

PROVERBS 3:18

The FULL Armor of God

Ephesians Six

Part Four

Part Two, Highlights: Methods of Enemy

- Gods Armor gives us an ability to do something we couldn't do without it, like work tools or equipment.
- The Armor is for all 3 aspects of us: Spirit, Soul and Body 1Thes 5:23
- We must "stand" against the enemy and his tactics. Enduring to the end, Mat 24:13 & Standing James 1:12 Standing in Covenant Duet 29
- We shouldn't be obsessed with darkness, nor should we be ignorant of the Devil's schemes (Methods)
 - **2Cor 2:11** so that we might not be outwitted by satan—for we are not ignorant of his schemes.
- Satan uses <u>THREE</u> tools through <u>THIRTEEN</u> methods: 1. Lies, 2. Fear, 3. Pride. To achieve his three goals: 1. Steal, 2. Murder & 3. Destroy John 10:10

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"

Ephesians 6:13-14

Ephesians 6:13-14 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the times are evil, and after you have done everything, to stand firm. v14 Stand firm then! Buckle the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

- This is the second time "take up the **FULL** Armor" is commanded see v11
- This is the second and third time we are commanded to "stand" see v11
- It is **OUR** responsibility to STAND against the forces of evil! We don't pray that God takes the evil away, it is OUR responsibility to stand against it.
- God is a good leader! And He doesn't undermine the authority that delegated to us!

Our Delegated Authority

Gen 1:28 God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the land, and conquer it. Rule over the fish of the sea, the flying creatures of the sky, and over every animal that crawls on the land."

- · H3533
- עביש
- kâbash
- kaw-bash'
- A primitive root; to tread down; hence negatively to disregard; positively to conquer, subjugate, violate: bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, bring into subjection.

Our Delegated Authority

Psalm 8:4-7 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You established— what is man, that You are mindful of him? And the son of man, that You care for him? Yet You made him a little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and majesty! You gave him dominion over the works of Your hands. You put all things under their feet:

- · H4910
- בּיִשַל
- mâshal
- maw-shal'
- A primitive root; to *rule:* (have, make to have) dominion, governor, X indeed, reign, (bear, cause to, have) rule (-ing, -r), have power.

Our Delegated Authority

- He delegated authority to us, power to make our own decisions. And He respects our will and decisions. You can choose to obey Him and seek Him, or not.
- God respects the authority that He delegates.
- He stood by and allowed Adam and Chavah to make the wrong decision.
- He expects us to USE the authority that we have!
- We have a responsibility to stand against the devil!

Mark 16:17a These signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons;

Eph 4:27 nor (do you) give the devil a foothold.

James 4:7 Therefore <u>submit to God</u>. **But resist the devil** and <u>he will flee</u> from you. (See also 1Peter 5:8-9 "Stand up against him, firm in your faith")

ITS OUR RESPONSABILITY!

The Number of Man: Six

Six times in this war statement, we see the word "against" used:

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you are able to stand 1.against the schemes of the devil. Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not 2.against flesh and blood, but 3.against the rulers, 4.against the powers, 5.against the worldly forces of this darkness, and 6.against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Six is the number of man (Rev 13:18), it means we will be doing the "standing against" and we will be doing it against other Humans (under influence).

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

• The belt of truth preexisted the Roman soldier model of thought...

Isaiah 11:5 Also righteousness will be the belt around His loins, and faithfulness the belt around His waist.

Righteousness and faithfulness find their origins in truth.

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- The first piece of equipment mentioned, perhaps the most important!
- Truth, like a belt holds everything together! The second we accept falsehood is the second we accept darkness and lose our battle!

1Peter 1:13 So brace your minds for action. Keep your balance. And set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Yeshua the Messiah.

- **G4024** περιζώννυμι perizōnnumi to *gird* all *around*, that is, (middle or passive voice) to fasten on one's belt (literally or figuratively): gird (about, self).
- G328 ἀναζώννυμι anazōnnumi From G303 and G2224; to gird afresh: gird up. (tighten)

The Belt is connected to reproduction:

Hebrews 7:4-6 Now see how great this man is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth out of the plunder. Indeed, those sons of Levi who receive the priesthood have, according to Torah, a command to collect a tithe from the people—that is, from their kin, although they have come out of the loins of Abraham. But this one—who did not have their genealogy—has collected tithes from Abraham and has blessed him, the one holding the promises.

Seeds in thought, bring forth reality!

Matthew 14:31 Immediately Yeshua reached out His hand and grabbed him. And He said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Job 1:13-15 One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job, saying, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing near them, when the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They also killed the servants with the edge of the sword—I alone escaped to tell you!"

 Satan wants to strike fear, get you to loosen your thinking. Exhaust you, wear you down! Weaken your thinking and resolve.

2Thes 2:9-11 The coming of the lawless one is connected to the activity of satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with every kind of wicked deception toward those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the **truth** so as to be saved. For this reason God sends them **a delusional force**, **to lead them to believe what is false**,

- It has to do with your mind! We need to "tighten" our thinking to align with Gods word. And be quick to discern what is and is not from Him.
- According to the American Worldview Inventory (by the Cultural Research Center / George Barna), in 2023 only 4 % of U.S. adults were classified as having a biblical worldview. arizonachristian.edu+1
- That is down from 6 % in 2020. arizonachristian.edu+2arizonachristian.edu+2
- Among self-identified **Christians**, the share with a biblical worldview is a bit higher but still small: **around 6** % in recent reports. arizonachristian.edu+3George Barna+3Christian Post+3
- The 2024 survey reaffirmed that 4 % of all adults and 6 % of Christians hold a biblical worldview. George Barna https://georgebarna.com/2024/04/millions-of-americans-embrace-common-unbiblical-perspectives-survey-shows/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Take Every Thought Captive
Satan's arena is in the realm of thought. He is older and more experienced than we are. We can't win on his terms (we can't outthink him).

2Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful through God for the tearing down of strongholds. We are tearing down false arguments and every high-minded thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah—ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

- Does this obey the Messiah? If not tighten it up!
- Don't let the enemy's thought suggestion get to your imagination.
- How do we take it captive? Answer with scripture Luke 4 & Matthew 4.
- Meditate, memorize & internalize scripture into your heart. Duet 6, Josh 1:8

- Scripture is how we stand against the Spiritual Warfare of mental onslaught:
- 2Timothy 3:15-17 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to make you wise, leading to salvation through trusting in Messiah Yeshua. All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for 1.teaching, for 2.reproof, for 3.restoration, and for 4.training in righteousness, so that the person belonging to God may be capable, fully equipped for every good deed.
- We can't be completed without scripture, fill yourself! It's the equipment that we NEED to have. Read Psalm 119:11
- If you don't know what the scriptures really say, you won't be able to tell what it is in life that your supposed to reject and what you are supposed to receive.
- All that you will be left with is "well this must be Gods will because it happened to me". That's a terrible way to think. Many things happen due to the enemy!

- So, how do we do this? The scriptures give us FOUR very clear Powers that come from the Word of God:
- 1. Teaching/Doctrine: What it is that God has done for us.
- 2. Reproof: What others did that brought harm to themselves and others. Truth that was not obeyed. The truth about people who didn't obey God!
- 3. Correction/Restoration: Like reproof, but what <u>WE</u> are doing wrong. We benefit from correction and are restored.
- 4. Instruction in Righteousness: How to follow God. Example how God leads in steps! Psalm 37:23

The Belt of Truth: Thinking Gods Thoughts:

- The girdle of truth is about replacement thinking. Replacing worldly thoughts with Gods thoughts... Putting on right thinking ©
- Think on how the principles of Gods Word for your day-to-day living.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways." It is a declaration of Adonai. "For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

- I don't care how much you think of yourself, you don't think like me!
- God's thoughts are all that my thoughts are and more! Luke 11:11-13
- If I wouldn't do or say this, neither would my father....
- Go to his word, put on the belt of Truth. Get a verse from the Spirit

Romans 12:1-2 I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2Corinthians 5:2-4 For in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, after we have put it on, we will not be found naked. For we groan while we are in this tent—burdened because we don't want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Without the belt of truth, things come unraveled quickly!

Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I am coming like a thief! How fortunate is the one who stays alert and keeps his clothes on, lest he walk around naked and they see his shamefulness."

Revelation 3:17 For you say, 'I am rich, I have made myself wealthy, and I need nothing.' But you do not know that you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked.

Stay clothed with TRUTH!

2Peter 2:1-3 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies. They will even deny the Master who bought them bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their immoral ways, and as a result the way of the truth will be maligned. In their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does not slumber

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Galatians 3:27 For all of you who were immersed in Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah.



TREE OF LIFE TABERNACLE

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Questions & Answers