

The Armor of God Part 2

Living in the Armor

Overview: The armor of God is given so that you can win your spiritual battles.
Five parts are defensive; only one is for offensive action;
and one can be either, relative to what you choose to do (your works).

(1) THE ARMOR FOR THE SPIRIT, HEART, AND SOUL

- A.** Viewing the three as a unit, there is primarily a spiritual orientation.
- B.** Each are foundational. Start with Having...
- C.** The purpose is getting the Truth, the Word, the Anointing, and the Life out of your spirit through the veil of your Heart to deliver your Soul.
- D.** The purpose of the three is primarily defensive to prepare and perfect you.
- E.** From the soul onward, the view is outward (physical) manifestation.

(2) THE ARMOR OF GOD – Foundational Pieces.

A. Loins Girt with the Belt of Truth (SPIRIT)

- 1. Physical
 - a. Loins are the source of life.
 - b. Short metal skirt covering abdomen/pelvis.
- 2. Spiritual
 - a. Jesus is the Truth and the Life. John 14:6
 - b. Jesus (the Life) is in you. John 14:20
 - c. God dwells in your spirit. 1 Cor 3:16
 - d. The Truth will set you free. John 8:32
 - e. Your spirit is the source of Life
 - ❖ - Renew daily. 2 Cor 4:16
 - ❖ - Quickening spirit. 1 Cor 15:45
 - ❖ - Revive your mortal body. Rom 8:11
 - ❖ - Quickens (gives life) to the dead. Rom 4:17

B. Breastplate of Righteousness (HEART)

- 1. Physical
 - a. The Breastplate covers the Heart.
 - b. The Heart controls the flow of life and the life is in the Blood. Lev 17:11
- 2. Spiritual
 - a. Righteousness is in the Heart. Psa 40:10
 - b. Abraham's faith was reckoned as Righteousness. Rom 4:9
 - c. With the Heart, man believes unto Righteousness. Rom 10:10
 - d. The Heart is the veil which controls the flow of Life via the Anointing. 2 Cor 3:15
 - e. The Tongue/Mouth speaks Righteousness. Psa 51:14; Psa 71:15
 - f. You must protect your Heart by purifying it with Righteousness. Psa 71:24; Prov 8:8
 - g. Out of the Heart flow the issues of Life. Acts 15:9; 2 Chron 16:9
Prov 17:3; Psa 10:17; 51:10
Prov 4:23

C. Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace (SOUL)

1. Physical
 - a. Feet represent a person's direction.
 - b. You go where your Feet go.
 - c. The Word is a lamp unto your Feet. Psa 119:105
 - d. How beautiful are the Feet. Rom 10:15
 - e. Whose Feet are swift to shed blood. Rom 3:15
2. Spiritual
 - a. The Preparation of the Gospel is to study, to integrate, to internalize, to meditate, so you can teach it. 2 Tim 2:15; 3:16-17
 - b. The engrafted Word saves your Soul. James 1:21
 - c. The saved Soul is in Peace. Psa 55:18; Matt 5:9
 - d. The state of your Soul determines your direction. 3 John 1:2
 - ❖ Failure: what does it profit to gain the whole world Mark 8:36
 - ❖ Success: The God of Peace (the bishop of your soul) shall bruise satan under your Feet. Rom 16:20
(i.e., make him subject to your authority)

(3) THE ARMOR FOR THE MIND, BODY, WORDS AND WORKS

- A. Viewing the four as a unit, there is primarily a physical orientation.
- B. These are for us to take, to seize for ourselves. Taking...
- C. Getting the Truth, the Word, the Anointing, and the Life from the inside of you OUT past your mind via your mouth to control your body and to change the world around you.
- D. If you do not doubt in your heart, you will have what you say. Mark 11:23
 1. Out of your heart, flow the issues of life. Prov 4:23
 2. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Prov 18:21
 3. Your tongue is a tree of life. Prov 15:4
- E. The purpose of the two pieces of armor for the Mind and Body (i.e., Faith and Salvation) is primarily defensive to prepare and perfect you.
- F. The purpose of the last two pieces of armor for the Words and Works (i.e., Sword and Praying) is primarily offensive to change circumstances and minister the gospel.

(4) THE ARMOR OF GOD – Operational pieces.

A. The Shield of Faith (MIND)

1. Physical
 - a. Shield protects against all attacks of the enemy (e.g., arrows, darts, etc.).
 - b. Shield is the external defense (not attached to you).
2. Spiritual
 - a. Shield of Faith protects against fiery darts.
 - b. It is external because your words go forth when you respond to challenges and temptations (“It is written”).
 - c. Faith protects the mind as we walk by faith.
 - d. Mind must agree for the dart to take root in the body (e.g., broken foot).

B. The Helmet of Salvation (BODY)

1. Physical
 - a. The helmet protects the brain.
 - b. Brain damage may limit communication with the world (e.g., vegetable-like).
2. Spiritual
 - a. The armor is for the believer; but spiritual salvation (i.e., being born again) is not an issue for believers.
 - b. The challenge is working out your salvation, from the heart out to the body.
 - c. Victory requires the fullness of Salvation; nothing missing, nothing broken.
 - d. You should prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.
 - e. If you don't know your rights in the fullness of salvation, you can't battle sin, sickness, disease, poverty, and death.
 - f. Damage to the body may limit communication with the world (e.g., comatose or no tongue).

C. The Sword of the Spirit (WORDS)

1. Physical
 - a. The Sword is the weapon of offense.
 - b. Requires skill and practice.
2. Spiritual
 - a. The Word of God is the only weapon of offense. Heb 4:12
 - b. Study to show yourself approved. 2 Tim 2:15
 - c. All Scripture ... be perfect, furnished unto good works. 2 Tim 3:16
 - d. Desire the meat of the Word. 1 Cor 3:2
 - e. What you bind on earth.... Matt 18:18
 - f. Whose sins you remit, they are remitted. John 20:23

D. Praying Always (WORKS)

1. Physical
 - a. Once the armor is on, enter into the battle.
 - b. Fight a good fight for a worthy cause.
2. Spiritual
 - a. We are sent, delivered, to preach the acceptable year. Luke 4:19 AMPC
 - b. Be purged, sanctified and a vessel of gold for use. 2 Tim 2:20-21
 - c. The first work, the first battle, is praying. Eph. 6:18; 1 Tim 2:1; 1 Cor 14:1
 - d. Watch and Pray that you may be able to escape all these things. Luke 21:36

The purpose is getting the Truth, the Word, the Anointing, and the Life out of your spirit through the veil of your Heart to deliver your Soul and then OUT past your Mind via your Mouth to control your Body and to change the world around you.

Suggestions: Affirm: In the name of Jesus, the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart are acceptable to God. (Psalm 19:14).

Pray that the anointing of God will flow out of your spirit through your righteous heart to flood your soul with the peace and life of God.