



THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Ephesians 6:10-19*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Jesus, knowing the temptations and the tactics of Satan, has given us all the necessary weapons to fight the spiritual warfare as we advance the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to a world walking in darkness. As we read the Word of God with the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus also gives us countless examples of how to use them wisely. All of this ensures that we will be victorious in resisting the powers of Satan and his demons as we fight to win souls for Jesus, the Captain of our salvation.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Jesus is the Captain of our salvation, leading us to victory as we rescue the lost souls of a dying world (*Psalms 27:1-5; Hebrews 2:10*).
2. Our battle is against hidden evil principalities and powers that Jesus reveals to us through His Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 6:12*).
3. As we protect ourselves with the Word of God, our shield of faith, we can resist the fiery darts or accusations of evil people or entities (*Ephesians 6:16-17*).
4. We must prove or test all things by the truth, God's Word (*Bible*) and hold on to only that which is true (*I Thessalonians 5:21*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

During the Apostle Paul's ministry, he met with much opposition as many tried to stop him from preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (*John 3:5; Acts 2:38, 4:12*). However, through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as given by Jesus, Paul learned the mastery of God's weapons against Satan, the prince of darkness. In his letters to his disciples Paul shared this wisdom so that they too could conquer the powers of darkness and in doing so, loosen many from the shackles of sin, bringing them to salvation in Christ Jesus.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Unseen to the human eye is a spiritual battle between the powers of evil and God, to claim many souls from being saved by Jesus. When Jesus died at the Cross, paying the ultimate price for our souls, He opened the door for many to enter His Kingdom (*John 1:12-13; 3:16*). Jesus was the second "Adam" Who undid the sin of the first Adam in the Garden of Eden that brought the curse of death upon all mankind (*I Corinthians 15:45-47*). The mission of those now saved by Jesus is to continue to advance the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. This takes the renewed strength of Jesus and all the weapons of spiritual warfare.

Today, Jesus is inviting many to be a part of His army! As we are victorious in battle against the devil and win souls for Jesus, He will remember all our sacrifices and labor for Him. So much so that when we meet up with Him in Heaven above, each of us will receive our just reward for good works! "*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted the prophets which were before you*" (*Matthew 5:12*).

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