THE ARMOUR OF GOD



The Whole Armour of God is Significantly Powerful and Essential for the Battle against Darkness.

The Putting on of the whole Armour of God is one of the major requirements of a Christian Soldier.

Ephesians 6:11-12 declares to us the Power and the upmost spiritual paramountcy in the putting on of this Armour of God: For all Christian Soldiers must equip themselves by the command of God, in that we're able to combat against every evil spiritual force that the Soldier of God will encounter in the battle against evil. See Ephesians 6:11-12: - **"**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places**";**

Note, all the reasons given in Ephesians 6:11-12 for the putting on of God's Spiritual Armour is crucial and essential. It is imperative as soldiers of God to acknowledge throughout that our spiritual warfare against sin and all spiritual wickedness which derives from the devil, cannot be fought without the Armour of God.

Therefore, if anyone lacks the Whole Armour of God, it can prove detrimental, and even fatal for that individual, **why?** Any lack concerning the Armour of God puts the Soldier of God in a vulnerable position, which will without question have dire effects, thus determining whether this Christian soldier achieves victory in the war, or defeat. The scriptures declare in **Romans 8:37-39:** "…. In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. [38] For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, [39] nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord", Therefore when we are girded in this Armour of Light we are more than conquerors in the battle by the help and Power of the Holy Spirit.

Every Soldier of God must be fully aware that **the putting on of the whole Armour of God is a task that is spiritually carried out;** and that this task not only involves putting on the Whole Armour, but also includes the denouncing of sin in one's life. Note, the careful attending to this matter in denouncing sin is Important, therefore, it requires our urgent attention for the reason being: **Our diligence in this matter is imperative** for the sake of our spiritual relationship and wellbeing with God; **this important task of rejecting sin, will simultaneously and spiritually clad one with the Armour of God/ Light which we need for the battle, so that we're able to conquer against sin by the Power of the Light.**

MORE on the reasons for this spiritual cladding of this Armour of Protection:

No Earthly armour can protect the Soldier of God from the evil spiritual forces of the enemy, the devil, for it will CERTAINLY FAIL; Therefore, the Armour of God is not an earthly armour, BUT a Spiritual Divine One, which is worn in the spirit and will never fail to protect from the forces of darkness.
This Spiritual Armour is a sure indication that we are not reckoning with an earthly foe, but a spiritual evil foe; but through the Grace of God, which has been given liberally to every Christian Soldier, this spiritual armour will divinely shield and protect; however, this armour can only be put on through faith in Jesus Christ.

Re-cap- Christians Soldiers are at war against sin, and are constantly in spiritual battles against the devil's evil dark kingdom; therefore, it is imperative that the individual takes heed to observe to do what God has commanded him to do, that is, to put on the Whole Armour of God without hesitation; For God is the One that will go before this Christian Soldier, to deliver him in the battle. **See below more on the Armour in Ephesians 6:10-18 (below):**

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might
11 Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.12 for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked".

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18 Praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints".

More on This Spiritual Armour

In regards to Ephesians 6:10-18 (above), the cross reference Romans 13:12 (below) reveals to us that the **Armour of God is also the Armour of LIGHT**; therefore, this armour will only be present and effective through one's righteous living; **It is therefore important to note,** that sin which is spiritual darkness can cancel the Armour of God, this is a vulnerable and dangerous condition to be in; **Let's See the solution to the problem in Romans 13:12**-
"**The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light**".



The Armour of God comprises of these spiritual components:

Ref: Ephesians 6:14-18

Armour	Spiritual Component
The whole Armour	**- Light**
• Helmet	- Salvation
• Shield	- Faith
• Belt	- Truth
• Breastplate	- Righteousness
• Sword	- Word of God
• Shoes	- Gospel of Peace
• Praying always	- Prayer and Supplication

Protection by the Armour

According to the above list, each piece of God's armour is significant and essential for the battle, for they all have a job to do in terms of God's will and protection. Note, the pieces of this spiritual armour are also representations and reflections of God's righteousness in the Soldier's life, when he has fully surrendered to God.

For example, **the Belt** which is spiritually buckled around the waist of this individual represents the Truth, meaning this individual not only has the truth of God's Word, but also stands with God in walking in obedience to the truth. The putting on of **the Breastplate of Righteousness** depicts that this soldier of God is actively denouncing sin in his Life, and is also endeavouring to walk in the righteousness of God's Word; The same with **the Shield of Faith**, the Soldier of God is believing and standing in Faith with every Word of God;

This Soldier of God must also use **the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,** to go against every attack of the devil, thus maintaining the Word of Righteousness in his life. Note, this process of the cladding of the whole Armour of God is due to the regenerative spiritual works of God, which results in the Soldier supernaturally receiving this Armour of LIGHT**.**

Keep in mind this Soldier has been called out of sin, who must also consciously repent of his sins, and actively battle in rejecting sin in his everyday life; For he has entered into a Covenant relationship with God by choice, through God's mercies, and has pledged his life to Him, being fully aware that he must dutifully obey God.

RECAP – (I will go into more depth in terms of the above): When the Soldier of God decides to walk in the righteousness of God, he will receive God's divine cover of the Light; and because he has put on the Light of Jesus, this Light will always oppose against darkness; this simply means that this individual who now walks in the Light, must be especially vigilant in rejecting darkness; and with all caution be **vigilant throughout** the battle against evil, which he no longer supports. **– however, the putting on of this Armour of God is dependent on the soldier's allegiance to God, in honouring God and His commands; for God is Light NOT Darkness who hates evil. See scriptures below:**

Proverbs 2:1-5 reveals: - **"**My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,[2] turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—[3] indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, [4] and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, [5] then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God".

How Can We be Victorious against the Devil?

Answer - We Must be Aware and Vigilant of the devil's temptations to reject it, and instead choose to please God in doing the things that pleases him. The putting on of the Whole Armour of God will help us to combat against every evil strategy of the enemy, however, we must also be aware of his strategies.

The devil uses strategies that are so dark and destructive, that without God's intervention, we will never survive it!

On the left of the list below see some of the enemy's strategies that the devil uses against Christians, but also **see the Bible references on the right of this list which gives us the solution to the problem: -**





The devil's Strategies and objectives	The Solution
• He will try to kill the faith that we have in God	(ref. Hebrews 11:6)
• He will tempt us to sin	(ref. Romans 6:12-14)
• He will try to prevent us from reading the Word	(ref. Proverbs 4:20-22)
• He will try to take down our prayer life	(ref. Romans 12:12)
• Bring tribulations/troubles to distract us	(ref. Revelation 2:10)
• He will try to deceive us with lies	(ref. 2 Peter 2:1-2)
• He will try to weaken us by trying to tempt us to disobey God	ref. 1 Samuel 12:15)

- He will try to bring lack of Love for God (ref. 1 John 5:2)
- Ignorance (ref. Hosea 4:6)
- He will try to prevent us praying (ref. Colossians 4:2)
- He will try to dismantle our relationship with God (ref. James 4:8)
- Bring Ailments (ref. Exodus 15:26)

The above List shows the enemy's strategies and objectives which works against the Light in the individual's life; the reason being is to prevent the individual from accomplishing victory over sin**; However A Word of Warning -** if we fail to recognise the devil's objective or lack vigilance, in terms of falling behind with the spiritual things of God, the challenges above can become a reality in the life of the individual, wherein, he may actually experience the lack of faith, lack of prayer, spiritual laziness, Ignorance and carelessness, which will without question have dire affects if not dealt with promptly**;**

It's important to know if anyone strays from God due to carelessness, the individual must not hesitate to examine one's self to get right with God. The Solution to the problem (which is the Green reference scriptures on the right of the above list) refers to God's ultimate will for our lives, with warning; therefore, the active usage of **the spiritual weapons which God has given to us by our faith, is crucial for the battle to prevent falling down in the battle**; "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" **(2 Corinthians 10:4-5).**

Faith – Is a Powerful Weapon

Without Faith it is impossible to please God, Note, by putting on the Shield of Faith the Christian Soldier is able to believe God throughout the battle, knowing throughout that victory will come. "May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God in Jesus name. May the Lord grant all your requests" **Psalms 20:5**

It is important to know that Prayer Must couple with the Armour!



Carefully Note, Ephesians 6:10-18 declares the Spiritual importance of putting on the whole Armour of God, but **verse 18 is significantly vital**, for it expresses and alerts that **when one puts on this Armour of God, we must without fail be Praying earnestly, throughout**: - See this scripture: "Ephesians 6:18 .."Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints".

The Duty of the Soldier of God

The Duty of a Soldier of God is to ultimately use God's Armour and Weapons to protect himself from the evil weapons of the enemy and to know the strategies of the enemy, so that he's able to maintain the righteousness of God by the Power of God no matter what; For this Armour of God is the protection of God upon the Soldiers life, to preserve and keep him, the Soldier then seals it all in Obedience, Prayer and Faith.

The Deception of the Enemy

One of the enemy's objectives is to deceive as many as he can for the purpose of accomplishing victory, this will affect those who have not yet acknowledged God and Christians who may have gone astray. The devil strives to achieve this by spiritually

blinding the eyes of those who believe not, or simply deceiving those who are careless with their walk with God.

Christians must be on the alert not to ignore the fact that Christians whose knowledge is severely limited due to the lack of reading and studying of God's Word, can also be deceived, in terms of them not knowing the whole truth, resulting in ignorance. This ignorance can cause them to believe every wind of false doctrine which can severely weaken the Soldier of God in the battle; however, All Soldiers of God are delivered from all deception, when he dutifully maintains his knowledge in the Word, with application. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

The Wisdom of God

Proverbs 1:7 –

"The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction".

Trials and Tribulations

It is imperative that the Soldier of God comes to this knowledge, that every Saint of God will at times go through trials and tribulations, simply because the devil is an enemy of the Saints; The Saints have rejected the enemy of darkness to walk in the Light of Jesus Christ; Nevertheless **Psalms 34:19 proclaims that the Lord will deliver the Saints out of ALL troubles. See this Scripture:** "Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all". Note, the Joy of the Lord is the strength of the Saints when he walks with God, in alignment with God's Word, to love Him.

See 1 Peter 1:8-9 "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls"

SUMMING UP

All Soldiers of God will fight in the battle against evil; therefore, they must never lay down their arms in the battle, however, this can easily occur if the Christian Solider goes against God to commit iniquity, but he must instead endeavour to turn away from it completely; this operation of vigilance will result in the Soldier being clad with God's Armour of Light throughout the battle.

The Joy of the Lord will also manifest when the Christian Soldier believes God, and will also be his strength during the battles; however, in order for true joy to take effect, we must live by faith and obedience to God **(ref. Nehemiah 8:10).**, Hence, the precious Holy Spirit will stand with this solider to uphold him in the battle, throughout**; what a wonderful consolation for our souls, for the battle is the Lords, NOT OURS.**

"……Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's". **Ref: 2 Chronicles 20:15**.

There's Victory in Jesus Christ!

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

For the weapons of our warfare *are* not [a]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, **6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled..