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LECTURE 6 – THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:11 – *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

BIBLE TEXTS: Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

INTRODUCTION: There are lots of figurative expressions used in the Bible to describe the Believers such as: “The Battle Axe of God” (Jer. 51:20); “The light of the world” (Matt. 5:14-15); “The salt of the earth” (Matt. 5:13); “The Lord's flock” (I Pet. 5:2-4); “The Lord's army” (2 Tim. 2:2-4) etc. Evidently, every Christian is a soldier, not ordinary soldier but combatant. The scripture has made it lucidly clear that every believer as a soldier of Christ is constantly engaged in spiritual warfare against the devil and his host. Graciously, the Lord God our commander-in-chief has made available to us His whole armour, if which rightly employed, guarantees consistent victory over the enemy – the devil and his host.

We shall treat this lecture under the following sub-headings:

- A. Connotation of God's armour
- B. Classification of God's armour
- C. Configuration of God's armour
- D. Completeness of God's armour

A. CONNOTATION OF GOD'S ARMOUR

1. Defensive weapon against satanic assault.
2. Protective equipment divinely fashioned for the believers.
3. Spiritual Arsenal to strike the enemy.
4. It is our mobile fortress.
5. It is the believer's stronghold.
6. It is also our offensive weapon against the host of darkness.

B. CLASSIFICATION OF GOD'S ARMOUR

1. Belt of truth (Eph. 6:14)
2. Breast plate of righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
3. Gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15)
4. The shield of faith (Eph. 6:16)
5. Helmet of salvation (Eph. 6:17)
6. Sword of the spirit (Eph. 6:17)
7. Prayer (Eph. 6:18)

C. CONFIGURATION OF GOD'S ARMOUR

1. Belt of truth

- In the ancient time, soldiers used a leather girdle or belt tightened around their waist.
- The girdle or belt was used to carry weapons of warfare such as dagger or sword.

What is truth to the believers

- Truth is the property of any judgement or action that corresponds with the mind of God (John 17:17).
- It means integrity (2 Cor. 1:18-19)
- It means sincerity of purpose (Ps. 51:6)
- It is a spirit devoid of deceit and guile (Ps. 34:13)
- It is Jesus Christ Himself (John 14:6)

2. Breastplate of Righteousness

- The breastplate was made of woven chain and used to protect the chest, the region of our vital organs like the heart, lungs, kidney etc.
- The breastplate stands for our purity and inner holiness (I Pet. 1:15-16).
- Our righteousness based on human flesh is like filthy rags (Isa. 64:6).
- As believers, our righteousness is a gift from God (Rom 3:30).
- Jesus is the source of our righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21).

3. The Shoes of Peace

The shoes are meant for solid footing to move against the host of darkness.

- Jesus is our peace (Eph. 2:14).
- Peace is part of the fruit of the spirit (Gal. 4:22).
- God keeps us in perfect peace as our minds are stayed on Him (Isa. 26:3).
- Troubled soul cannot confront the enemy (Prov. 12:25, 15:13b).
- The devil attacks our peace of mind with fear and discouragement to make us stumble (2 Cor. 10:3-5, 2 Tim. 1:7).

4. The shield of faith (Heb. 11:1-6).

The shields were crucial to defend the soldiers against the oiled and shot arrows of the enemies.

- Faith is the believer's certainty (Heb. 11:1).
- It is the expression of total trust and belief in the existence of the eternal God (Heb. 11:6)
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Rom. 14:23).
- Faith is strengthened and fortified by God's word (Rom. 10:17).
- Faith is believing, confessing and acting the word (Ps. 116:10).

5. The Helmet of Salvation

- Helmet is used to protect the head against injury
- This is the foundation of our relationship with God (2 Tim. 1:19)
- Correctness of the doctrine of salvation must be upheld (Col. 1:21-23)
- Our salvation is anchored to faith in the concluded work of Christ Jesus on the cross of Calvary and not by works (Col. 1:20, Rom. 8:3-4)

6. The sword of the spirit

- This is the only offensive weapon in the Armour of God
- This is the weapon to be used effectively against the temptation of the enemy (Matt. 4:1-10)
- The word is God Himself (John 1:1)
- The word of God is both life and health (Prov. 4:20-22)
- The word of God delivers and heals (Ps. 107:20)

7. The Armour of Prayer

- Prayer has to do with our deep communication with the Almighty God whereby we seek above all things the establishment of God's will.
- In spiritual warfare however, prayer become a weapon against the hosts of darkness.
- That is why it is often said that the devil trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.
- We can use the weapon of prayer in different ways:
 - ❖ Binding and loosing (Matt. 16:19)
 - ❖ Issuing a decree (Job 22:28)
 - ❖ Confession of faith (Ps. 2:7)
 - ❖ Prophesying into reality God's agenda (Ezek. 37:5)

D. COMPLETENESS OF GOD'S ARMOUR- (Romans 13: 12-14)

Jesus Christ is the completeness of our Armour. Romans 13:14 says we should "put on the Lord Jesus Christ". It means we should "wear" Him as our complete warfare garment. To put on Jesus Christ, we need to understand the kind of life He lived, which enabled Him totally defeat the devil. Even, when "the prince of this world" came to critically examine the life of the Master, the devil found nothing indicting by which to nail the Saviour.

The success secrets of Jesus Christ which every believer must strive to attain:

1. He loved righteousness (Heb. 1:8-9)
2. He hated iniquity (Heb. 1:9)
3. He lived a fasted life (Matt. 4: 2)
4. He was mighty in prayer (Heb. 5:7)
5. He was a worshipper (Lk. 10:21)
6. He was addicted to praise (Jn. 11:41)
7. He was committed to the kingdom service (Jn. 9:4)
8. He had passion for souls (Mk. 1:38)
9. He loved humanity passionately (Jn. 10:17-18)
10. He understood the power of God's word (Matt.4:4-10)
11. He understood His mandate (Lk. 19:10)
12. He was focused
13. He was broken (Matt. 11:29)
14. He was free from pollution (Jn. 14:30)
15. Guile was not found in His mouth (1 Pet. 2:22)
16. He was full of the knowledge of God's word (Heb. 10:7)
17. He was committed to the will of God (Jn. 5:30)
18. He applied the word (Lk. 4:4-12)
19. He had a robust relationship with the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:16)
20. He exercised His dominion power (Jn.11:43-44)
21. He was not selfish (Matt. 20:28)
22. He was always speaking the truth (Jn. 6:60)
23. He was very bold (Jn 18:11)
24. He was ruled by compassion in ministry (Matt. 9:36)
25. He trusted God for everything (Matt. 8:20)
26. He was not afraid of death (Matt.16:21)

CONCLUSION: God's desire for all His children is that they should lead a life of consistent daily victory over the devil and his cohorts. We are not to live at the mercy of the devil at all. Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4). To be victorious therefore, we must wisely appropriate the whole armour God has kindly made available to us and our ultimate armour is Christ Jesus Himself. As His Life envelopes us as a garment, our daily victory is certain.

PRAYER PPINTS

1. My weapons of spiritual warfare shall not be rendered impotent, in the name of Jesus
2. Dark powers attacking my spiritual armour, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Lord Jesus, let your life envelop me like a garment, in the name of Jesus.