

# Ephesians 6:16-17

## Preparing for War

### 1. Take Up the Shield of Faith: (16)

- a. Timing: \_\_\_\_\_ activity. –*Phil 4:12*
- b. Identify: Our \_\_\_\_\_ in the promises of God. –*Heb 13:5*
- c. Purpose: to \_\_\_\_\_ the lies and power of temptation:
  - i. Promised protection: You will \_\_\_\_\_ them. –*Jam 4:7*
  - ii. Comprehensive protection: \_\_\_\_\_ the flaming darts.
  - iii. Powerful protection: all the attacks of the \_\_\_\_\_ –*1 John 5:4*
- d. Bringing it all together:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ the tempting lie. –*Gen 3:1; Prov 20:5*
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ what God's Word says to this. –*Ezra 7:10; 2 Tim 2:15*
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ what God's word says. –*Prov 3:5; Luke 4:1-12*

### 2. Take the Helmet of Salvation: (17a)

- a. Isaiah 59:17 – \_\_\_\_\_ wears this helmet to war and judge.
- b. This helmet is trust in past, present, and future \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. –*Eph 1:3*
  - ii. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ. –*Eph 2:4-10*
  - iii. We will \_\_\_\_\_ our inheritance in Him. –*Eph 1:3, 13-14*
- c. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with these things. –*Heb 10:25*

### 3. Take the Sword of the Spirit: (17b)

- a. Isaiah 11:4 – The \_\_\_\_\_ wields this sword. –*Rev 19:11-16, 21*
- b. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument made for close combat. –*Heb 4:12-13*
- c. This sword comes \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit. –*John 16:13*
- d. In a \_\_\_\_\_ battle this is our only \_\_\_\_\_ weapon:
  - i. Do not arm yourself with the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. –*1 Cor 2:1-5*
  - ii. Trust in God's own \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. –*Jer 23:29*

## Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.