

The Attitude of the Spirit

There is a real enemy, the great liar satan, who is seriously trying to prevent the Believer from living out the victorious life our Redeemer purchased for us, with His precious, sinless blood.

The Believer must clearly understand who the real enemy is and how his lies come to steal, kill and destroy. Then the Believer can know how to quench the lies.

The Word of the New Covenant prepares the Believer to enforce satan's defeat and to embrace the victory that is theirs, by inheritance.

The way our Messiah quenched satan's lies is the way the Believer quenches his lies. It is written is a total defensive armor for all attacks.

Messiah defeated the lies, tricks and schemes of the evil one in His daily walk. Then He "rested" in the ability of the Word to accomplish victory for Him over death, hell and the grave.

There are many types, styles and arenas of warfare. The key to the Believer's victory lies in their ability to stand in faith in what had already won the battle satan presents to them.

The enemy is already defeated. Do you believe the truth of his defeat? Will you make a stand with the truth and rest in its reward, or will you fall prey to the lies and surrender victory, to fight again, a battle already won for you?

Relationship with the God of the Word was a key to the victory our Redeemer walked in. His walk with God and His surrender to the Father's will was key to His success in life.

One might say Messiah was clothed in Truth. He dressed His mind, His spirit and His physical self in the wardrobe of the Word.

The Believer must also be dressed (clothed with) the Word of Truth. Proper spiritual attire is essential to possessing and walking in victory. Become a wise Believer, allow yourself to be properly dressed in and with the Holy Spirit of Truth.

People who do not ascribe to and "put on" the wardrobe of the Spirit, are naked prey to the forces of evil. Putting on, and keeping on, the Armor of God, is a decision to leave the ranks of the "streakers" and join those uniformed in triumph.

The enemy looks for streakers, because they are easy prey to his flaming arrows of fear, doubt and deception.

“The full Armor of God” is an indicator that every piece of that wardrobe is essential. None of it is to be seen as optional. Each piece serves a vital function and performs a life saving service.

Purposefully, once and for all, take on the full Armor of God. Put your Spiritual clothes on and leave forever the vulnerable ranks of the naked saints who spiritually streak through life.

The Armor is your defensive covering for all of satan’s lies, schemes and tricks. His fiery darts cannot penetrate the truth. Nothing he can throw at you, can get past the Armor God has given to you.

Rest in the Word and your victory will be heard.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

The Believers Defensive Ability

One of satan's evil strategies is to get a child of God to engage a fight, a battle, that exists only in their mind.

The true Believer is called of God to fight only one battle. It is not against sickness, disease, poverty, sin or satanic forces. It is a fight against unbelief.

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith – (total trust in, reliance on, and adherence to, "IT IS WRITTEN")
Lay hold on ETERNAL LIFE
This is what you were called to,
When you professed Jesus as Lord (of all).

An evil ploy of the devil is to trick saints of the Lord of Host into fighting battles that have already been won for them.

If they do not see the cross and the Resurrection as an absolute triumph over all the works of satan, they can be lead to fight those battles again and again.

Paul states in 1 Cor. 9:25 that the Believer is to engage in obtaining an incorruptible crown of victory. The one obtained for us by the Anointed Redeemer, when He defeated the enemy, satan, for us.

The Crown of Life is incorruptible because it is an eternal triumph over all the works of darkness and each Believer in Messiah's Lordship becomes a joint-heir in that Crown of Success. Our Lord won all the battles against evil for us. We won the war 2000 years ago, and no reenactment is necessary.

True Believers must not allow the wool to be pulled over their eyes, so that they are reduced to fighting battles that are only imaginary.

Determine to be an ENFORCER OF SATAN'S DEFEAT, not a foolish warrior fighting defeated foes.

1 Cor. 9:26

"I do not fight like a shadow boxer, one who simply battles against the air."
:27 but I do keep my physical self in check, and force it into subjection (to the TRUTH) because I do not want to crash and burn, after having delivered the truth (of our triumph) to others.

The Believer is called to only one arena of battle and that war is waged against the mind. The enemy of your faith seeks to distract your mind from the truth of your identity in the Anointed Redeemer. His ploy is to infiltrate your thought processes and use them to contaminate “the faith once (and for all) delivered to the saints” in our Redeemer’s victory over evil.

We will go first to the tenth chapter of II Cor. To see the real battle field.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB)

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (AMP)

**3 For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons.
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds,
5 [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),**

For the Believer, the weapon of choice is not of self-effort, it is the bold declaration of “IT IS WRITTEN.”

The Word of God, that applies to the lie arisen, is the true Believers weapon of choice.

The defense of the faith is performed in the simple stating of the Word of Truth that defines the lie arisen against you.

Faith in God, never turns loose of the truth.

God's Armor

What should the New Covenant Believer see for themselves, in what is called, the Armor of God?

What does this Armor mean to their walk of faith?

Are there other descriptive terms that would give more impactful insight to the Armor of God?

Could it also be called:

- The wardrobe of champions
- Defensive lineman's gear
- Divine designs for triumph
- The Saint's suit
- The Believer's faith uniform
- The clothing of the Word
- Spiritually clothed
- Holy vestments
- Spiritual cocoon

Or, should one simply understand, that it is being clothed like Christ, with the ever effective Word of Truth?

2 Corinthians 5:2 (NAS)

**For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling
from heaven,**

Proper Armor Mindset

Unlearned Saints are attempting to use the Armor of God to get dressed for war. The learned inheritors of the Kingdom of Light are continually clothed in the victory already won. The Armor means you do not have to fight, you simply enter His rest.

Many Saints of God are still trying to fight battles that were won for them in the resurrection of our Lord and King. The war was won for us, enforce satan's defeat.

The unknowing children, of the King of their victory, are trying to put on Armor for battle, not realizing that the enemy is already defeated and paralyzed.

The enemy has only one functioning weapon, deception. His fiery darts are all lies. The resurrection of our Lord and Redeemer, took the offensive line off the field and replaced it with the defensive line.

The Armor of God is to be worn by the occupational forces of the Kingdom. The Armor God gives is not for war, but for defense against the lies, tricks, schemes and deceptions that attempt to steal back the prizes won on the cross in our Lord and Champion's great victory.

The Armor of God should be seen as the defensive lineman's in play equipment, designed to keep the Saints of God safe as they occupy the territory won for them, until the Lord returns to enjoy the spoils of war with them.

Why wage war on a defeated foe?

Possess the Promise!

Demonstrate satan's defeat!

Occupy (the victory won) till I come!

Now we come to Ephesians 6: and we begin to inventory the wardrobe of the well-dressed child of the King.

The New Wardrobe Of the New Man

2 Corinthians 5:17

Understand now, if any man is engrafted into Christ (the Anointed One and His Anointing) that person is a new creature (a new species of being), the old way of being and doing is passed away (buried under the Blood) take notice, everything about them has become new (entered a new kingdom and realm of life).

The new man needs a new wardrobe. A new way of being and doing needs a new wardrobe. The Believer must learn to be dressed for the success they have become a partaker in.

Being clothed like Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:2-4 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Romans 13:14 (NKJV)

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

The Believer can wear the clothes of our Redeemer.

Galatians 3:27 (NKJV)

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The Believer becomes clothed with Christ as their new man takes on his new identity in Him.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Put away from you, the way the old you talked, before you received Messiah as Lord. That way of talk was inspired by wrong desires. But now cause your mind to think Spirit of Truth thoughts from your New Covenant. Allow the Word of Truth to wash your thinking. In this way, you are putting on the new man (becoming clothed with the new nature), which in pursuit of God, causes your new man to become, the new creation of righteousness and true holiness.

As Peter teaches in 2 Peter 1:4 the Believer who lays hold of the promises of the New Covenant, to apply them to their life and become clothed with them, that person takes on the very nature of God.

The new man, the new creation finds its identity in the Anointed Redeemer. This new man must walk in a new way and that walk of faith needs a new wardrobe.

In Romans 13:12 the Apostle Paul speaks of this new man wardrobe as “the armor of light”. Paul encourages the Believer to escape the old way of being and doing and walk the new way of walking.

This “armor of light” the new man puts on, is better understood as, the covering, which the illuminating of revelation knowledge provides. As the mind is renewed with the revealing of what the New Covenant provides, the Believer assumes a new posture in the Kingdom of Light and finds covering in its provision.

As Peter describes wardrobing in 1 Peter 5:5, his admonition is to “be clothed with humility”, which means a submission to God and His purpose. The Believer is to submit to God and Godly men in such a way that he is seen as “covered” with that which brings attention to, and identifies God, rather than self.

As in 2 Corinthians 5:2 the Believer desires to escape the earthly containment and become clothed with the Heavenly Attire. The “Armor of Light”, the “Armor of God”, is the closest thing available, while still in this earthly realm.

Reflection

When one looks back to see what life was like in the Father's untainted creation, man (Adam) was clothed with God's glory. Daily he was able to walk and talk with God the Creator in full presence and guiltless accessibility.

When man allowed deception, doubt, unbelief to enter his thought life, surrender to satan's lies stripped him of his armor of light. Man became naked before satan.

In his weakened state, Adam thought he was now naked before God, so he hid himself. But, God already knew he was not just naked, he was unclothed, because he had allowed his armor of light to be stolen from him.

From Adam to Messiah, no man walked in that full wardrobe of truth. Moses was touched by the light of revealed truth and being in the Father's presence on the mount. He came back from that occasion, clothed in that light, but the armor faded as he returned to the earthly realm. The light was on him, but not in him.

The Armor of God is the Armor of Light. This Armor is the light of revealed truth, which stands as a shield, between the Believer so equipped, and the lies, tricks and schemes of the kingdom of darkness.

Every element of the Armor is an application of a truth of the victory won for the Believer, through the trial, cross, death and resurrection of our Redeemer, who won the eternal struggle for us who believe.

Once the Armor of God, the Armor of Light, is in place, the Believer can rest secure in its ability to keep and preserve them. Only when Adam opened the door of doubt, towards what God had said, was he rendered vulnerable to the lies of satan.

It is full trust in, reliance on and adherence to what "it is written" provides that keeps the Armor intact. Doubt, fear, unbelief are switches that turn the power off and render the person vulnerable. Keep the switch of faith in "God said" turned on. "Take no thought saying", means you do not allow a thought to inspire or influence what you say. The true Believer speaks from the overflow of truth in their heart. They "draw out of the wells of salvation", what "it is written" has inspired in their belly.

As we examine each piece of the Armor, we come to realize that each piece is an application of truth concerning a standing before God that was purchased for them in the resurrection, and that has a specific protection for that area of vulnerability.

Isaiah 59:16, 17, 21 (NAS)

¹⁶ And He saw that there was no man,
And was astonished that there was no one to intercede;
Then His own arm brought salvation to Him,
And His righteousness upheld Him.

¹⁷ He put on righteousness like a breastplate,
And a helmet of salvation on His head;
And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing
And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.

²¹ "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the Lord, "from now and forever."

Trust

Messiah taught a relevant truth that addresses an understanding, which inspires strength when assessing the Armor God desires every Believer to place their trust in:

“In the world (while living and working in the world system) **you will have** (to deal with) **tribulation** (temptation – tests – trials) **but** (make a decision) **be of good cheer** (take a posture of celebration, praise and thanksgiving) **for** (knowing of a certainty) **I** (the Anointed Redeemer) **have overcome** (taken victory away from) **the world** (the power of the fallen world system to act against you and your mission)”

The Armor of God is an attitude of victory, a confident assurance of a guaranteed outcome for every attack that arrays itself against our place, position or power in the Kingdom of Light.

Isaiah 54:17 (AMP)

But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness *or* the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.

Hell and its fury will rage, problems will occur, human weaknesses will challenge, people will disappoint, life will present struggles, weaknesses will obstruct, but will you make the quality decision to trust in the Lord at all times?

The Armor of God is not a tangible thing, it is a spiritual truth that forms a barrier, that produces an attitude of gratitude, that enforces satan’s defeat.

“Trust in the Lord – with all your heart – mind – strength, and do not lean on, turn to, trust in, your own ability to understand, interpret or think out, what challenges assail you, but in all your ways, in all your pursuits and functions, acknowledge the Lord, give first place to Him, His Word, His faithfulness and His ability to carry you through, and He will direct your path, continually lead you in triumph, and bring you to an abundant, successful conclusion.”

Life will present challenges, conflicts will arise, hurt will come at you, but the Armor God has provided will see you safely through.

“out of them all, the Lord has delivered me”

Paul

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NASB)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Ephesians 6:10-18 (AMP)

¹⁰ In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

¹¹ Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

¹² For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

¹³ Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

¹⁴ Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,

¹⁵ And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

¹⁶ Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.

¹⁸ Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

One must know their armor and its intended usage to properly wear it in victory.

1. Be strong in the Lord – He won the war, we enforce satan’s defeat and dispel his lies
2. In the strength of His might – His strength to us is His Word for us, “He holds everything up and in proper function, with the Word of His power.”
3. We must put on, “be clothed with Christ,” “put on the new man,”
4. The full armor of God, the wardrobe of champions must be worn the way the champion Himself wore it. He refused to speak anything that originated in His mind. He spoke only what the Father had stated as the truth on any matter.
5. Able to stand firm, - (stable, solid, unmovable from the truth – always one with His Word.)
6. Against the schemes, wiles, strategies – we do not attempt to fight the devil, he is paralyzed, defeated, de-throned, he only has lies, treats, fear tactics that need the individuals faith to work “believe a lie and be damned”
7. Our struggle is not against people, natural forces or of human origin, though satan may attempt to work through such pawns.
8. The real culprits are of the defeated forces of the kingdom of darkness. They were defeated by the light of truth. Enforce their defeat by shining the light of revealed truth to send them scurrying back to the dark regions. Banish them with the truth.
9. Once and for all, take up, lay hold of, put on and become clothed with, the full and complete armor of the God of all creation. The victorious wardrobe of the Lord of Hosts.
10. The armor will resist the lies that come as flaming arrows, desiring to penetrate your defenses, but not capable of. He can only try, he cannot win unless you concede defeat.
11. The Believer must do what it takes to win, become equipped in the skillful use of the Word. “Study the Word, so that you can demonstrate the artful application of the Word which addresses the lie presented, a skilled wordsmith who makes God proud of the way they wield the word of truth.”
12. Stand on the Word, it can and will carry your weight and prevent your foot from being taken.

It is a Word of Truth stand, the same stand our Redeemer demonstrated for us in Luke 4: He quenched every fiery dart, every flaming arrow, every fire of hell ignited lie, with “it is written.”

Heaven and earth may pass away, but the words from God, stand eternally operational.

God has elevated His Word, even above the value of His own name.

He holds all things in their place, in their function, in their ability, with the Word of His power.

Messiah was the Word walking and talking.....

Stand securely confident in the Word of God's ability to enforce the victory won and carry you through the lie, and into the triumph of His Son.

"He continually leads you in triumph"

Gird your loins with truth –

Put on the heavy lifting belt of truth so you do not hurt yourself. Let the girding prepare you for the load.

The breastplate of righteousness, cover your heart, the real you, with the truth of who you are in the Anointed Redeemer.

The enemy wants to render you powerless by trying to distract you from your identity in the family of God.

If he can cause you to doubt your eternal life, question the security of your family standing, turn loose of your connection to the throne, he can cut you out of the flock and defeat you.

- Stay connected – to your rightful place before the throne.