



# YOU. 🦊 UNDER ASSAULT.

The Armor of God · Ephesians 6:10-20



I had to dust off this present from a friend . . . Is your armor dusty? Or rusty?!

👉 What are the most important relationships in your life?

**They are under assault! Caution! War! And you are in the middle of it!**

**Ephesians 6:10** Father · Son · Spirit → **YOU** ← World · Evil

- **Finally my brethren:** one more thing: war, but we are in this together! [not in all manuscripts]
- **be strong:** 1) in the Lord, 2) in the power of His might
- **“in the Lord”:** when the odds are not in your favor, make an alliance with the Almighty!

**Ephesians 6:11**

- **Put on:** the entire armor is external to ourselves! (→ Rom 13:13,14; 1 Cor 15:53, 54; 2 Cor 5:3; Gal 3:27; Col 3:10; 1 Thess 5:8)
- **whole:** we can't be selective; no blind spot, no “good enough”, no 9/10.
- **wiles:** μεθοδεία *methodeia* - method! But plural! Methodological massacre.

**Ephesians 6:12** Alliteration: πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις

- **against:** 4x!
- **rulers** of the darkness of this age [κοσμοκράτωρ *kosmokratōr*]
- **wrestle** πάλη *pálē* (noun; 1x in NT!): hand-to-hand combat, not a national campaign

**Ephesians 6:13**

- **stand:** If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything . . . #Daniel's Friends - last men standing!

**Ephesians 6:14** to be put on: 3 default defenses · 3 combat outfits + Prayer!

🦶 **girded your waist with truth:** Passover reminder (Ex 12:11!); see also Lk 12:35; 1Pe 1:13.

🛡️ **breastplate of righteousness:** “For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak” (Isa 59:17). 1 Thess 5:8: “breastplate of faith and love”

**Ephesians 6:15** Alliteration: ἐν ἔτοιμασίᾳ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρήνης

👣 **shod your feet:** στοιχέω [stoicheō] and περιπατέω [peripateō] = **walking = living!**

🕊️ **the gospel of peace:** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Mt 5:9).

**Ephesians 6:16** Do we have any idea what's headed our way?! 🦄

🛡️ **the shield of faith** - purpose: to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one 🔥

from NET Note: “Greek θυρεός, *thureos* - Roman soldier's large rectangular wooden shield (Latin: *scutum*, ~ 4 ft high, covered with leather on the outside. Wetted before battle to ward off flaming arrows, esp. in formation.”

**Ephesians 6:17**

🧠 **helmet of salvation:** 1 Thess 5:8 helmet = “hope of salvation” · in my head 🧠: heaven!

🗡️ **the sword of the Spirit:** the word of God

Net Note: “The Greek term translated *sword* (μάχαιρα, *machaira*) refers to the Roman *gladius*, a short sword about 2 ft (60 cm) ✓ long, used for close hand-to-hand combat.”

**Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

🙏 “**praying** always with all **prayer** and **supplication** in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and **supplication** for all the saints—

## Ephesians 6:19-20

Purpose

🗨️ 19 and for me, that **utterance** may be given to me, that I may open my **mouth** boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it [chains] I may **speak** boldly, as I ought to **speak**.”

**2 Tim 4:2** “Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season!”

**Isaiah 59:21** ““As for Me,” says the LORD, “this *is* My covenant with them: My Spirit who *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 descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the LORD, “from this time and forevermore.””

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

🕒 **End-time Muster:** “God wants every one to stand with the whole armor on, ready for the great review” (Ms 63, 1908).

🎵 **We are soldiers:** “We must put on every piece of the armor, and then stand firm. The Lord has honored us by choosing us as His soldiers. Let us fight bravely for Him, maintaining the right in every transaction. Rectitude in all things is essential to the welfare of the soul. As you strive for the victory over your own inclinations, He will help you by His Holy Spirit to be circumspect in every action, that you may give no occasion for the enemy to speak evil of the truth. Put on as your breastplate that divinely protected righteousness which it is the privilege of all to wear. This will protect your spiritual life” (YI, September 12, 1901).

🕒 **Self:** **“The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought.”**

The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness” (SC 43).

👼 **Angels:** “If we have on the heavenly armor, we shall find that the assaults of the enemy will not have power over us. Angels of God will be round about us to protect us” (RH May 25, 1905).

“Could human beings know the number of the evil angels, could they know their devices and their activity, there would be far less pride and frivolity” (Ms 33, 1911).

🔴 **The blood-stained banner:** “Our minds are given to the control of God, or to the control of the powers of darkness; and it will be well for us to inquire where we are standing today—whether under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, or under the black banner of the powers of darkness” (Ms 1, 1890).

**Cosmic Conflict:** “If the curtain could be rolled back, and each one could discern the constant activities of the heavenly family to preserve the inhabitants of the earth from Satan’s seductive wiles, lest in their careless attitude they should be led astray through satanic strategy, they would lose a large degree of their self-confidence and self-assurance. They would see that the armies of heaven are in continual warfare with satanic agencies, to obtain victories in behalf of those who do not sense their danger, and who are passing on in unconscious indifference” (Manuscript 32, 1900).

## CONCLUSION

In the Final Analysis

⊕ **You have to fight in your own armor (1 Samuel 17:38-51) - but it has to be His!**

⊕ **The armor of God is 100% invisible.**

⊕ **The armor of God is 100% non-human - except praying for preaching.**

**“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7).**