things need to be repaired do it today. Remember you are a soldier and God had called you to serve Him as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord forgive me my shortcomings as I disobeyed what Your Word declares. Please Father, perfect me and help me to realize my defects. I am willing to fully submit myself to You and to Your Word. Use me Lord for Your glory. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.