

12-C The Armor of God

- 1. EPH 6:10** Finally, my brethren (*adelphos*), **be strong (*endunamoo*) in the Lord and in the power (*kratos*) of His might.** 11 **Put on THE WHOLE ARMOR (*panoplia*) OF GOD, that you may be able TO STAND (*histemi*) AGAINST THE WILES (*methodeia*) OF THE DEVIL (*diabolos*).** 12 **For we do not wrestle (*pale*) against flesh and blood, but against principalities (*arche*), against powers (*exousia*), against the rulers (*kosmokrator*) of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness (*poneria*) in the heavenly places.** 13 **Therefore take up THE WHOLE ARMOR (*panoplia*) OF GOD, that you may be able to withstand (*antihistemi*) IN THE EVIL (*PONEROS*) DAY, and having done all, to stand (*histemi*).** 14 **Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth (*aletheia*), having put on the breastplate (*thorax*) of righteousness (*dikaiosune*),** 15 **and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel (*euaggelion*) of peace;** 16 **above all, taking the shield (*thureos*) of faith (*pistis*) with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (*poneros*) one.** 17 **And take the helmet (*perikephalaia*) of salvation (*soterion*), and the sword (*machaira*) of the Spirit (*pneuma*), which is the word (*RHEMA*) of God;** 18 **PRAYING (*proseuchomai*) ALWAYS (*EN KAIROS PAS*) with all prayer (*proseuche*) and supplication (*deesis*) in the Spirit (*pneuma*), being watchful (*agrupneo*) to this end with all perseverance (*proskarteresis*) and supplication for all the saints (*hagios*)—**
- 2. NUM 33:53** **‘YOU SHALL DISPOSSESS THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND and dwell in it, for I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE LAND TO POSSESS.**
- 3. DEU 3:18** **‘Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘the LORD your God HAS GIVEN you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over ARMED before your brethren, the children of Israel.**
- 4. DEU 8:1** **‘EVERY COMMANDMENT WHICH I COMMAND YOU TODAY YOU MUST BE CAREFUL TO OBSERVE, that you may live and multiply, and go in and POSSESS THE LAND of which the Lord swore to your fathers.**
- 5. LUK 21:19** **In your patience POSSESS YE YOUR SOULS.**
- 6. IPE 1:9** **receiving the end of your faith—THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.**

One principle we must always keep in mind is that all the stories and illustrations in the Old Testament are given to teach us **SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES**. One dominant story in the OT is that of the **PROMISED LAND**, which God stated that He ‘gave’ to His people, but that they would still have to go and **fight in faith** for the land, **to destroy completely the current occupants** of the land, before they could ‘**POSSESS THE LAND**’. The people fought both individually and also corporately, for one another. What spiritual application does this story have for us today? In the OT, God’s people fought in faith to drive out the evil inhabitants of the land, to destroy them completely so THEY could possess **THE LAND** and its fruit. In the NT, we are told that the purpose or end of our faith is to possess **OUR SOULS**. Therefore, the promised land is a type of our **SOULS**, which we must fight in faith to possess, displacing the former evil inhabitants. Who are these former inhabitants? **SATAN & HIS DEMONS !!!** The principle here is that each of us by faith must fight to **possess our own souls**, by destroying completely all the former demonic inhabitants that we picked up before we were saved, and maintain that possession by countering any subsequent attacks of the enemy.

Spiritual Warfare

- 7. ISA 59:19** **So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.**
- 8. ROM 7:22** **For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, WARRING against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.**
- 9. 1CO 9:26** **Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. THUS I FIGHT: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**
- 10. 2CO 2:10** **Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices (*noema*).**
- 11. 2CO 10:3** **For though we walk in the flesh, WE DO NOT WAR ACCORDING TO THE FLESH. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into**
- 12. HEB 12:4** **You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.**
- 13. JAM 4:7** **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**
- 14. IPE 2:11** **Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which WAR AGAINST THE SOUL,**
- 15. IPE 5:8** **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**

16. **1JO 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**
17. **1JO 4:4** **You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**
18. **REV 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

Be Strong in the Lord, and in the Power of His Might

19. **DEU 11:25** **“NO MAN SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST YOU; the Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.**
20. **DEU 20:3** **“And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; 4 ‘for THE LORD YOUR GOD IS HE WHO GOES WITH YOU, TO FIGHT FOR YOU against your enemies. TO SAVE YOU.’**
21. **PSA 18:32** It is God who **arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to MAKE WAR,** So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. **35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;** Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.
22. **PSA 28:8** **The Lord is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**
23. **PSA 138:3** In the day **when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.**
24. **ISA 26:4** Trust in the Lord forever, For **in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.**
25. **ISA 40:31** but **those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**
26. **ISA 41:10** **Fear not, for I am with you;** Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’
27. **ZEC 4:6** So he answered and said to me: **“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.**
28. **ROM 8:37** Yet **IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.**
29. **2CO 12:9** And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
30. **PHI 4:13** **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**
31. **EPH 3:16** **that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**

Put on the Whole Armor (<i>panoplia</i>) of God
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32. **JER 46:3** **“Order the buckler and shield, And draw near to battle! 4 Harness the horses, And mount up, you horsemen! Stand forth with your helmets, Polish the spears, PUT ON THE ARMOR!**
33. **LUK 11:20** **“But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 “But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he TAKES FROM HIM ALL HIS ARMOR in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. 24 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 “And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 “Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”**
34. **ROM 13:12** **The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS, and LET US PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**
35. **2CO 6:4** But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, **7 BY THE WORD OF TRUTH, BY THE POWER OF GOD, BY THE ARMOR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS on the right hand and on the left,**
36. **2CO 10:3** For **though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the WEAPONS of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**
37. **GAL 3:27** For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have PUT ON Christ.**
38. **COL 3:9** Do not lie to one another, since **you have PUT OFF the old man** with his deeds, **10 and have PUT ON THE NEW MAN** who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

That You May Be Able to Stand Against the Wiles of the Devil

39. **EPH 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, **BY THE TRICKERY OF MEN, IN THE CUNNING CRAFTINESS OF DECEITFUL PLOTTING**, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
40. **2CO 2:10** Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 **LEST SATAN SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US; FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES (NOEMA)**.
41. **2CO 4:4** **WHOSE MINDS (NOEMA) THE GOD OF THIS AGE HAS BLINDED, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**
42. **2CO 11:3** But I fear, lest somehow, **AS THE SERPENT DECEIVED EVE BY HIS CRAFTINESS, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**
43. **LUK 21:36** “**Watch therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.**”
44. **1CO 10:12** Therefore **let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.** 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.**
45. **JUD 24** Now **to HIM WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,**

THE BELT OF TRUTH

46. **EPH 6:14** Stand therefore, **having GIRDED YOUR WAIST WITH TRUTH...**
47. **EXO 12:11** ‘And **thus you shall eat it: with A BELT ON YOUR WAIST, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.**
48. **EXO 29:9** “And **you shall GIRD THEM with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.**
49. **1KI 18:46** Then **the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and HE GIRDED UP HIS LOINS and ran ahead of Ahab** to the entrance of Jezreel.
50. **ISA 11:5** **Righteousness shall be THE BELT OF HIS LOINS, And faithfulness THE BELT OF HIS WAIST.**
51. **PSA 93:1** The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; **The Lord is clothed, HE HAS GIRDED HIMSELF WITH STRENGTH.** Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.
52. **ISA 45:5** I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. **I WILL GIRD YOU, though you have not known Me,**
53. **JOH 4:24** “**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**”
54. **REV 3:10** “**Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.**

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

55. **PHI 3:9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS FROM GOD BY FAITH;**
56. **ISA 59:16** He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; **Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.** 17 For **HE PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A BREASTPLATE, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak**
57. **EXO 28:15** “**You shall make THE BREASTPLATE OF JUDGMENT. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of THE EPHOD you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it.**
58. **1KI 3:9** “Therefore **give to Your servant AN UNDERSTANDING HEART TO JUDGE YOUR PEOPLE, THAT I MAY DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.** For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”
59. **PSA 94:15** But **judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.**
60. **PRO 2:7** **He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;** 8 He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

STANDING ON THE GOSPEL

61. **EPH 6:15** and **having SHOD YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;**
62. **ISA 52:6** Therefore **My people shall know My name;** Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: ‘Behold, it is I.’ ” 7 **How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings GOOD**

NEWS, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

63. **ROM 10:15** And **how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"**
64. **1CO 15:1** Moreover, brethren, **I declare to you THE GOSPEL which I preached to you**, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For **I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, 4 and **that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures**.
65. **GAL 5:16** I say then: **WALK in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**. 17 For **the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish**.

THE HELMET OF SALVATION [YESHUA]

66. **PSA 140:7** O God the Lord, the strength of MY SALVATION, You have COVERED MY HEAD in the day of battle.
67. **ISA 59:16** He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 **For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a HELMET OF SALVATION ON HIS HEAD**; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
68. **1CO 2:16** For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ**.
69. **2CO 10:3** For **though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh**. 4 For **the WEAPONS of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds**, 5 **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing EVERY THOUGHT into captivity to the obedience of Christ**,
70. **EPH 4:14** **that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting**, 15 **but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him WHO IS THE HEAD—CHRIST**— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
71. **PHI 2:5** **Let this MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**,
72. **COL 1:18** And **He is THE HEAD of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
73. **1TH 5:8** But **let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and AS A HELMET THE HOPE OF SALVATION**. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
74. **1PE 4:1** Therefore, **since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, ARM YOURSELVES ALSO WITH THE SAME MIND, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin**,

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - THE WORD OF GOD

75. **HEB 4:12** For **THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.
76. **ISA 49:2** And **HE HAS MADE MY MOUTH LIKE A SHARP SWORD; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me**, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me."
77. **ACT 5:32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. 33 **When they heard that, they were CUT TO THE HEART**, and took counsel to slay them.
78. **2CO 6:7** **by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left**,
79. **PSA 149:4** For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 **Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a TWO-EDGED SWORD IN THEIR HAND**,
80. **REV 1:16** He had in His right hand seven stars, **out of His mouth went A SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD**, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.
81. **REV 2:16** **'Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH**.
82. **REV 19:11** Now **I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse**. And **He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war**. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. **He had a name written that no one knew except Himself**. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and **His name is called The Word of God**. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed

in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now **OUT OF HIS MOUTH GOES A SHARP SWORD, that with it He should strike the nations.** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 **And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** 21 **And the rest were killed with THE SWORD WHICH PROCEEDED FROM THE MOUTH OF HIM WHO SAT ON THE HORSE.** And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

83. **EPH 6:16** above all, taking **THE SHIELD OF FAITH** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
84. **GEN 15:1** After these things **the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I AM YOUR SHIELD, your exceedingly great reward.”**
85. **PSA 3:2** Many are they who say of me, “There is no help for him in God.” Selah 3 But **You, O LORD, ARE A SHIELD FOR ME, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.**
86. **PSA 33:20** **Our soul waits for the Lord; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.**
87. **PSA 35:1** Plead my cause, **O Lord,** with those who strive with me; **Fight against those who fight against me.** 2 **TAKE HOLD OF SHIELD AND BUCKLER, AND STAND UP FOR MY HELP.** 3 Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. **Say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”** 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation.
88. **PRO 30:5** **Every word of God is pure; He is a SHIELD to those who put their trust in Him.**
89. **1TI 6:12** **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**
90. **IPE 1:5** **who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.
91. **IJO 5:4** **For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.** 5 **Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

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