

PureMen

PureMen Bible Study – Session 12 – 3/11/09

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Psalm 19:14) & Give out *Pure Hershey's Chocolate Brownies*.

Any testimonies about the “Television Fast?”

Review Study Questions from Chapter Eleven – *Battles In The Spiritual Realm*

The Precious Armour

Ephesians 6:10-18

“¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God: ¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”



From the Workbook:

Q: Are spiritual battles fought with one's own strength or abilities? **NO! For believers, the source of their spiritual power is the Holy Spirit.**

Question 1: *Additional comments:* [p.187] “An important truth regarding the power of God. He will only demonstrate His power in our lives to the extent that we are weak in ourselves. Our weakness creates a true dependence upon God.”

The truth is that many of the “afflictions” and “difficulties” we experience in life are allowed and even orchestrated by God to keep us weak and dependent upon Him! 2 Corinthians 12:9 *“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”* “The only way a believer will defeat the enemy in the area of spiritual temptation is through the power of God and that power is appropriated through the believer’s utter dependence upon Him.

1. Belt of Truth (v.14)

- Fight the enemy with TRUTH!
- PUT ON JESUS! He is truly all we need!
- John 14:6 *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
- John 17:17 *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*
- John 8:44 – the devil is the father of lies and there is no truth in him!
- Such an enemy can be overcome only by truth!

2. Breastplate of Righteousness (v.14)

- We can stand eternally because of the righteousness of Jesus Christ!
- We have been made righteous through Him and we are eternally secure!
- Guard your heart! Live righteously!

3. Feet shod with the Gospel of Peace (v.15)

- Because of the gospel, we can stand ready! Ready to march and do battle!
- We can stand firm on the solid power of the Gospel!
- Rom 5:1 *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- Phil 4:7 *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”*
- Even though we are in the midst of a terrible warfare against evil, we have a deep-seated peace that finds its Source in God Himself!

7. Prayer (v.18)

- Great confidence, assurance, and courage come through constant prayer! (Nehemiah 2:4b)
- Prayer is a battle! Remember how Daniel prayed for 21 days as a spiritual battle was fought?
- If we will persevere, prayer is a fight that will be won, for Satan is a defeated foe!

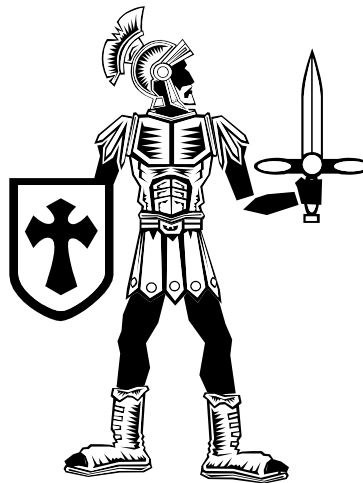
4. Shield of Faith (v.16)

- We can stand because of our perfect, unshakable faith in God and His infallible Word!
- Our complete trust is in Him by faith!
- This is why we need to memorize it and believe it and obey it so that we might cling to its truths and its promises when Satan throws his darts at us. He cannot touch us when we skillfully use our shield of faith.

5. Helmet of Salvation (v.17)

- The helmet protects our mind and thoughts.
- Our salvation protects us – our minds, thoughts, and allows us to keep our minds stayed on Christ!
- 2 Cor 10:5 *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”*
- Is 26:3,4 *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.”*

Put on the whole armor of God



**The Armour of God -
Ephesians 6:10-20**

6. Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (v.17)

- Hebrews 4:12 *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- We can defeat the enemy (his temptations, attacks, etc.) through the Word of God!
- Ask the Lord to help you recall Scripture that will help you to stand against the enemies attacks.