

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – 2
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REVIEW:

- There is an invisible world.
- We're involved in a spiritual war.
- Our spiritual eyes need opened.
- Believers have authority over Satan.
- The enemy is out to destroy us.
- The mind is the battlefield.
- We are to give no entry points to the devil.
- Satan has a game plan.
- We've been delivered from the kingdom of darkness.

CONTINUE: EPHESIANS 6:10-18

- **V10-11** – The source of our strength is not in ourselves. It's God's power that is needed to stand against the fiery darts Satan throws our way. **PSALMS 20:7-8** - We must tap into God's power by faith.
- **V12-13** – In warfare, it's important to assess the enemy and come up with the proper game plan. Our battle is not with people, but with the devil and his army. Since we have a spiritual enemy, spiritual weapons are needed.
- **V14a** – The belt of truth. Holds the rest of the armor together. The meaning is twofold: First, we must know the truth. **JOHN 8:32** – Second, we must walk in the truth. **3 JOHN 3** – Our walk refers to the way we live or behave. **1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-5, EPHESIANS 5:8-12**
- **V14b** – Breastplate of righteousness. The breastplate protected the soldier's heart. **PROBERVS 4:23** – The heart needs guarded and protected from Satan's accusations. Righteousness is both positional and practical. **1 JOHN 2:28-29 (ESV), MATTHEW 15:18-20**
- **V15** – The soldier's footwear. We must have a prepared base or foundation to avoid slipping or falling. The Roman soldier's footwear could determine his success in battle. His shoes were thick and spiked to prevent slipping or piercing. The gospel of peace is twofold. We've been reconciled to God and have peace with Him (**ROMANS 5:1**). Secondly, we stand ready to preach peace to the world (**ROMANS 10:15**).
- **V16** – The shield of faith. This is our unshakeable belief in the promises of God, and His faithfulness to perform His Word and keep His covenant. There isn't a fiery dart that the Word doesn't cover. These fiery darts are thoughts intended to get us to disobey God or not believe the Word. As the devil hurls evil thoughts our way, we quench them by declaring what the Word says.
- **V17a** – Helmet of salvation. The helmet is the hope of salvation. The mind is the battlefield. **JOHN 6:66-69, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:31-34, 1 JOHN 3:3** – Hope motivates us to purify ourselves. **ROMANS 8:22-25**
- **V17b** – The sword of the Spirit. God's Word is our main offensive weapon. Knowing the (logos) is insufficient. We must know how to use the Word (rhema). **DEUTERONOMY 8:3, MATTHEW 4:4** – Jesus did.
- **V18** – Praying with all prayer. **LUKE 18:1** – Prayer is joining forces together with God to carry out His purposes on earth. There are different kinds of prayer we must be familiar with.