

The Armor of God

Introduction:

This is an understanding of the Christian in the complete Armor of God. We will take a look at each specific piece of the armor and see how it pertains to our **SPIRITUAL** battle which is actually against the **DOCTRINES** that are preached when rightly dividing the Word of Truth. In order to understand this, we first have to understand that it is the Word that effectually worketh (**1 Thessalonians 2:13**) in us to accomplish the work God has preordained (**Ephesians 2:10**) us to walk in. When a believer is saved, we are raised into the Heavens (**Ephesians 2:6**) and then thrust right into battle with our armor. To imagine this better, we need look no further than how the paratroopers in World War 2 were thrust into combat with all their armor. They were simply dropped into the combat zone with the armor they had and then had to fight to survive. This is loosely what happened to us when we believed, so understand, it's time to fight! In order to do so, we must grow into our armor. We grow into our armor by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, but it is through our learning of the doctrines associated with our warfare that we do this.

Ephesians 4:12-16

¹² ***For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,*** for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

This perfecting of the saints is what we are to do when we go to church. The sad fact is that this is the place where we equip ourselves to fight the wiles of the Devil, but in most churches today, they do not know which doctrines we should have knowledge of for this fight. Having the correct understanding of "*Time Past, But Now, and Ages to Come*" sets us on the correct path for understanding what we are to teach each other to fight this battle so that:

Ephesians 4:14-15

¹⁴ *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed **TO AND FRO**, and **CARRIED ABOUT WITH EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, *may grow up into him in all things*, which is the head, even Christ:

As you can see it is the incorrect **DOCTRINES** that we fight in this spiritual battle. The sleight of men and the cunning craftiness, is what the Devil uses in the scripture to confuse the masses and *“lies in wait to deceive”*. He does this by mixing the Gospels and making them *“appear”* to be all the same with no distinguishing between them. Hence why God warned us to:

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ **STUDY** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.**

One can study all they want, but if they do not rightly divide the Word they will set themselves to be a snare for Satan and his doctrinal lies. Many fall into his trap might I add:

1 Timothy 4:1

4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils;**

As we see, the Devil attacks the doctrines and this verse says that specifically in the latter times people will give an ear to them. If we look in our churches today, we see that so many people have listened and believed the *“doctrines of devils”*. Many people believe that in church they are actually worshiping their Creator with their song and dance, all sorts of money offerings, and gyrating feelings from what they call the Holy Ghost. This is not worship. The highest form of worship that can be had comes from **READING** about who God is, His character, His nature and His expectations. This cannot be accomplished in today’s Sunday Worship.

What are they learning about God? **NOTHING!** Let's see what the word worship means according to Webster's 1828 dictionary:

Worship

WORSHIP, n. [*See Worth.*]

1. ***Excellence of character; dignity; worth; worthiness.***

--Elfin born of noble state, and muckle worship in his native land.

In this sense, the word is nearly or quite obsolete; but hence,

2. A title of honor, used in addresses to certain magistrates and other of respectable character.

My father desires your worships company.

3. A term of ironical respect.

4. Chiefly and eminently, ***the act of paying divine honors to the Supreme Being; or the reverence and homage paid to him in religious exercises, consisting in adoration, confession, prayer, thanksgiving and the like.***

The worship of God is an eminent part of religion.

Prayer is a chief part of religious worship.

5. The homage paid to idols or false gods by pagans; as the worship or Isis.

6. Honor; respect; civil deference.

Then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

Luke 14

7. Idolatry of lovers; obsequious or submissive respect.

WORSHIP, v.t.

1. ***To adore***; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration.

Thou shalt worship no other God. Exo 34.

2. To respect; to honor; to treat with civil reverence.

Nor worshipd with a waxen epitaph.

3. ***To honor with extravagant love and extreme submission; as a lover.***
With bended knees I daily worship her.

WORSHIP, v.i.

1. ***To perform acts of adoration.***

2. To perform religious service.

Our fathers worshiped in this mountain. John 4.

This big word from this is.....**ADORATION**. When you completely adore somebody, you try to learn every single thing you can about them. This may be the tiniest of details to the most significant of things. But you try to get to know the person. The greatest form of worship for us today is actually getting to know God:

Job 22:21

²¹ **Acquaint** now thyself with him, and be at peace: **thereby good shall come unto thee.**

I loved this verse the first time I heard it said. This simple verse is very powerful and true. Perhaps things in your life may not be going as well as you would like and you would like them to get better. Perhaps some time spent with God Almighty could smooth some of this stuff over? From the above verse I would say so! We spend countless hours worrying about things we have absolutely **NO CONTROL** over. They are mere distractions by the Devil to keep you from knowing the absolute truth. But remember we must study the Word according to 2 Timothy 2:15, rightly dividing it!

Now that we understand the nature of our battle in the doctrines, let us see what we are supposed to do:

Ephesians 6:10

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

What does it mean to be strong in the power of His might?

The answer to this is in the following verse:

Ephesians 6:11

¹¹ **Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

We put on the whole Armor of God, but remember, this is ***SPIRITUAL ARMOR*** and our battle is spiritual:

Ephesians 6:12

¹² ***For 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.

Hence why our weapons for this battle are not carnal weapons, but spiritual:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴ ***(For the weapons of our warfare are NOT carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)***

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Well how do we put this armor on?

Romans 13:14

¹⁴ ***But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ***, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

We put on Jesus Christ, then the armor, which all equals strong in the Lord and growing up into Christ. Why do we want to put on the Armor of God?

Ephesians 6:11

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able ***to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

What are the wiles of the Devil?

Ephesians 4:14

¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of ***DOCTRINE, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;***

As we can see, the wiles are the sleight of men and cunning craftiness in **DOCTRINE**. How do they accomplish this? They do it right from the pulpit in which many believers go to hear the Word of God:

2 Corinthians 11:3

³ But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, **so your minds should be corrupted from the SIMPLICITY that is in Christ.**

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³ **For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

¹⁴ And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if **his (Satan) ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness (Church Pastors, Deacons etc.);** whose end shall be according to their works.

This is the spiritual sleight of hand. They mix up the Word to keep people from understanding the simple truth in Christ. Now I will say that they **(Pastors and Deacons etc...)** do not know they are doing this, for the most part. We know they are deceiving because they do not rightly divide the Word of Truth and have mixed prophecy **(Gospel of the Kingdom, Israel)**, with the mystery **(Gospel of Grace, Body of Christ)**. Satan's end game is to cause confusion among the masses. If you look at most churches today, do they seemed confused with their denominations? These churches use the spiritual sleight of hand to confound the masses, and thus they fulfill this scripture:

2 Timothy 3:5-7

⁵ Having a **FORM OF GODLINESS, but denying the power thereof:** from such turn away.

⁶ For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

⁷ **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

This is the condition of most churches today with their songs, dance, money offerings, and saying few scriptures here and there calling it worship. And as stated in verse 5, they have a **FORM** of godliness, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **(2 Timothy 3:7)** As you can now see, this

battle is against the doctrines of Truth, not mankind (*Ephesians 6:10-13*). Later we will see how each spiritual piece of armor has a specific doctrine associated with it. I pray that this has been eye opening. The specific pieces of the armor will be discussed soon....