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We see the
land ... The LORD
our God has
given us a GOOD
land, a land
flowing with milk
and honey ...
Let us enter in!

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The Priestly Blessing ...

Numbers 6:24-26

“²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

The Priestly Blessing ...

Hebraic Translation

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

The Priestly Blessing¹

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD² bless you³ and keep you⁴

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ:

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face⁵ shine⁶ upon you and be gracious⁷ to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up⁸ his face to you and give you peace⁹

¹ This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

² The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הַרַחֲמִים), in contradistinction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

³ בְּרַכָּה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

⁴ שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

⁵ The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

⁶ The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

⁷ May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

⁸ Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

⁹ All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שְׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שַׂר שְׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.

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Spiritual
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God

Spiritual Warfare and the Armor of God.

- A look at the Early Church.

The pagan Roman society regularly attacked and physically assaulted Christians¹ – among their attackers were witches, astrologers, and mediums. With all the persecutions taking place, there was so much fear amongst the believers. Timothy was also very fearful and Paul encouraged him to STAND strong ...

2 Timothy 1:7 “7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.”

The Roman Emperor during that time was Nero. He would hold huge meetings in a coliseum called “the Circus of Maximus”, which seated 87, 000 people. Nero burned Christians to death and the crowds watched as wild beasts would be let loose to maul the Christians to death. Gladiators publically mutilating Christians to death would entertain the crowds. This took place in the month of January as this month was dedicated to their gods. The ancient Romans found any excuse to watch a murderous event take place where Christians were involved. The worth of Christians was so low – their bodies were painted with tar and set alight to be used as lanterns to light up the roads they were building during the night. There were no morals whatsoever in the Roman Empire. They had open sex shows on stage for all to see – young Christian girls were raped on stage! Timothy was also brutally murdered!

• PERGAMOS.

The city of Pergamos was the official seat of the Proconsul of Rome. Revelations tells us about Pergamos where Satan has his seat. Above the city, high on a mountaintop, there stood a great altar to the goddess Athena. Directly below this was a huge polished marble altar and a giant throne dedicated to Zeus². At the city gate stood a huge idol representing “Asklepios” [shown on the right] – a god with his serpent spirit that they worshipped for false healing.



¹ For additional study, see the book “Foxes’ Book Of Martyrs”.

² It is interesting to note, many researchers have noted the similarity of the stage for President Obama’s acceptance speech for his party’s nomination to that of the altar of Zeus, <http://www.newswithviews.com/Horn/thomas109.htm>.

• PAUL IN ROME.

Nero wanted idols made of himself all over Rome – he craved to be worshipped. The senate refused his request and so he set the city alight. He then put the blame on Paul and so Paul was charged and chained to a Roman soldier. Paul wrote a letter from prison to the Church in Thessalonica where he described two pieces of the armor of the child of God, namely the breastplate and the helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 “8 But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.”

Ten years later he got the revelation of the full armor of the LORD. He wrote another letter to the Church in Ephesus where he described the full armor in detail. Let's have a look ...

⇒ Ephesians Chapter 1

Here Paul teaches us about election, predestination, adoption, redemption, and the Seal of the Holy Spirit.

⇒ Ephesians Chapter 2

In this chapter, Paul teaches us: that we are rich in mercy; grace verses works; the foundation of apostles and prophets; and that we are seated with Messiah Y'shua [Jesus Christ] in Heavenly places.

⇒ Ephesians Chapter 3 – 5.

Paul tells us that all though they were full of spiritual knowledge, information, facts, and so forth ... yet they were defeated in their personal lives. What were the problems they were facing?

- They were told to put away lying (Ephesians 4:25).
- Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
- Neither give place to the devil.
- Let him that stole steal no more.
- Corrupt communication out of your mouth.
- Grieve not the Holy Spirit.
- Put away all bitterness, wrath, and so forth.

Paul founded the Ephesus Church, where he spent three years teaching and training them in the Word. He then appointed Timothy as the pastor. They were a very large church with many members – even John and Mary, the mother of Y'shua [Jesus], were members there. Paul taught them that they needed to take the intellectual understanding of the Word and turn it into the Sword of the Spirit. They knew the Word but they had to be trained in FAITH!

THE ARMOR OF GOD Eph. 6:10-17

The helmet of salvation

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

Ps. 27:1

The sword of the Spirit

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...

Heb. 4:12

The shield of faith

Who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5

The breastplate of righteousness

...be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ... Phil 3:9

The belt of truth

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32

The shoes of the Gospel

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace..

Is. 52:7



WARFARE SENSE.

We must make sure that all the doors that were opened to the enemy are closed in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus]. If we allow sin, wrong attitudes, fall into temptation, and so forth ... we are leaving gaping holes!

We must realize ... WE are then responsible! We cannot blame shift!

For example:

- Money.
 - If you fail to balance your cheque book, if you do not budget for your monthly expenses and just spend money foolishly, if you are irresponsible and do not pay your bills – you cannot shout and bind the devil!
- Your body.
 - If you abuse your body by eating junk foods, no exercises, overworking and pushing your body too hard – you are guilty!
- Marriage.
 - If you speak disrespectfully to each other, never spend time together, if you do not make your marriage a priority in life – you are guilty!

REMEMBER: There will never be peace with the devil!

Each individual has his own fight. We first must have inner victory before we can conquer the land on the outside. Canaan is a land of victory – a land of wars and victories. The devil has an individual strategy against every person. When we recognize his strategy then we can mobilize an attack against him. Our armor is both OFFENSIVE and DEFENSIVE:

- Offensive armor – shoes, sword, and spear.
- Defensive armor – breastplate, shield, and helmet.

God gave us these spiritual weapons to protect us against the attacks of the enemy. We have often heard the question: “Does armor come off?” The answer is “Yes, if you don't live a lifestyle of holiness and obedience”.

*Ephesians 6:10-18 “10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; **draw your strength from Him** [that strength which His boundless might provides]. 11 **Put on God's whole armor** [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to **stand up against** [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil. 12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.”*

“13 Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. 14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God, 15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. 16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. 17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. 18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).”

2 Corinthians 2:11 “11 To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.”

1 Peter 5:8 “8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.”

Each piece of armour is specific for satan’s schemes³.

1. **The Truth of God – our Belt.**



The Roman soldier wore a long linen dress. When he was relaxing, he removed the belt and the dress hung around his knees. Without the belt he would not be able to run when called into battle. When he puts on the belt, it fits in the middle of the man around his waist. What we learn from this picture is that the Word must always be central to all we do. The servant of God cannot remain standing against the kingdom of darkness until he stands upon the Truth. He must know the Word.

³ Recommended reading: “Derek Prince On Experiencing God’s Power”.

Satan does his work through deception and ignorance, therefore it is important that Truth penetrates your whole being. For example, Russia was deceived for years about the economy in the rest of the world. The enemy deceives you into believing that what you have is all you ever will have. He keeps you away from the full blessings of God.

Another example of deception is found in Judges 15:4. Samson rises up to fight for his people – he catches the foxes and ties their tails together and chases them into the grain fields of their enemies. In verse 13 we read that his own people came to tie him up and hand him over to the enemies. Samson was called and anointed as a deliverer for his people but they judged him wrongly and gave him over to the Philistines. What we learn here is that there is much resistance to the ministry of healing and deliverance.

Attack of satan:

- Satan lies:
 - About the Character of God.
 - About who you are.
 - About other people, circumstances – everything!

Counter-attack:

- God's Truth enables us to move forward in warfare. It is so important to know who you are in Messiah!
- Gird up your loins – prepare for action.

*Exodus 12:11 "11 And you shall eat it thus: [as fully prepared for a journey] **your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.**"*

- Take action – be dressed in readiness.

*Luke 12: 35 "35 **Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning,**"*

- Gird up your mind.

*1 Peter 1:13 "13 So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); **set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace** (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed."*

The belt looks like an insignificant little thing until you take it off! That is when you do not have the Truth to hold all you are together! On your belt you hang your sword! The belt was also a loin belt, which consisted of leather pieces covering your reproductive organs. This tells us that our ability to reproduce is in direct relationship to the Word of God.

The shield could also rest on the belt when they had time to rest. The belt is therefore **CENTRAL** to all the other pieces of the armour. Dress yourself daily in the Word! Don't wait for the pastor/leader to dress you every week!

2. **The Righteousness of God – the Breastplate.**

I am righteous not because of what I do ... but because of what I believe. Righteousness will cause you to stand steadfast. The problem is that so many people do not believe that they are righteous.

Attack of satan:

- Accusations.
 - The enemy will bring accusations against you from other people and/or yourself – “you are too bad to be a child of God”. Despair comes by believing satan instead of God.
- Condemnation (Romans 8:1).
 - It is necessary to **spea**k the truth. Condemnation always makes you feel guilty, that you must confess the whole day – even things you haven't done! You don't feel worthy. Remember, condemnation is never from the LORD. The Holy Spirit will bring conviction – and it will be clear [not confusing and undefined]. When we confess and repent, there will be immediate relief! If the enemy comes with his accusations and you know you have cleared your sin with the Father, then just remind satan he only has the photocopy! The original document against you has been destroyed through the Blood of the Lamb!
- Spiritual Pride.
 - Satan will force you to a place where you will trust in your own righteousness instead of in that of Messiah. He will exhaust you by driving you to pray, study, witness, and so forth. You are never too religious for satan – you only feel good if you have read “x” amount of Scriptures and prayed for “x” amount of hours. Please note, this is your own standard! You cannot become more righteous than you are now! Satan will **DRIVE** you to perform. Keep in mind, the shepherd **LEADS** and the butcher drives!



Counter-attack:

- Protection – a heart clothed in the Righteousness of God.
- Pure motives – always seeking the HONOR of God.

Malachi 2:2 “2 If you will not hear and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to My name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I have already turned them to curses because you do not lay it to heart.”

Isaiah 42:8 “8 I am the Lord; that is My name! And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.”

- Stand in the righteousness of God – never in your own strength and power. The breastplate is very bright and shiny! When you stand before the enemy, all he can see is this SHINY light reflecting off your breastplate and it blinds him! You are shining with the Glory of the LORD! For us to be able to see the enemy, we need to put on the robe of humility over your breastplate – don't walk in your own pride! The breastplate makes you noticeable.

Romans 3:22, 25, 26 “22 Namely, the righteousness of God which comes by believing with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [And it is meant] for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 25 Whom God put forward [before the eyes of all] as a mercy seat and propitiation by His blood [the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, to be received] through faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over and ignored former sins without punishment. 26 It was to demonstrate and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has [true] faith in Jesus.”

3. The Shalom [Peace] of God - our Shoes.

The shoes of the soldiers were tight fitting. The soldiers fighting on the front line wore shoes with 7.5 cm spikes on the soles to be able to grip the ground and not be pushed over when in combat. The soldiers on the back line had 2.5 cm spikes on the soles of their shoes.

The work of the enemy is to cause confusion, strife, and division. Striving with God and man will cause you to lose your peace.

Matthew 5:11, 44 “11 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account. 44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

Attack of satan:

- Persecution (John 16:33),
- Lies,
 - (Points A and B are when you fight people and not the enemy!)
- Compromise,
- Passiveness,
 - (Points C and D speak of slack hands and weak knees!)



What is the lesson? Learn not to be OFFENDED!

Counter-attack:

- Always walk in the way of peace – forgive! Bind peace onto your mind as you bind the shoes to fit tightly onto your feet. When you suddenly hit a crises, you can react in PEACE and KNOW that ABBA Father is in control – no matter what! When peace is foundational in your life you will have a firm footing! Nothing that comes your way will move you! STAND FIRM!



Matthew 12:18-20 “18 Behold, My Servant Whom I have chosen, My Beloved in and with Whom My soul is well pleased and has found its delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim and show forth justice to the nations. 19 He will not strive or wrangle or cry out loudly; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets; 20 A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering (dimly burning) wick He will not quench, till He brings justice and a just cause to victory.”

•We do not wrestle against flesh and blood – we come against the power behind the person who attacks you.

•We preach a Gospel of peace. You must do the walking! Let the peace of God RULE in your minds and heart! Don't give in to your emotions!

Romans 16:20 “20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.”

Joshua 1:3 “3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.”

4. **The Faith of God – our Shield.**



The shield was attached to the belt, so is Faith attached to the Word. The soldiers had to take care of their shields. The shields were made of six layers of animal hide and had to be rubbed with a heavy oil every day otherwise they would become hard, stiff, and brittle. They also had to dip their shields in water every day to keep them pliable.

*Romans 10:17 "17 So **faith comes by hearing** [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)."*

Faith comes from the Word – I must know what the Word says!

What lessons do we learn here? We need fresh anointing oil everyday! Oil for anointing and the Water of the Word to quench the fiery darts of the evil one! The Scripture in Ephesians 6:16 says,

*Ephesians 6:16 "16 Lift up over all the [covering] **shield of saving faith**, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]."*

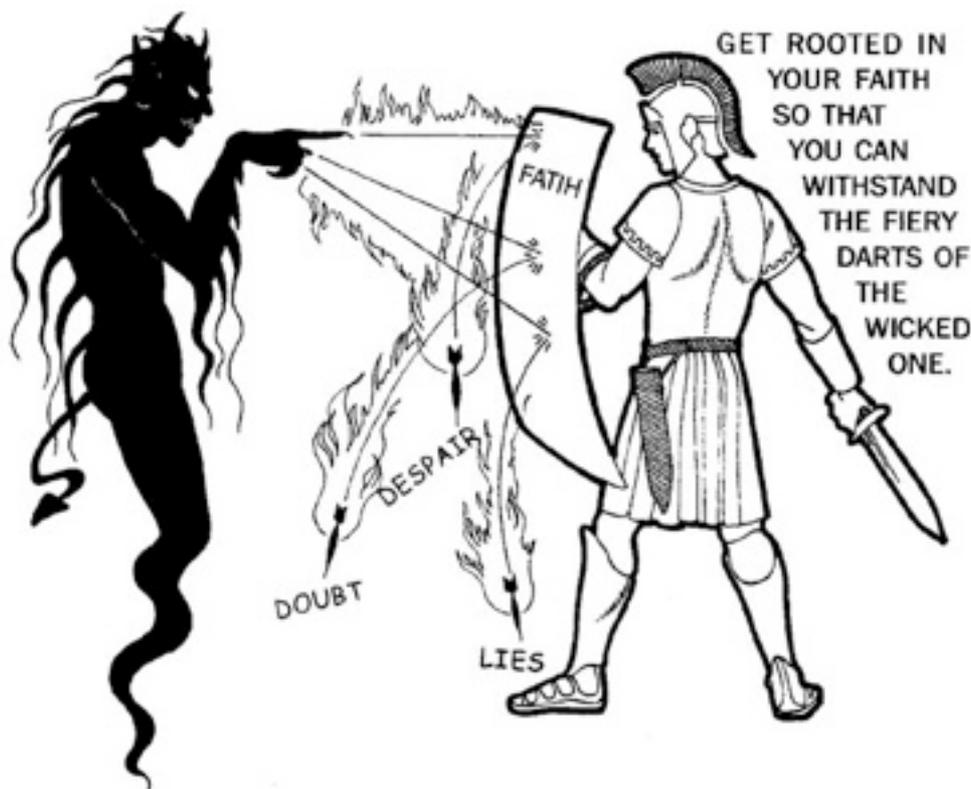
This teaches us that our faith is out front – the shield is not optional. No shield, no faith ... which leaves an open door to the enemy!

When the whole army had to march forward to attack their enemy, they would hook their shields into each other and form a solid wall of armour. When we are in corporate prayer we "hook" our shields together and start to PUSH back the enemy – STAND IN UNITY! FORM ONE WALL!

The enemy's main attack is against your faith – the enemy's strategy is to try and knock your shield and sword out of your hands. You are left then with no defense or weapon of attack! The power of God plus FAITH forms the shield.

1 Timothy 6:12 "12 **Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.**"

Attack of satan:



- Unbelief (especially if answer to prayer takes too long).

Hebrews 4:2 "2 For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was **not mixed with faith** (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe)."

Hebrews 3:19 "So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], **because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God** [unbelief had shut them out]."

- Doubt.
- Fear – this is the antidote for faith and gives satan power!

REMEMBER: Do not be deceived by your feelings – it is all about FAITH!

Counter-attack:

- Our faith in God always has to be around us like a protection (a wall).
- Faith is a shield that protects us from head to toe.
- Faith ensures active resistance against the enemy (1 Peter 5:9).
- Faith is released by our mouths – as you speak the attacks decrease.
- When you sense the anointing on you, it is when God Almighty is reaching out to you and putting His Hand on you!

5. The Salvation of God – our Helmet.



The helmet was very elaborate and bright! It covered the jaw and the cheek bones. Many times it was made out of horse-hair – very noticeable! When you are saved, you should be very noticeable to the world because you are different! Our helmet is much more than just going to heaven. It also includes your deliverance, healing, prosperity, abundant life – FULLNESS in God.

One of the greatest strategies of the enemy is to attack our minds. Without our helmet on, the enemy has free entry to our minds. Always ensure that your mind has peace with God, man, and yourself. Do not try to solve all problems with your mind. You can notice an attack against your mind when you try to read any book, and you have no problem in reading. But try and read the Bible – BIG problem! You fall asleep in church!

Attack of satan:

- The mind – a war zone for thoughts!

2 Corinthians 10:5 “5 [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),”

- The unrenewed mind remains in darkness – we must renew our minds!

Ephesians 4:18 “18 Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. [They are] alienated (estranged, self-banished) from the life of God [with no share in it; this is] because of the ignorance (the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness) that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart [to the insensitiveness of their moral nature].”

- The carnal mind operates in the flesh.

*Romans 8:6 “6 **Now the mind of the flesh** [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is **death** [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] **Spirit is life and [soul] peace** [both now and forever].”*

*Matthew 13:22 “22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the pleasure and delight and glamour and deceitfulness of riches **choke and suffocate the Word, and it yields no fruit.**”*

The cares of this world binds us – and chokes out the Word. Worry is like a treadmill ... thoughts go round and round in your mind.

Imagination is another source of deception. For example, rejection. When you walk into a room and everyone stops talking ... what do you think? This ties into the stronghold of fear. There is a good definition of the word FEAR – “**F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal”.

Counter-attack:

- Take thoughts captive to obedience – do not allow your thoughts to run wild.
- Be renewed in the spirit of your mind (Ephesians 4:23).
- Bondages of sects and the occult over your mind must be broken.
 - For example, sexual bondages, lust, foul language, swearing/cursing, and so forth. If you were involved in the occult before your conversion, you will have difficulty in controlling your thoughts.

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*Philippians 4:8 “8 For the rest, brethren, **whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them].”***



6. **The Word of God – our Sword.**

The whole of creation is created by God's Spoken Word. When satan came to tempt Y'shua [Jesus], Y'shua [Jesus] defeated satan by the Word of God – "it is written". The Word is "two-edged". It was first spoken out of God's Mouth, now it is spoken out of your mouth. The Rhema Word is tied to my BELT – the Sword hangs on my belt. The Holy Spirit will draw from within you the Word that you have been faithfully putting into your spirit during your daily LOGOS Bible studies. The Rhema word is a specific word for a specific situation for a specific purpose!



The Sword of the Spirit is a Living Sword [Rhema word] with Godly Power to cast down strongholds. It is an offensive weapon that comes out of the mouth (not only thoughts). We encourage you to meditate [and memorize] on Scriptures where you are weak.

Attack of satan:

- From the very beginning, satan casts doubt on God's Word – "has God said?". You must KNOW the Word to be able to stand!
- From the beginning too, satan twists, abuses, and misinterprets the Word of God.
- Satan steals the Word from the heart of people who hear.
 - That is why it is so important to always SEAL the Word with the Blood of the Lamb!

*Matthew 13:19 "19 While anyone is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend it, **the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside.**"*

- Teachings of demons.

*1 Timothy 4:1 "BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times **some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,**"*

Counter-attack:

NOTE! Do not repeat the Word like a parrot – you must have FAITH [believing in your heart] in the Word.

- Do not be afraid to rebuke satan.
- Declare the territory (God's Word) on which you stand (boundaries).
- Speak the Truth with authority and faith.

For example ... Joshua had his mind girded with the truth of the LAND over which they were fighting – God had given them the land. Joshua knew about God's Promise to Moses that He will destroy the giants. He was therefore not intimidated – he knew the Word!

7. Praying in the Spirit – our Lance.

This is like a javelin or spear in the spirit. You need the Spirit-language to be able to pray effectively!

*Ephesians 6:18 "18 **Pray at all times** (on every occasion, in every season) **in the Spirit**, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end **keep alert and watch** with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)."*

*Jude 1:20 "20 But you, beloved, **build yourselves up** [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], **praying in the Holy Spirit;**"*



Types of prayer ...

- Prayer of consecration ... Face-to-face prayer.
- Prayer of petition ... Urgent need.
- Prayer of authority.
- Thanksgiving ... Gratefulness.
- Supplication ... Worship Him!
- Intercession ... You don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit prays!

8. **The Zeal of the LORD – our Cloak.**

The zeal of the LORD is often a missed item of our armour:

Isaiah 59:17 “17 For [the Lord] put on righteousness as a breastplate or coat of mail, and salvation as a helmet upon His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and **was clad with zeal [and furious divine jealousy] as a cloak.**”

The zeal of the LORD protects you like a mantle – it protects against discouragement.

Rearguard ... what about your back?

Declare the Glory of the LORD!

Isaiah 66:19 “19 And I will set up a [miraculous] sign among them, and from them I will send survivors to the nations—to Tarshish, Pul (Put), and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles and coastlands afar off that have not heard of My fame nor seen My glory. **And they will declare and proclaim My glory among the nations.**”

Psalms 96:8 “8 **Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come [before Him] into His courts.**”

- People must cover your back with prayer while you fight and rebuild the fallen wall.

Nehemiah 4:16-17 “16 And from that time forth, half of my servants worked at the task, and the other **half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah.**”

Conclusion:

Stand on all seven points. Come to the conviction that the armor will triumph at all times in spite of any environment and in contrast to any circumstance. Put on your armor – and fight in the strength of the LORD! This is the only way to possess the land ... otherwise you will forever be a wounded soldier.

The Hebrew Language

The Hebrew Language ...

What's the context? It is so important to ask – and answer – this question, particularly when studying the Scriptures. We need to know what the meaning, understanding, culture, and value system of the text was in the language and time the text was written. Our modern-day mindsets cause us to define words within today's meanings, understanding, culture, and value systems ... however, this is often quite a way off from what was the original – and intended – understanding.

The Scriptures were written thousands of years ago in HEBREW, and in an Eastern-Semitic culture. If this is truth, then can we come to a different interpretation of any given passage?



In order to expand our study and understanding of the Word, we need to have a “crash course” in the original language the text was written, ancient Hebrew.

Ancient Hebrew has an alphabet of TWENTY-TWO letters. Obviously, words are written using a combination of these letters [note, there are no vowels]. However, what makes this language even more of an “adventure” is that each individual letter of the alphabet has a unique meaning, picture [symbolism], and number. This means, you can study and understand the plain text as is ... and you can study further by delving into the individual symbolism of the letters. Often, doing this kind of study brings out further meaning and richness to the passage. You will find that we have used this type of study – examining the picture-meaning of the Hebrew words – throughout our materials. We have found this such a blessing in our own understanding of the Scriptures, and trust you will enjoy it just as much! Truly, God's Word is ALIVE!

Ancient Hebrew⁴

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Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound
			El	Ox head	Strong, Power, Leader	ah, eh
			Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, House, In	b, bh(v)
			Gam	Foot	Gather, Walk	g
			Dal	Door	Move, Hang, Entrance	d
			Hey	Man with arms raised	Look, Reveal, Breath	h, ah
			Waw	Tent peg	Add, Secure, Hook	w, o, u
			Zan	Mattock	Food, Cut, Nourish	z
			Hhet	Tent wall	Outside, Divide, Half	hh
			Tet	Basket	Surround, Contain, Mud	t
			Yad	Arm and closed hand	Work, Throw, Worship	y, ee
			Kaph	Open palm	Bend, Open, Allow, Tame	k, kh
			Lam	Shepherd Staff	Teach, Yoke, To, Bind	l
			Mem	Water	Chaos, Mighty, Blood	m
			Nun	Seed	Continue, Heir, Son	n
			Sin	Thorn	Grab, Hate, Protect	s
			Ghah	Eye	Watch, Know, Shade	gh(ng)
			Pey	Mouth	Blow, Scatter, Edge	p, ph(f)
			Tsad	Man on his side	Wait, Chase, Snare, Hunt	ts
			Quph	Sun on the horizon	Condense, Circle, Time	q
			Resh	Head of a man	First, Top, Beginning	r
			Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, Press, Eat, Two	sh
			Taw	Crossed sticks	Mark, Sign, Signal, Monument	t

⁴ http://elshaddainministries.us/hebrewalphabet_old.html

Modern Hebrew⁵ ...

MARK	NAME	PRONOUNCED	TRANSLITERATION
א	Aleph	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
ב/בּ	Bet / Vet	b as in boy (no dot: v as in vine)	b / v
ג/גּ	Gimmel	g as in girl	g
ד/דּ	Dalet	d as in door	d
ה	Hey	h as in hay	h
ו	Vav	v as in vine; “consonantal vowel”	v
ז	Zayin	z as in zebra	z
ח	Chet	ch as in Bach	ch (or h)
ט	Tet	t as in time	t
י	Yod	y as in yes; “consonantal vowel”	y
כ/כּ	Kaf/Khaf *	k as in kite (no dot: ch as in bach)	k / kh
ל	Lamed	l as in look	l
מ/מּ	Mem *	m as in mom (sofit form)	m
נ/נּ	Nun *	n as in now (sofit form)	n
ס	Samekh	s as in son	s
ע	Ayin	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
פ/פּ	Pey/Fey *	p as in park (no dot: ph as in phone)	p / ph
צ/צּ	Tzade *	ts as in nuts (sofit form)	ts / tz
ק	Qof	q as in queen	k (or q)
ר	Resh	r as in rain	r
ש/שּׁ	Shin/Sin	sh as in shy (s as in sun)	sh / s
ת/תּ	Tav	t as in tall	t

* Has a different form when it occurs at the end of a word (sofit).

⁵ www.hebrew4christians.com