

The Armor of God PART 2

Ephesians 6:10-18

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Whatever battle we're in today, God has perfectly equipped us to fight the good fight of faith. The armor of God is the knowledge of and the proper application of God's Word. When we are hearers *and* doers of God's Word we don't need to feel sorry for ourselves, be victims or live overwhelmed.

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. **Hosea 4:6 KJV** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
 - a. As Christians we can live defeated lives even while being saved when we lack knowledge of God's Word.
 - b. A lack of biblical knowledge leads to destruction in marriages, families, emotions, and spiritual life.
 - c. The armor of God is developed by hearing and applying Scripture consistently.
2. **Isaiah 5:13 KJV** Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.
 - a. A lack of God's Word leads to captivity.
 - b. Captivity includes habits, strongholds, destructive thought patterns, and emotional bondage.
 - c. Freedom comes through knowing and applying biblical truth.
3. **James 1:22-25 KJV** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
 - a. Hearing the Word without doing it will lead to deception.

- b. God's Word gives us discernment to recognize the truth from a lie, to know what to resist and what to receive.

4. Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV Finally, 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.

- a. The first thing is our relationship with the Lord, to be strong in Him we must work on our spiritual growth and be filled by the Holy Spirit every day.
- b. To be effective in any area of our lives, we need the whole armor.
- c. The devil has strategies and plans to destroy us, but God has given us the authority to come against them so God can release His power.

How do I put on the armor of God?

- 1. Meditation of God's Word:** When we read the Bible, it's important to not rush through it, but take time to sit still and think deeply about what you read. What you meditate on becomes part of your life.
- 2. Personalization of God's Word:** Make God's promises personal. The Word becomes powerful when you apply it to your own life and declare it over yourself.
- 3. Declaration of God's Word:** Speak God's promises over your life daily. Declaring the Word reminds you of who you are, what you have, and what you can do in Christ
- 4. Application of God's Word:** Victory comes from being a doer of the Word, not just a hearer. Applying biblical truth breaks destruction, captivity, and deception
- 5. Praying the seven pieces of the armor:** Remind yourself of who you are, what you have and what you can do with God's Word.

REFLECT & REVISIT

This week read **Ephesians 6:10-18** and reflect on how God has perfectly equipped you for the battles you are facing. Pick one piece of the armor and spend the next seven days meditating on that one piece.