Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God



Lesson 10

Armed for Battle
Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-18

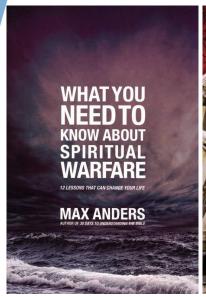
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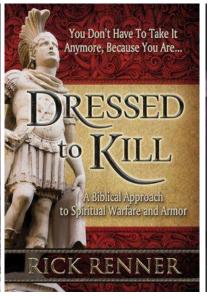
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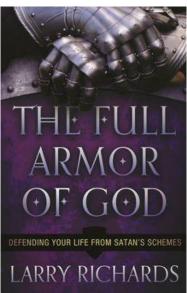




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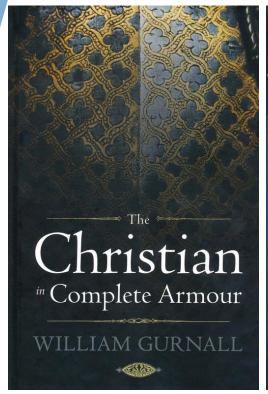


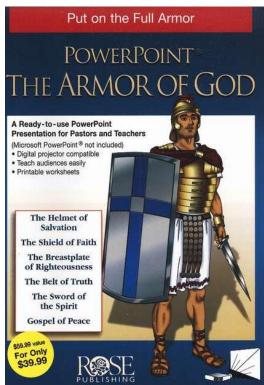






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The WHOLE ARMOR of GOD



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?





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Armed for Battle: SHIELD OF FAITH Scriptural Context

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THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 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, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV

Spiritual Warfare --- Review



Our Strategic Plan: Be Strong in the Lord

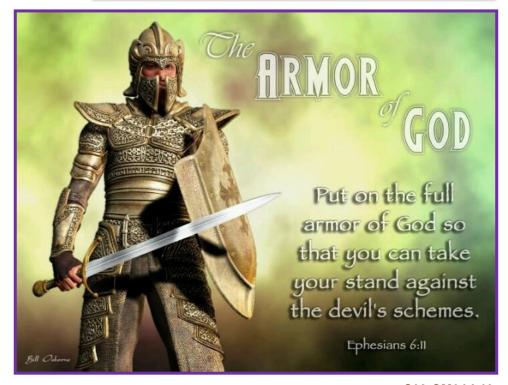
- Rely on the strength of the Lord
 ✓ Not our own strength
- Rely on the power of the Lord
 - ✓ Not our own power
- Our victory is assured
 ✓ IF we rely on the Lord
- "Put on" and "Take up"
 - √ The full armor of God

Enemy Tactics:

- Deceit
- "Be not deceived"

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--- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV



Spiritual Warfare --- Review



Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT	RESOURCE	Review
Belt	Truth	ALL BODY ARMOR HINGES TO THE BELT; JESUS IS THE TRUTH; HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH
Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	Breastplate protects the Heart - the seat of Affections; God's Righteousness is Imputed;
Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	SHOES PROTECT THE LEGS AND FEET; SHOES PROVIDE STABILITY; GOSPEL OF PEACE PROVIDES CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PROMISES. GOSPEL OF PEACE PROVIDES SECURITY IN OUR RECONCILIATION.
Shield	FAITH	COVERED IN THIS LESSON
Helmet	SALVATION	
Sword	THE SPIRIT	
Comms Gear	PRAYING ALWAYS	





Armed for Battle:

SHIELD OF FAITH

Faith That Quenches Fiery Darts

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all the fiery darts of the wicked one. --- Ephesians 6:16 ... NKJV

- Above all ...
 - The term "above all" can be better translated as "out in front of all" or "covering all".
 - Speaks to the "out in front of all"
 nature of the shield being held in
 front of the soldier.
 - Speaks to the size and maneuverability of the shield and therefore its ability to "cover all".

17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

--- Romans 10:17 ... NKJV





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- Purpose of taking up the shield...
 - You will be able to quench ALL the fiery darts (temptations) of the wicked one.
- The Shield of Faith
 - Maneuverable piece of armor able to help protect other portions of armor.
 - May be used in unison with other shields - "TORTOISE" formation - to provide protection for an assembly of soldiers.
 - Picture of the Body of Christ the true Church- an assembly of Believers.





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Scutum (/ˈskuːtəm/) ... Shield
 The Latin word for shield ... plural scuta.

Although it has in modern times come to be specifically associated with the rectangular, semi-cylindrical body shield carried by Roman legionaries.







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Scutum (/ˈskuːtəm/) ... Shield
 Rectangular Roman shield
 was massive, standing four
 feet tall and measuring nearly
 three feet in width.





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Scutum (/'skuːtəm/) ... Shield

To build a Roman shield, two sturdy pieces of wood were glued together and covered with canvas to form the shield's core.

Goat-skin or calf-skin was then stretched tightly over the wood, the boards were curved inward, and a leather strap was tacked to the shield's back.





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Scutum (/ˈskuːtəm/) ... Shield

In most cases, the Roman shield was composed of six layers of thick animal hide.

These layers were specifically tanned and then woven together tightly that they became almost as strong as steel.

The shield required constant inspection and care.





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Fiery Darts

Archers in the ancient world frequently dipped their arrows in tar and set them on fire before launching them at their opponents.

In some cases, wooden shields began to smolder, causing soldiers to drop their shields and to expose themselves to enemy fire.





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Fiery Darts

Before going into battle, Roman soldiers drenched their leather-covered shields with water.

When fiery arrows struck these soaked shields, the flames were immediately extinguished.



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- Shield of Faith Pictures ...
 - A life of protection based on our Faith in God's Character, Word, and Deeds
- Faith is ...
 - Believing what God has said and committing to God's Word.
- We use the Shield of Faith when ...
 - We commit ourselves to live according to the Truth of God's Word instead of the enemy's lies.





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- ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
- 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- --- Hebrews 11:3, 6 ... NKJV



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- Shield Must be Cared For
 - Shield must be ...
 - Inspected daily before the battle.
 - Repaired before the battle.
 - Made fire-resistant.

Application

- Believer needs to ensure their faith is inspected daily.
- Believer needs to ensure there are no holes in their faith.
- Believer needs to place faith in Christ - nurtured by the Holy Spirit





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Shield Must be Cared For ... Oil

The Roman soldier maintained his shield on a daily basis.

The leather of the shield would be rubbed with oil to keep the leather soft, supple, and pliable.

The analogy is that our faith requires frequent anointing of the Holy Spirit.





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Shield Must be Cared For ... Water

Before a soldier went out to war, he placed his shield in a tub of water; then he left it there soaking in the water until the shield was completely saturated.

This allowed the shield to quench the fiery darts - extinguish flaming arrows on impact.

The analogy is that when we keep our faith completely saturated with the "washing of the Word" (Ephesians 5:26), Our "Word-saturated" shields have the power to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the enemy.



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Shield Car Application

In order for the Roman soldiers to keep their shields in top-notch condition, it was required that their shields had DAILY APPLICATIONS of both OIL and WATER.

In order for believers to keep our SHIELD OF FAITH in top-notch condition, requires serious attention to the condition of our FAITH.

We must ensure that we are allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to freshly anoint our lives on a daily basis, as we regularly saturate our FAITH with the water of the WORD.

Word-saturated FAITH will ALWAYS extinguish the enemy's attacks!

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Shield Coupling - The Tortoise Formation



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In Ancient Roman warfare, the **testudo** or **tortoise formation** was a formation used commonly by the Roman Legions during battles, particularly sieges.

Testudo is the Latin word for "tortoise".

Ancient equivalent of our modern tank or armored vehicle.





Shield Coupling - The Tortoise Formation



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- Roman Tortoise Formation
 - Picture of the Church
 - Picture of the Believer
 - Locking Their Faith Together in Battle
 - Marching Together in Victory

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

--- Ephesians 6:2 ... NKJV





with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. —Ephesians 6:16

SUMMARY

- Shield is a maneuverable piece of armor capable of assisting other pieces of armor.
- Believer's shield of Faith is capable of quenching ALL the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- Shield can be used in unison with other shields to provide protection for an assembly of soldiers - picture of the Body of Christ - the Church.







Armed for Battle:

HELMET OF SALVATION

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