

## **Therefore Put on the Whole Armour of God**

*Eph. 6:10-20, "Wherefore 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." (verse 13)*

Now, do you know, we've had wars after wars, and rumors of wars? And if the earth stands, we'll have plenty more wars. But do you realize that **there are really only two powers in all the universe?** Of all of our differences between nations, and differences between each other, and everything, **it all mounts up to two powers.** There's only two powers, **and there's only two kingdoms; two powers, and two kingdoms.** All the rest, the little minor things, are connected with either one of those powers. **And those powers are God's power and Satan's power.** Every war, every disorder, everything that comes along, **it's either controlled by God's power or Satan's power,** 'cause that's the only two powers there is. **And that is the power of life and the power of death.** Now, that's the only two powers.

And **Satan, his power,** he's got, **is the perverted power of God.** It isn't no real power. It's a perversion of God's power, everything that Satan has. Death is only a perverted life. A lie is only the truth mistold.

And we are, today, setting here, **and one or the other power is going to control us. So let's cast out the evil one.** Let's take our position like the stars of the heavens.

And so an army, first, in getting ready for a battle, first there's got to be **a select, some soldiers. They've got to be dressed for fighting. They've got to be trained for fighting.**

And I believe that **the greatest battle that was ever fought, is now ready to go in action.** I believe that God has been selecting His soldiers. I believe He's been dressing them, training them. And the battle front is now set, getting ready to start.

**This great, first battle that was ever fought, begin in Heaven, when Michael and His Angels fought against Lucifer and his angels.** It first started, the first battle was in Heaven. **So, sin did not originate on earth,** it originated in Heaven (*Ezek. 28:11-17; Isaiah 14:12-15.*).

**And then it was thrown down from Heaven,** cast out of Heaven, to the earth, **and fell on human beings. Then the battle, from angels, become human battles.** And Satan came to destroy God's creation, what God had created to be for Hisself. He had, Satan, comes to destroy this. That's what his purpose was, was to destroy it. **Then the battle begin here on earth, and begin in us, and has been raging ever since** (*Rom. 7:12-25; Gal. 5:17*).

*Ephesians 6:10-20: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,..."* Shooting bullets and cut with knives, see, that's not it. "...but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world,..."

**"The rulers of darkness." "Who rules the world? The Devil.** Certainly. Who is all these things going on, all these ungodly things going on, around through here, and these governments, and so forth? **It's all the Devil.** The Bible said so. The Devil controls in United States. The Devil controlled Germany. The Devil controls every nation in the world. Every kingdom ever was and ever will be, until God sets up His kingdom, is controlled by the Devil (*Matt. 4:8-11*).

I don't mean everybody in it is the Devil, now. There's godly men in government offices.

*"... spiritual wickedness in high places."*

Now listen, all ye soldiers now: *"...take unto you the whole (not just part of it)... the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,..."* **That's the day we're living in.**

*"... and having done all, to stand."* **Stand...** Amen. You get that? When you've done all you can do, to stand, **then stand. Don't move.**

*"Stand therefore, having your loins..."*

Listen at this. Listen here, what this is. "Your loins." That's your middle part, here, see.

*"... girded about with truth,..."*

**What is the Truth? The Word of God (*John 17:17*).** That's right. "Thy Word is Truth." All right.

*"... and having on the breastplate of righteousness;"*

**That is, "Do what's right." Got the Word of God in you, doing what's right.** *"The breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"*

**Go anywhere, any place, any time, feet shod with the Gospel. See? And look:** *"Above all, above all of it, take the shield of faith,..."*

**That's the one that knocks off the darts, see, "The shield of faith."**

*"... wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation,..."*

**The mind, in here, the head; covers over the head.**

*"... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"*

How are you going to let this helmet, what it does? **It's a protection.** What is a helmet made out of? Brass. Brass can't even be tempered; hard, harder than iron. A brass headpiece, **the salvation, knowledge of knowing this, "And my healing comes from God. My salvation comes from God. My experience matches His Word, not the churches' idea, the Word!"**

Amen. There you are. Covered over, with a protection, the helmet of salvation, deliverance. Take that, then go marching forward. Oh, now, now that's what we're supposed to do. Satan's army... now watch.

**Satan's army brings diseases. That's what Satan is, he's a destroyer. Satan, the whole kingdom of Satan, is sickness, death, and sorrow, and flusterations, and worry, all on Satan.**

**God is Life, faith, joy, peace, over here.**

Now, that's the two great forces that's coming together right now. They're battling. They're battling right here in the building right now. **They battle, day by day, with you, every force.**

**By God, you're fortified, amen, with the Gospel, with the Word of Truth around your loin (Eph. 1:13-14). Glory! Preacher, that's what it is: helmet of salvation; the shield of faith; and the Sword, waving It in your hand!** "Satan, I'm coming to meet you. You meet me in the name of science. You meet me in the name of culture. You meet me in the name of organization. You meet me in the name of this, that, or the other. **But I meet you in the Name of the Lord God of Israel.** I'm coming after you. Give away!" Even death itself can't stand there. Chop a hole right through it. That's right.

**Satan's army brings diseases, and God's army is commissioned to cast them out.** Amen. There you are. Every time Satan throws any on, onto you, **God's army is to cast him out. Amen. Cast out!**

**That's the very technique that God used.** Satan used the army of destruction, to disbelieve God's Word, and set him up a better kingdom than Michael had, and God cast him out.

**God's method, is, cast out the evil.** Cast down reasoning. Cast down superstition. Cast down worry. Cast down diseases. Cast down sin. Amen. You're above it, resurrected in Christ Jesus, setting in Heavenly places, **with every devil under your foot.** If he starts to stick his head in there, what...

**You know, you are dead. Your life is hidden (Col. 3:1-4). What is dead? You're dead to your senses.** You are dead to your conscience. Your own human will would say, "Yes, I guess I..." **Dead to your reasoning.** Dead to all those things. And you are buried in the Name of Jesus Christ; **and raised with Him (Rom. 6:1-13). And wherever He is, there you are also.**

What happened when them, one of them doubters, got in Heaven? God kicked him out. And what did He say to the soldiers that's raised in Christ? **"When a devil comes along, kick him out. Cast him out."** When Jesus trained His army, and commissioned them to the ends of the world, *"Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15-18). [1]

**The whole Christian armour is absolutely supernatural.** There's nothing natural. If you can prove God, then there's no more need of faith. "But he that cometh to God must believe that He is." (Heb. 11:6). **It's by faith. The whole Christian armour is faith.**

The Christian looks at things he does not see (*II Cor. 4:18*).

**Now let's just take the armour of Christianity and see if it's supernatural: love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience. Everything is supernatural. Love!** "Go down to the drugstore and buy me a quarter's worth of love. I need it." See? You couldn't do it. "Buy me a dollar's worth of peace." You couldn't do it. See? **Everything is supernatural. The whole armour of God is supernatural. His Church is supernatural. It's not an organization. It's a supernatural Body that men and women are born into by the Holy Spirit and Its simple way** (*I Cor. 12:13*).

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Life, faith, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience, **science can't touch it.** And that's the only real, lasting thing that there is. **The whole Christian armour is looking at the unseen.** But the senses don't declare those things, but they're there. That's the reason it takes faith to believe it, **and it produces in you what faith has declared is out there.** It brings it to you, Divine healing and thing. They can't prove what heals Divinely, but they know there is a Divine healing. They can't prove what saves from sin, but they know people are saved from sin. So it cannot be proven scientifically, but it is scientifically in God's way of looking at it. [3]

**You look it, with your eyes; you see with your heart. See? You look at anything, say, "I just don't see it," you mean you don't understand it.** [4]

**The Christian always looks at things that he does not see, because he's looking at a promise.** [5]

**We look at things that you can't see with your natural eye.** [6]

Oh, Christian friend, put on the whole armour of God. Don't stand back with some little idea of some creed, or something that you're standing by. **Put on the whole armour of God when you go to fight against the enemy, like our Lord did. He showed that how the weakest of Christian can defeat Satan just with the Word.** He had powers, He could have smote Satan any way He wanted to, but He didn't use it. **He just took the Word and defeated him with it. "It's written. It's written."** Everywhere, "It's written." So He defeated Satan by the Word of God (*Matt. 4:1-11*). [7]

**Our Armour is Jesus Christ.** Yes, sir. All devils slide their brakes when they see that. **When they see that full armour of God, the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, that seen It coming straight from the throne of God, dressed in the full armour of His resurrection...** Amen. [8]

Oh, Christians, let us buckle on the armour of God. **Let us do all that we know how, to serve Him, love Him, and wait for that great time.** [9]

**The armour of God comes inside: the spiritual hidden power of God that the intellectual eye doesn't see at all (*II Cor. 4:7-10*). Jesus never did say, "Did you see it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" Amen. [10]**

If it's with the Word, it is so. Now, we know we've got counterfeits everywhere. That's right. It's a battle. **You've got to know your enemy, and you've got to know your armour. Your armour is the Word.** Your enemy is something that'll reason against It.

**Brother, the whole armour of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Word behind it.** And if anybody says they got the Holy Ghost and deny one Word of this, **then it's not the Holy Ghost.** The Holy Ghost wrote this Bible, and He said, "Whosoever shall take anything out of It, or put anything in It, the same will be taken, his part out of the Book of Life." (*Rev. 22:18-19*). **The Holy Ghost recognizes the Word only, because that's His Word, and He cannot go back on His Word.** He has to keep His Word. Amen. [11]

How many things did Eve have to listen to? One. She was disarmed right then (*Gen. 3:1-7*). **What did the Devil do? Swept right in through her mind, into her spirit,** and there she was perverted. Is that right? **She was perverted the very minute that she was disarmed, when she disbelieved God's Word.** All right. Here we see his tactics.

Now, before any battle can be put in array, **they first have to choose a meeting ground,** or a place where the battle is to be fought, a selected place. In the First World War, it was so placed, a no-man's-land and places where they fought. And they've got to be **a place selected.** And in this, **there's a mutual ground, no-man's-land, and they fight here at this place.**

**And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind. There is where the battle starts. The human mind was chosen for the place of the battle, where it was begun, and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head.**

**Decisions are made in the mind, the head. There is where Satan meets you.**

**Therefore, Satan begins at the principal part, to cause the spirit of man to doubt God's Word. God begins at the principal part, to lay His Word in that spirit. There you are. That's what does it. Now, there is where the battle begins, right in your mind, whether you will...**

Now remember, it's not Christian Science, now, mind over matter, that hasn't... **The mind accepts the Life, which is the Word of God (*John 6:63*), and there brings the Life. Just your thought doesn't do it. But, the Word of God, brought in the channel of your thought.** See? It's not the thought, as Christian Science makes it, mind over matter. No. That isn't it.

**But, your mind accepts it and grasps it.** What is your mind controlled by? Your spirit. **And your spirit catches the Word of God,** and that's the thing that's got Life in It. **It brings Life into you. Oh, brother! When that takes place, when Life comes down that channel into you, the Word of God is manifested in you.** "If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, then ask what you will and it'll be done for you." (*John 15:7*).

Then what does that do? **From the middle of the heart, which is the soul, from there goes forth, feeding every channel.** The trouble of it is, we're standing in here with a lot of doubt, trying to accept what's out there. You've got to stop that; and come down that channel with the true Word of God, and then it goes out, itself, automatically. **It's what's on the inside. That's the thing that counts, is the inside.**

Now, you say, "I don't steal. I don't drink. I don't do these things." That has nothing to do with it.

See, **it's the inside.** No matter how good you are, how moral you are, how truthful you are, those things are respected. But Jesus said, *"Except a man be born again."* (*John 3:3-5*). See? **There's got to be something happen inside.** If you don't, that's artificial put-on, for down in your heart you desire to do it anyhow. It can't be artificial. **It's got to be real.**

**And there's only one avenue that that can come down, and that's by the way of free moral agency, come into the soul, by your thoughts.** *"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"* (*Prov. 23:7*). *"If you say to this mountain, 'Move,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said will come to pass, you can have what you said."* (*Mark 11:23*). You get it? There you are. See? There's the battlegrounds.

**It must be accepted in the mind, then It's believed with the heart. Then the Word of God becomes a reality, then every senses of spirit and body is just scoured out with the Holy Spirit.** Then your sense of God, your conscience of God, everything that's godly, flows through you. There's not a doubt anywhere. There's nothing can rise up.

But if that channel has been cleared out and been purged, and been filled on the inside with the Holy Spirit, that don't even come in memory, no matter about Miss Jones and what she did. It's you and God, together, and nobody else but you two. There you are. There's your battle. **Kill him at the beginning. Stop him dead in his track. It ain't how long you can make the war linger. It's, stop it right now!**

If you'll come, and you'll keep them memories and conscience, and everything, thinking about, "Well, I might fail. It might not be right." **Don't you do that, at all.**

You throw aside everything, and open up the channel, **and say, "God, Your Word is Eternally true, and It's for me.** If the whole church fails, if the whole world fails, yet I can't fail, because I'm taking Your Word."

You had to open the channel, first. **You've got to get the Soldier, the Holy Spirit, placed at the battlefront, that takes God's Word. He is the Word.** And He stands there, there's nothing going to stop It then. There's nothing. Every one of the other channels is cleared out. Just like an old boiler with the flue stopped up; you put a fire in, it'll blow your thing up. That's what's the matter with so many blowed-up Christians, **is because that they don't clean the channels out, they don't go down to the inside.** You've got to clean it, conscience, memory, thoughts, laying aside everything, and coming from the inside out, with that unadulterated Word of God, that It's the Truth.

No matter if ten thousand died on this side, today, trusting; ten thousand died on that side, tomorrow, trusting; that has nothing to do with me. I'm the individual. **I'm the one that's trusting. I'm the one that believes it.** And we see back yonder, if we wanted to open up our channels then, if we can, and see. We find this one and that one, and this one and that one, thousands of them, testifying.

But the Devil will try to come right back. See, if he can get in there, at all, he's got your army routed right then.

If you've got your senses, see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, **they're all right, but don't trust them unless they agree with the Word.** They're all right, **but, if they disagree with the Word, don't you listen to them.** Now, imaginations, conscience, memories, reasons, and affections, **they're all right if they agree with the Word.** But if your affection doesn't agree with the Word, **get rid of it.** You'd blow a flue, right quick. See? If your reason disagrees with the Word, get away from it. That's right. If your memory, if your imaginations, if your conscience, anything, disagrees with That what's on the inside, get rid of it.

What you got then? You've got a solar system. Hallelujah! It's, God set the stars in order and said, "Hang there till I call you!" They stay there. Nothing's going to move them. **When God can get a man in His hands, till he can get senses, conscience, everything cleaned out, until it stands with God behind it, in the spirit; there's not a devil in the world can poke a doubt in there.** [1]

Remember, **we are not on a picnic, but we're in a battlefield.** Many people just think that when they become a Christian that that's all they need to do, that that settles it forever, as they are a Christian and everything's going to come easy. Don't never get that in your head. **For I become a Christian to fight, fight the good fight of faith (II Tim. 4:7-8). I become a Christian to get in the battle lines.** We are Christian soldiers, and we got to be trained, and brought up, and know all the techniques of the enemy, **to know how to fortify, to know how to fight the fight (II Cor. 10:3-6). And we can only do that as the Holy Spirit will reveal it to us.** We cannot take what some other

nation tells us when we go to war, some of their ideas. But we got to take our own ideas, **the way the Holy Spirit would direct us**, and what ideas He would give us, **because He is the Commanding Chief of the army of the Christians.** [12]

And now after you are in Christ, **that doesn't mean that you're out free from war. You still have to fight for every inch of ground you stand on.** So see, Canaan did not represent the great heaven, because it's war and troubles and killings and fightings. **But it did represent this: that it must be a perfect walk.**

And there's where the church is failing today: **on that walk. Do you know that even your own behaviour can knock somebody else out of getting healed? Your misbehaviour of unconfessed sins of you believers, can cause this church to bitterly fail.** And at the day of the judgment you'll be responsible for every bit of it. Oh, you say, "Now, wait a minute, Brother Branham." Well, that's the truth. Think of it. [13]

I had been preaching for years, and I become an old man and an old veteran preacher, **and had a lot of hard battles, and maybe I'm scarred, all cut up on the inside, from fights.** Because, my lot, that the Lord gave me, was not back to kiss the babies, and to marry the young, and bury the old. But it was to hold a two-handed Sword at the battle front, against the wiles of **paganism and demonology**, and the **powers of darkness**, and fight it with the Word of God **till I seen the enemy defeated. I been cut deep, many times.** [14]

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