

THE ARMOR OF GOD

BATTLING VICTORS CAN WITHSTAND THE DEVIL'S
ASSAULTS WHEN SHIELDED BY GOD'S GIFT OF FAITH.

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Ephesians 6:10–13 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in **the power of His might**.¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be **able to stand** against the wiles of the devil.¹² For **we** do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but **against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness** of this age, **against spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

¹³ **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**

Ephesians 6:14–16 **Stand therefore**, having **girded your waist with truth**, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, ¹⁵ and having **shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel** of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking **the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

I. Battling Victors Can Withstand The Devil's Assaults When Shielded By God's Gift Of Faith

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A. The Fiery Darts Of The Wicked One Will Come.

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Dart #1 – God does not care about your needs – you deserve to be treated better.

➤ **Matthew 4:3-4**

Dart #2 – God will protect you no matter what you do – have a little fun.

➤ **Matthew 4:6-7**

Dart #3 – Enjoying worldly pleasures now is better than waiting on God’s promises.

- Matthew 4:8–9 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and **showed Him all the kingdoms** of the world and **their glory**.⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things **I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**”

Dart #3 – Enjoying worldly pleasures now is better than waiting on God’s promises.

➤ May our hearts respond like Jesus:

Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him,
“**Away with you, Satan!** For it is written,
‘You shall **worship the LORD your God,**
and **Him only you shall serve.**’ ”

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1. FAITH in our faith is devilish.

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2. Faith is a gift of God.

- 2 Timothy 1:7–8 For God has not **given us a spirit** of fear, but **of power and of love and of a sound mind.** ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the **sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God**

- 2 Timothy 1:12–13 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have **believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.** ¹³ Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, **in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus**

- Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “**Do not be afraid**, Abram. **I am your shield**, your exceedingly great reward.
- Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure; **He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him**

- Psalm 28:7 **The LORD is my strength and my shield**; My heart **trusted in Him**, and **I am helped**; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.
- Psalm 119:114 You are **my hiding place and my shield**; I hope in Your word

- Psalm 144:1–2 Blessed be **the LORD my Rock**, Who trains my hands **for war**,
And my fingers **for battle**—² **My lovingkindness** and **my fortress**, My
high tower and my deliverer, **My shield**
and the One in whom I take refuge, **Who subdues** my people under me.

- Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**
- Romans 8:34 **Who is he who condemns?** It is Christ who **died**, and furthermore is also **risen**, who is even **at the right hand** of God, who also **makes intercession** for us.

- Job 1:22 In all this **Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.**

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- 1 Peter 5:8–9 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
⁹ **Resist him, steadfast (standing firm) in the faith**, knowing that the **same sufferings** are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

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➤ 2 Peter 1:3–4 as His divine power has **given to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue

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- 2 Peter 1:4 by which have been **given to us exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped the corruption** that is in the world through lust

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➤ Psalm 23:4 Yea, though **I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil**; For **You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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- 1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and **have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

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- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation **will also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to **bear it.**

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- Luke 22:31–32 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But **I have prayed for you**, that **your faith should not fail**; and **when you have returned to Me**, strengthen your brethren.

- Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for **they shall see God.**
- Edwards: “After they have had the pleasure of beholding the face of God millions of ages, it will not grow a dull story; the relish of this delight will be as exquisite as ever.”



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