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# IN ARMOUR, TAKE YOUR STAND

## EPHESIANS 6: 10 - 24

‘In Christ’

: Lessons from Ephesians – Part 10

## BE STRONG IN THE LORD (V. 10)

- *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”*

# PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD



“*Never again*,” says the main “lessons learnt” report, “*must we send ill-equipped soldiers into battle*.” The kit shortages that plagued British troops - from missing body armour to lack of chemical weapon protection - have become a familiar theme of the Iraq operation.

# IT'S A WAR OUT THERE

- *I am sending you out like sheep among wolves (Matthew 10: 16)*
- *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5: 8)*

## PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR (V: 11,12)

- *Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

# TAKE YOUR STAND; STAND YOUR GROUND

- *“Therefore put on the full armour 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.”*

# Armour of God

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 (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).

Helmet of Salvation  
(Ephesians 6:17)

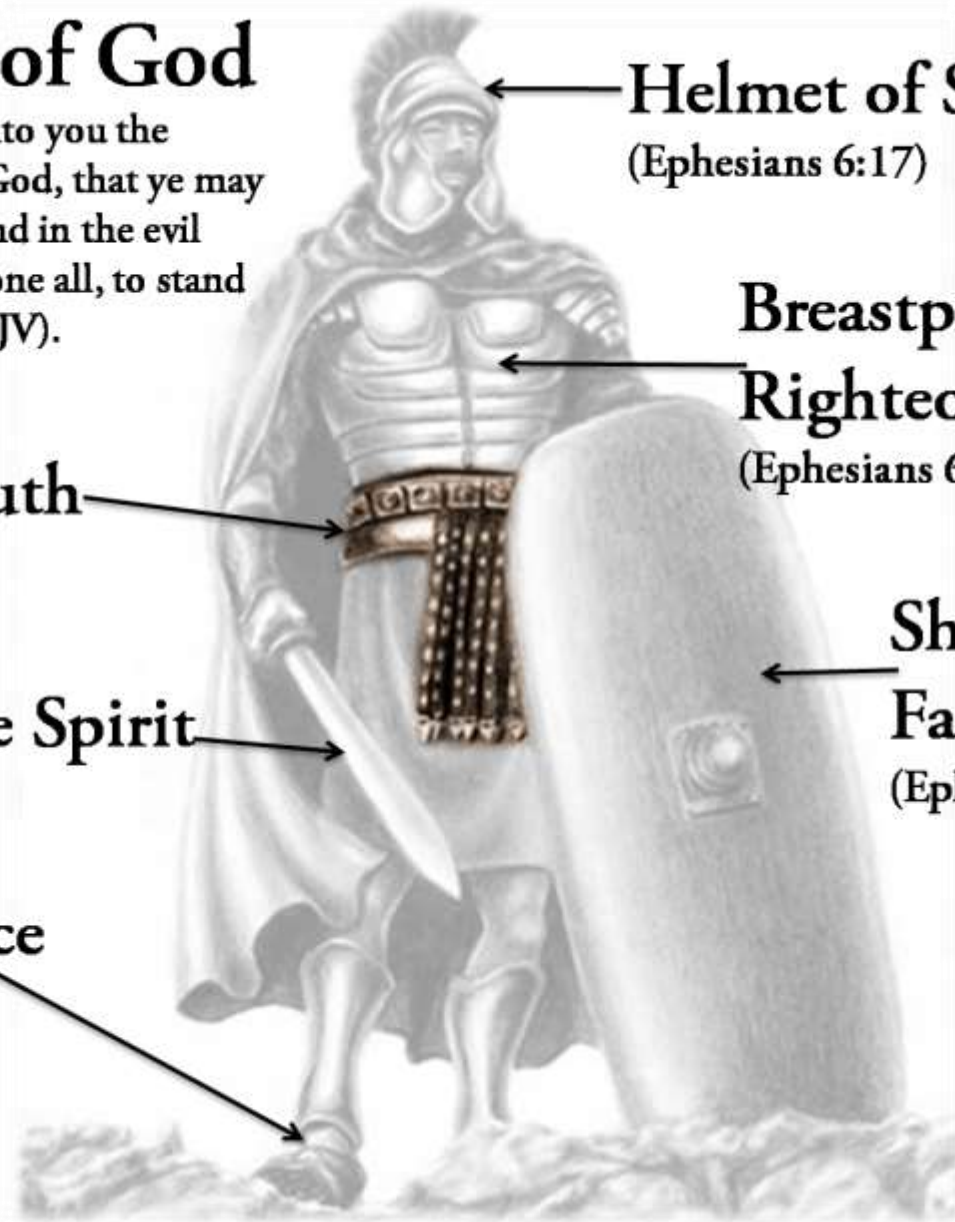
Breastplate of  
Righteousness  
(Ephesians 6:14)

Belt of Truth  
(Ephesians 6:14)

Shield of  
Faith  
(Ephesians 6:16)

Sword of the Spirit  
(Ephesians 6:17)

Feet of Peace  
(Ephesians 6:15)



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- Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist,
  - with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place,
  - and with your **feet fitted with** the readiness that comes from **the gospel of peace**.
  - In addition to all this, take up **the shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
  - Take the **helmet of salvation**
  - and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.



## PRAYER: NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT (6: 18-20)

- 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 saints.
- 19 **Pray** also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, 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.

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ARMS: (6: 21-24)

- *Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.*
- *Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.*