

## VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"The Reality of the Armor" Part 2

Ephesians 6:14-17

### INTRODUCTION: SIX PIECES OF THE ARMOR OF GOD

#### 1. Ephesians 6:10-17

2. Remember - *"Spiritual warfare is that conflict being waged in the invisible, spiritual realm that is being manifest in the visible physical realm."*

3. Last week we talked about the **NEED** for the Armor of God.

- a) Because of our **OPPOSITION** - Satan
- b) Because the victory is already **WON**.
- c) Because of the **EVIL DAY**

### I. THE BELT OF TRUTH

#### 1. Vs 14

- a) *"Stand therefore, having fastened the Belt of Truth."*

2. The truth referred to here does not refer to the gospel as such but to a believer's integrity and faithfulness.

- a) Satan cannot exist in the environment of Integrity.
- b) A Biblical Worldview gives freedom with self, others and God.

### II. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### 1. Vs 14

- a) *"having put on the breastplate of righteousness."*

2. The Breastplate protected the soldiers Chest and Heart.

3. For the believer the very best protection for your heart in spiritual warfare is Christ's Righteousness.

### III. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

#### 1. Ephesians 6:15 WOW

## 2. In Vs 11-14

- a) "**stand**" - means don't move. Don't give up one inch of the territory Jesus has won back from Satan.

## A. WE MUST BE READY TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

### 1. Vs 15

- a) "**and, as shoes for your feet...**"

- 1) These shoes had cleats on them much like football cleats, or soccer cleats.
- 2) The goal here is to always be upright standing.

- b) "**having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace**"

- 1) I think Paul is saying that we must be prepared with the proper footwear.

### 2. Romans 1:1ff

## B. SO PEOPLE CAN BE AT PEACE WITH GOD

### 1. Vs 15

- a) "**The Gospel of peace**"

### 2. The Gospel is all about PEACE.

- a) **Peace with God**

- 1) Peace with God only comes through a Salvation experience. Regeneration.

- b) **The Peace of God** He gives to His children each day.

3. So when we are prepared with the Peace of God and Peace with God we are ready to engage in spiritual warfare.

- a) We should expect turmoil.

4. But even when we are weary, our peace of God and our Peace with God like shoes on our feet we can handle whatever Satan brings against us.

### 5. Vs 15

- a) "**having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace.**"

#### IV. THE SHIELD OF FAITH

1. Vs 16a

2. Vs 16b

a) *"with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one"*

3. The shield of faith is able to protect you from anything Satan can throw at you.

a) The Romans would cover these shields with animal skins and wet them so when flaming arrows or darts hit them they would be extinguished.

4. So what are the fiery darts? Could be any number of things.

- a) A family crisis
- b) A financial crisis
- c) A health crisis
- d) Emotional crisis

5. But notice **Psalm 64:1-4**

a) This Psalm is the Psalm of the poisonous tongue.

6. **Psalm 64:1-2**

a) Vs 3

1) *"who whet their tongues like swords"*

2) *"whet"* - means to sharpen.

a) Buck knife for Christmas and oil stone.

b) Vs 3

1) *"who aim bitter words like arrows"*

7. I BELIEVE WORDS CAN BE USED AS FLAMING ARROWS

8. **QUESTION:** What is this shield of faith that is able to protect you from the arrows of Satan.

9. **ANSWER:** It's acting on the truth of God's Word!!!

a) We have the truth!!!!!!!!!!!!

b) The Bible says, *Let God be true and every man a liar.*"

10. Joshua 6

#### V. THE HELMET OF SALVATION

1. Vs 17a

a) *"and take the helmet of salvation"*

2. Obviously the helmet protects the head, the control center of the body.
3. One of the goals of the devil is to get us to doubt our Salvation.
  - a) With our helmet protecting us we have the authority we need to take control of our circumstances.
  - b) To know we are saved and protect that knowledge.
4. To remember we are righteous and we are saved.
  - a) And to fight from the position of victory.

5. *Philippians 4:13*

6. *Hebrews 2:9*

## VI. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

1. Vs 17b

a) *"and the sword of the Spirit"*

2. The Sword referred to here was Soldiers short sword, not his long sword.

3. This short sword was used for close quarter fighting and could really mess a person up.

4, *Hebrews 4:12*

5. Vs 17b

a) *"which is the word of God."*

1) "word" - Gk. "rhema" which means utterance

6. **WOW...WOW...** The word Paul uses here does not refer to the Bible as a whole but to the spoken word.

7. **Matthew 4:1ff**

## CONCLUSION:

1. God equips us with His Armor - **Ephesians 6:14-17**