



TREE OF LIFE
TABERNACLE

PROVERBS 3:18

The FULL Armor of God

Ephesians Six

Part Five

Part Three, Highlights: Forces of Darkness

- Ephesians 6:12 says: *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the worldly forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*
- This doesn't mean we never wrestle with people. Paul himself was constantly opposed by human leaders — synagogue rulers, Roman officials, hostile crowds. But he's pointing deeper:
- The ultimate battle is not humans themselves. Behind human conflict are greater powers at work, shaping, influencing, and manipulating.
- Not super-mutant Nephilim, but men, elected leaders under demonic influence. We have 7 “beast” empire examples in scripture. Rome was one of them.
- 4 classes of Demons: 1.the rulers (Arkay G746), 2. the powers (Exousia G1849), 3.the worldly forces of this darkness (kosmokratōr G2888), 4.the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Pneumatika tes Ponerias G4152, 4189,2032).
- Messiah is seated above them all **Eph 1:20-23**, **Col 2:10** & **v15**. And we are seated with the Messiah! **Eph 2:5-7** *“And He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places”*

Part Four, Highlights: The Belt of Truth

- It's our responsibility to stand against evil, not pray that God removes it! He delegated authority to us to do so. (Pray to confuse the enemy **Psa 55:10/Isa 19:3**)
- The belt of truth has its origins in the Tanakh, it preexisted the “Roman Soldier model” Read **Isaiah 11:5** → **Psa 85:11-12** & **Psa 119:142**
- The belt of truth is centered around tightening our thoughts, and not letting the thoughts of the enemy reproduce. **1Peter 1:13** “Buckle/Brace” Its for our mind!
- Only 4% of Americans have a “Biblical Worldview” We’ve lost the battle here! And we’re seeing the repercussions of that now! Lack of Torah in the Church!
- We’re tearing down false arguments, and we take every thought captive to the obedience of the Messiah! **2Cor 10:3-6**
- Scripture is truth! And its good for: Teaching, Reproof, Restoration & Training in Righteousness, so that we may be capable and equipped! **1Tim 3:15-17**
- Replace worldly thoughts with Godly ones **Isa 55:8-9** & **Rom 12:1-2** so we will have discernment (what's from God) and won't be naked **2Cor 5:2-4, Rev 16:15**

The Spiritual Weaponry

2Corinthians 6:4-7 On the contrary, we try to commend ourselves in every way as workers for God by continually enduring troubles, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, overwork, lack of sleep and food. We commend ourselves by our purity, knowledge, patience and kindness; by the Ruach HaKodesh; by genuineness of love and truthfulness of speech; and by God's power. We commend ourselves through our use of righteous weapons, whether for pressing our cause or defending it;

2Corinthians 10:3-4 For although we do live in the world, we do not wage war in a worldly way; because the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds. We demolish arguments

- Read Psalm 18:38-40 & 144:1

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm then! Buckle the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

- From the Tanakh, preexisting the “Roman Soldier” model...

Exo 28:28-31 Then they will bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue thread, so that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate will not come loose from it. “Aaron will bear the names of Bnei-Yisrael in the breastplate of judgment on his heart, whenever he enters the holy place, as a continual memorial before Adonai. Also put the Urim and the Thummim within the breastplate of judgment, so they will be on Aaron’s heart when he goes in before Adonai. Aaron will bear the judgment of Bnei-Yisrael on his heart before Adonai continually. You are to make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

- The Torah gives us the High Priest's breastplate, set with 12 stones, one for each tribe. This is for intercession and justice (mishpat, מִשְׁפָּט). Read **Genesis 18:25-33**
“Far be it from You to do such a thing—to cause the righteous to die with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked share the same fate! Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of the whole world not exercise justice?”
- The High Priest literally bore righteousness and judgment over his heart, symbolizing **God's perfect justice and mercy combined. GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS!**
- This is foreshadowing the Spirit, where God speaks to our Hearts (Spirit). Urim/Turim **The Breastplate is for our Heart (Spirit). [Heart, Mind, Mouth / Spirit, Soul, Body]**
- This concept matures in **Isaiah 59**, where righteousness (tzedakah) and justice (mishpat) become the very “armor” of God in battle against sin.
- The priestly breastplate (intercession) becomes the prophetic breastplate (divine justice); both fulfilled in Messiah, and then extended to His people.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Isaiah 59:16-17 He saw that there was no one—He was astonished that no one was interceding. Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation on His head. He clothed Himself in robes of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as a cloak. Rev 19:11

- Here, YHWH Himself is the divine warrior putting on righteousness (Tzedakah, צְדָקָה) as His breastplate, a symbol of His **just and holy nature**. In context, **Isaiah 59** describes how God looked upon injustice and found no intercessor, so He arms Himself for battle to bring redemption and justice. Paul, later, applies this same armor metaphor to believers, who are called to embody that same righteousness, not our own, but God's. **GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

The Breastplate of Righteousness

- The Breastplate protects your heart:

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart (Spirit) diligently, for from it flow the springs of life.

- It starts with the mind, gets into your heart and soul, then an action.

- **Proverbs 22:5, 23:19 & Matt 5:21**

- Impurities aimed at your heart are designed to kill you!

- **James 1:15** Guard it with Gods Righteousness...

- Flow with the right things or we wont live life to the fullest **John 10:10.**
We don't have to suffer needlessly.

- God is Righteous, the Breastplate gets its righteousness from God:

Psa 85:14 Righteousness is going before Him and prepares a way for His feet.

Relational Righteousness

- Because he never changes! *James 1:17* “*in Him there is no variation*”
- He never changes His character, He is the same yesterday, today and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*
- He is NOT evil, He permits evil to happen because He respects the authority He gave us. We permit evil!
- Righteousness is a **relational position** that a subordinate assumes with a greater superior.
 - The moon orbits the earth: The moon is subordinate to the earth.
 - The earth orbits the sun:
 - The Sun's mass and gravity is greater than the mass and gravity of the earth:
 - Therefore, the earth revolves around the sun. A relational position

Relational Righteousness

- We have a relational tie to God, He is greater, we are subordinate to Him.
- In other words... Our righteousness is dependent (revolves around) God's greater righteousness.

Philippians 1:9-11 Now this I pray, that your love might overflow still more and more in knowledge and depth of discernment, in order to approve what is excellent—so that in the Day of Messiah you may be sincere and blameless (Pure), filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Yeshua the Messiah, to the glory and praise of God.

- **W.E Vines expository:** Righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just in God's eyes.
- We are not right because of sin, our sin, inherited sin, born into sin:
Gen 8:21, Job 14:4, Rom 3:10-12, Psa 51:5, 58:3

Relational Righteousness

- Sin must be dealt with before we can be righteous.
- God's Righteous 100% of the time!
- He's dealing with our sin and the enemy, or He wouldn't be just.

Psalm 89:15 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

Deut 32:4-5 The Rock—blameless is His work. Indeed, all His ways are just. God of faithfulness without iniquity, righteous and upright is He. Did it corrupt Him? No! The blemish is His children's—a generation crooked and twisted.

Relational Righteousness

1Corinthians 15:21-22 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also has come through a Man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah will all be made alive

- Sin and wickedness came through a man, so salvation and righteousness comes through Yeshua!

Rom 5:17-21 For if by the one man's transgression, death reigned through the one, how much more shall those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Messiah Yeshua. So then, through the transgression of one, condemnation came to all men; likewise, through the righteousness of one came righteousness of life to all men. For just as through the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of one man, many will be set right forever. Now the Torah came in so that transgression might increase. But where sin increased, grace overflowed even more— so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness, to eternal life through Messiah Yeshua our Lord.

Wickedness is the opposite of Righteousness: Psalm 1:6 & Proverbs 11:5

“Imputed” Righteousness

- **Justice:** The enemy won't confess, they sinned without a tempter, they sinned willfully. They will be judged.
- The sin of man has been covered, an option to confess Yeshua as Lord and confess your sins.
- The sin of man will be covered, the sin of the enemy will not be!
We were tempted, but a man representing us died in our place, so we have **“imputed” righteousness.**
- Meaning: We’ve been given credit for being righteous, not because we are perfect, but because we have accepted Gods remedy!
- **“Imputed Righteousness”** is in opposition to **“Self Righteousness”**
- EX: Abrahams miss steps of faith, he wasn’t perfect in every action. But he believed and acted! **He believed in the substitute** (Yeshua) **Genesis 15:6**
Psalms 32:2 Blessed is the one whose guilt Adonai does not count, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Relational Righteousness

- Righteousness is relational, not with myself, but with God!
- It gives us confidence in right standing with God, we can't stand if we are unsure or unaware of our standing with God.

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- Submit to God, the power comes from Him!
- Example: Sons of Sceva **Acts 19:11-20** *“But some traveling Jewish exorcists also tried to invoke the name of the Lord Yeshua”*
- Right relationship is more important than authority of the devil. Read **Luke 10:17-20** *“Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in the heavens.”* It's good to have both!

Relational Righteousness

- Our Righteousness follows the Messiah! Who God placed at His right hand in Heaven **Ephesians 1:20-21** and we are seated with Him:

Eph 2:5-7 Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Messiah. (By grace you have been saved!) And He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua— to show in the olam ha-ba the measureless richness of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Yeshua.

- Imputed Righteousness vs Self Righteousness:

Rom 10:1-4 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have zeal for God—but not based on knowledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God. For Messiah is the goal of the Torah as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.

Relational Righteousness

- If you are not in right relationship with God, intent on your own righteousness. You are automatically at odds with receiving Gods Righteousness through the Messiah. Religion does this!
- It says... *“I’m good with my own righteousness, I don’t need you.”*
- The enemy got my brother through religion.
- Don’t have your nose down towards sinners! The second we do that we’ve ceased standing in Gods Righteousness and begin standing in our own!
- We have nothing of our own! What we do have is on loan from God. That helps us love others 😊
- When we accept Gods Righteousness, the accuser of the brethren has nothing to attack us with!

God's Righteousness!

- Available to everyone:

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, training us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live in a manner that is self-controlled and righteous and godly in the present age.

- It cleans us up and gives us the power to stay right, but it's Gods Righteousness, not my own and we know where it came from. That keeps it in perspective!

God's Righteousness!

Titus 3:5-8 not by deeds of righteousness which we had done ourselves, but because of His mercy—He saved us through the mikveh of rebirth and renewing of the Ruach ha-Kodesh, whom He abundantly poured out on us through Messiah Yeshua our Savior, so that being set right by His grace, we might become heirs with the confident hope of eternal life! Trustworthy is the saying, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have put their trust in God may be careful to devote themselves to good deeds. These things are good and beneficial for people.

Titus 3:14 And let our people learn to devote themselves to doing mitzvot to meet urgent needs, so they will not be unfruitful.

- God's Righteousness causes us to do righteousness, through His righteousness! **Eph 2:8-10**

God's Righteousness!

Deuteronomy 6:24–25 “Adonai commanded us to do all these statutes—to fear Adonai our God—for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today. It will be righteousness for us if we take care to do all this commandment before Adonai our God, just as He has commanded us.”

Deuteronomy 24:13 “You must surely return the pledge to him at sunset so that he may sleep in his own cloak and bless you, and it will be righteousness for you before Adonai your God.”

- In Deuteronomy, “righteousness” was credited to Israel when they walked in obedience — but always pointing forward to something greater.
- In Titus, Paul reveals that ultimate righteousness comes not through our doing but through God’s mercy and renewal by the Spirit.
- It’s not a contradiction — it’s fulfillment:
- What the Torah described externally (“do this and live”), the Spirit now writes internally (“be renewed and live”).
- So, in Yeshua, “it will be righteousness for you” becomes “He is our righteousness” (**Jeremiah 23:6; 1 Corinthians 1:30**).

God's Righteousness!

- **Genesis 15:6** *“Then he believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.”*

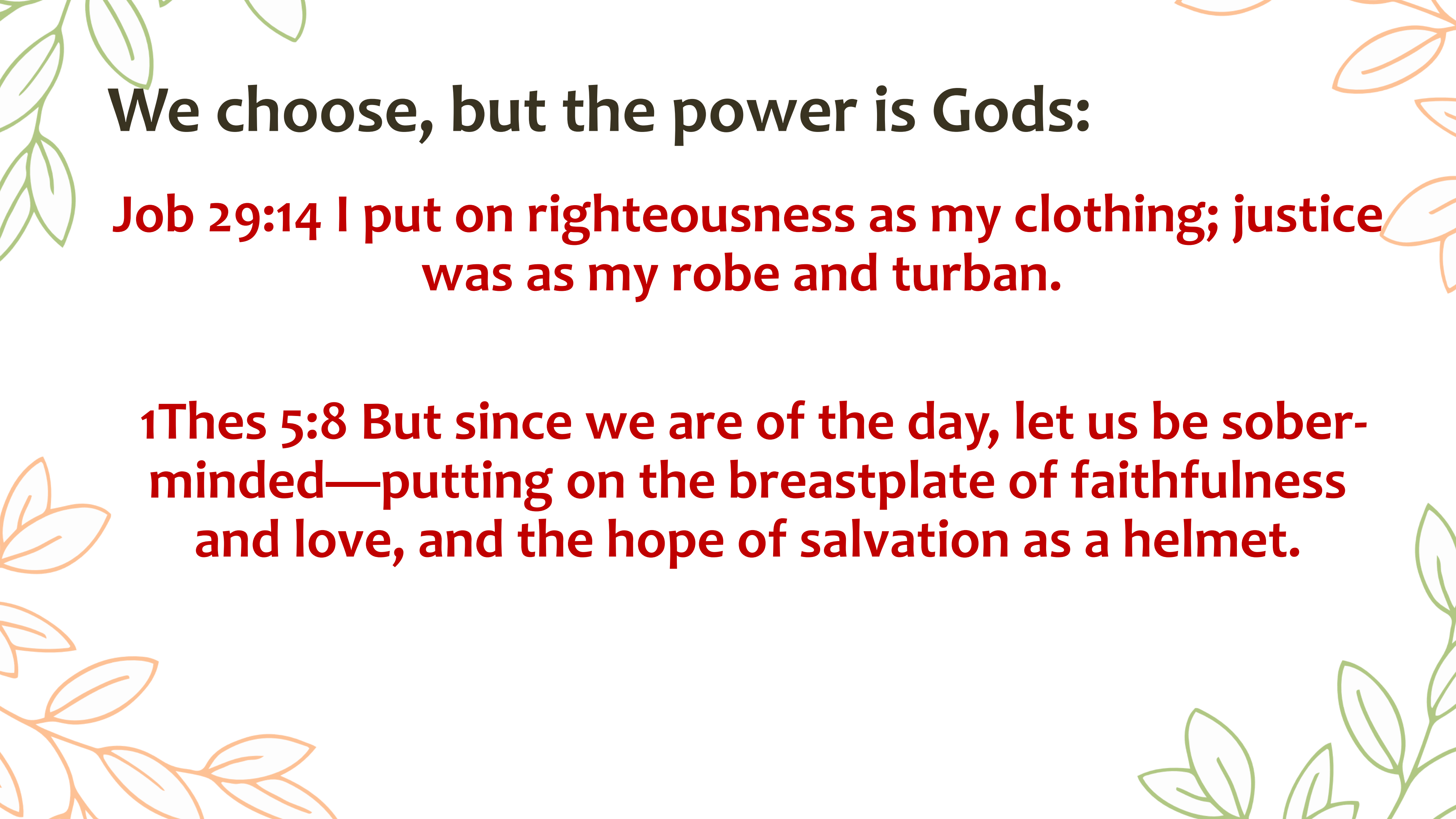
Faith credited as righteousness (Abraham's pattern fulfilled in Messiah).

- **Isaiah 61:10** *“He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He wrapped me in a robe of righteousness.”*

God Himself becomes the giver of righteousness.

- **Romans 10:4** *“For Messiah is the goal of the Torah as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.”*

Yeshua completes what the Torah anticipated — righteousness by faith.



We choose, but the power is Gods:

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was as my robe and turban.

1Thes 5:8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober-minded—putting on the breastplate of faithfulness and love, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

The Armor of Light!

Romans 13:12-14 The night is almost gone and the day is near, so let us put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the day—not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and envy. Instead, put on the Lord Messiah Yeshua, and stop making provision for the flesh—for its cravings.

(Read **1Cor 5:21**)



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