

Chapter 6

Be Strong in The Lord and the Power of His Might (vs.10)

- ❖ Paul tells us to trust God and be strong – Deut. 31:6; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rev. 21:8
- ❖ Notice that our strength does not come from us – 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 - What we are dealing with in our flesh is no comparison to the strength we can have in God –
2 Cor. 4:16-17
 - We get in trouble when we think we are strong in ourselves – John 15:1-5; Psa. 84:4-7
- ❖ We are to strengthen ourselves by God's Power – 1 Sam. 30:6
- ❖ Never forget who the power belongs to and where it comes from – Deut. 8:11-18; Psa. 62:10-12
- ❖ Might: ischus (is-khoos): ability – God is able – Eph. 3:20

Put on the whole armor of God (vs.11)

- ❖ Whole armor: *"The word rendered "whole armor", "panoply"), means "complete armor," offensive and defensive"* Albert Barnes Notes on the Bible
- ❖ Without the armor, we are easily defeated – Luke 11:21-22
- ❖ God is armored in the Old Testament – Isa. 59:12-17 and we have been equipped in the New Testament – Rom. 8:37
- ❖ We are instructed to put on the whole armor and not pieces – 1 Cor. 1:4-7

The reason for the armor (vs.11)

- ❖ As believers, our objective is not to merely survive the enemy's attack (he can't kill us anyway) – we should stand in them and overcome the attacks with our spiritual weaponry – 2 Cor. 10:3-5
- ❖ Wiles – tricks, satanic strategies, influences, concepts and ideologies
 - Temptation – James 1:13-18; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 10:13-14
 - Lies – Lev. 19:11; Pro. 12:22
 - Deception – Pro. 10:9; James 1:22
 - Intimidation – 2 Tim. 1:7; Gal. 6:12-13
 - Fear – Isa. 41:10; Pro. 29:25
 - Theft – Mark 7:21-23; John 10:10
 - Murder – Pro. 18:21
 - Insinuation – Gen. 3:1-6; Mat. 4:8-10
 - Manipulation – Mat. 7:15; Rom. 16:17-18; 2 Cor. 11:13-15

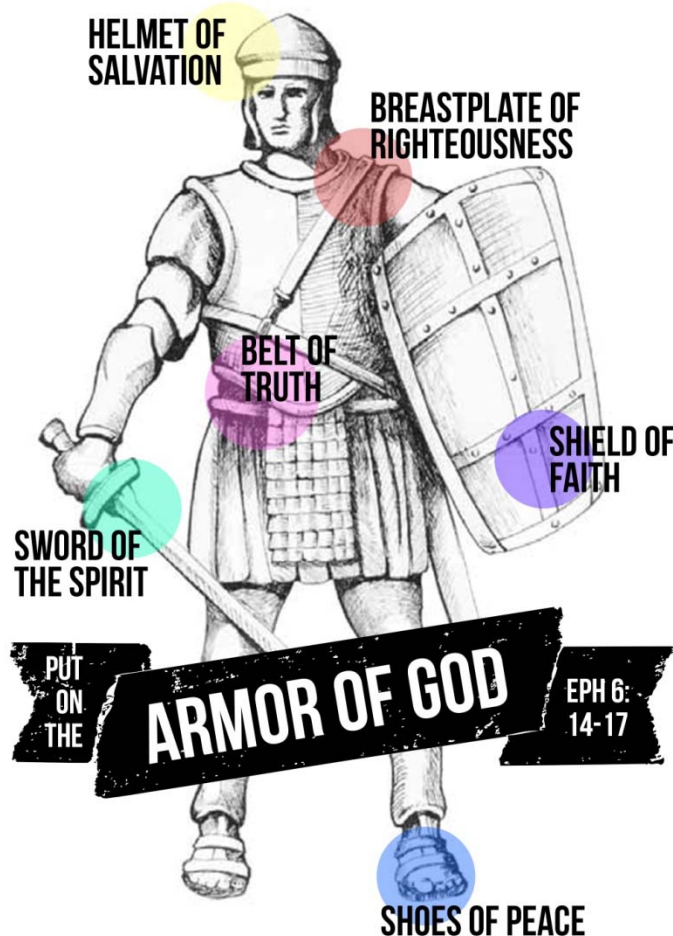
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Where The Real Fight Is (vs. 12)

- ❖ A whole lot of us don't realize who the enemy really is
 - Not against flesh and blood – 2 Cor. 10:4-6
 - Against principalities, powers – Eph. 1:21; 1 Cor. 15:24; Col. 2:15; Acts 19:19; Mark 5:9-15; Dan. 10:13
 - Against the rulers of the darkness of this world – Luke 22:53; Eph. 2:2; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13
 - Against spiritual wickedness in high places – Mat. 12:43-45; Job 1:7; Isa 14:12-15

Dress For Success (vs. 13)

- ❖ We must learn to put on the whole armor of God
- ❖ Standing in the evil day – Psa. 41:1



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Standing in Truth (vs. 14)

- ❖ You must first know the truth – John 14:6; John 8:32; John 17:17
 - You must be anchored in truth and not feelings, emotions, circumstances, people – Mat. 4:1-11
- ❖ Truth brings joy to God – Pro. 12:22
 - Also brings joy to those who God has called to help us grow – 3 John 1:3-4
- ❖ Truth brings about separation – Gal. 4:16; 2 Chro. 18
- ❖ Our worship must be truth-centered – John 4:24
- ❖ Our reception to truth demonstrates our God-like love – 1 Cor. 13:4-6; 1 John 3:18
- ❖ How do we grow in truth? John 16:13

Our Covenant of Faith in God

- ❖ Paul tells us that the most important armor we must possess is the shield of faith
- ❖ Faith activates as we operate in agreement with God
 - Note the following passages: Amos 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:1-13

ARE WE EXPECTING GOD TO KEEP A COVENANT WE HAVE NEVER ENTERED INTO?

- ❖ 2 Chr. 29:10; 2 Kings 11:17; 2 Chr. 15:12; 2 Cor. 8:5

Too many of us place our faith in the place or the man instead of the Lord. He never disappoints those who actually come to covenant.