

Chinks in
the Armor

We are not human beings having a
spiritual experience; we are spiritual
beings having a human experience.

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Luke 22: 24 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be

Luke 22: like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials.

Luke 22: 29 And I confer on you a kingdom,
just as my Father conferred one on me, 30 so
that you may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel.

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all
of you as wheat.

Luke 22: 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

We are participants in a spiritual
struggle.

*Satan has asked to sift all of you as
wheat.*

Ephesians 6: 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place,

Ephesians 6: 15 and with your **feet** fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the **helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

PUT ON THE WHOLE **ARMOR OF GOD**



SHIELD OF FAITH
HEBREWS 11:6
FAITH IS BELIEVING GOD'S WORD AND ACTING UPON IT, NO MATTER HOW I FEEL, BECAUSE GOD PROMISES A GOOD RESULT. FAITH IS TRUSTING GOD.

BELT OF TRUTH
JOHN 8:31-32
TRUTH IS WHAT AGREES WITH THE FACTS OR THE WAY THINGS REALLY ARE. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF TRUTH, THEREFORE THE TRUTH IS WHATEVER AGREES WITH HIS WORDS. JESUS SAID, "THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE" & "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE."

FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE
ROMANS 5:1
THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IS THE MESSAGE THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, WAS BURIED, AND ROSE AGAIN. RECEIVING THE GOSPEL ALLOWS US TO BE AT PEACE WITH GOD AND RIGHT WITH HIM. GOD'S PEACE GIVES US STILLNESS, QUIETNESS, AND CALMNESS IN OUR HEART AND SOUL. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE RECONCILES US TO GOD SO WE CAN LIVE IN HARMONY WITH HIM.

HELMET OF SALVATION
ROMANS 10:9-10
SALVATION IS THE FREE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL LIFE THAT GOD OFFERS TO ANYONE WHO PLACES THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
HEBREWS 4:12
THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT IS THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH IS THE BIBLE. THE BIBLE IS OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE ENEMY.

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
ROMANS 3:21-26
RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A GIFT FROM GOD WHEN WE PUT OUR TRUST IN HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS PERFECTLY GOOD, PERFECTLY HOLY, AND PERFECTLY FREE FROM ANY SIN. WE HAVE NO RIGHTEOUSNESS IN OURSELVES, BUT WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

PRAYER
MATTHEW 6:9-13
PRAYER IS SIMPLY HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH GOD. IT'S COMMUNICATING WITH THE ONE WHO MADE US AND LOVES US AND WANTS TO GO THROUGH LIFE WITH US. GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD AND HE'S GIVEN US THE PRIVILEGE TO TALK WITH HIM ANYTIME THROUGH PRAYER.

We are called to engage Satan.

*Satan has asked to sift all of you as
wheat. BUT I...*

2 Timothy 2: 22 Flee the evil desires of youth...

1 Corinthians 6: 18 Flee from sexual
immorality.

Matthew 6: 13 And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

James 4: 7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Matthew 16: 18 on this rock I will build my church, and the **gates of Hades** will not overcome it.



The weakness of the
Armor of God:
Very little protection
in the back.

Our battle against Satan
is not for a worldly Kingdom.

John 18: 36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we live in the world, **we do not wage war as the world does.** **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Spiritual warfare
is a race to the bottom.

Colossians 2: 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, **nailing it to the cross.**

The cross is the physical
manifestation
of spiritual warfare.

Satan viewed the cross as worldly
defeat.

For Jesus, the cross was the most
aggressive thing he ever did.

1 Peter 2: 22 “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When they hurled their insults at him, **he did not** retaliate; when he suffered, **he made no** threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2: 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should **follow in his steps.**

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When your behavior reflects the
weakness of the cross,
God's power is on full display.

Our primary weapon is prayer.

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The Armor of God
does not have
“greaves”

Christians always go into battle
on their knees.

Ephesians 6: 18 And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of **prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on **praying** for all the Lord's people. 19 **Pray** also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. **Pray** that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

The entirety of the armor of God

is training for prayer.

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