

“The God of my rock...he is my shield...” (2 Samuel 22:3)

If we have real faith in the True God of the Bible, the attacks of the enemy will not harm us. As with the Roman shield, if our shield of faith is heavily oiled with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the enemies’ flaming arrows will be easily extinguished.

Think of the shield of faith in terms of double protection. Most of the soldier’s body was protected by a piece of the armor; however, the shield offered a first line of defense. If used properly, the shield would take the blow or extinguish the arrow before it ever touched any other part of the armor. Other pieces of armor acted as back ups to the shield.

Living and moving in real faith is essential to effective spiritual warfare. It is better to trust God and have the enemies’ attacks stopped at the shield of faith, than to not have faith. When we

do not trust God, He often allows things to happen in our lives that become faith-building lessons for us.

Conclusions

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Without the shield of faith, it is impossible for the rest of the armor to properly protect us.

We must exercise faith. We do this by hearing and obeying the Word of God!

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
(James 1:22)

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The Armor of God

Part 6

The Shield of Faith



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“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”
(Ephesians 6:16)

Other Bible References

“After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision,

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saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”
(Genesis 15:1)

“The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.”
(2 Samuel 22:3)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
(Hebrews 11:6)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
(Romans 10:17)

The Armor of the Roman Soldier

Roman soldiers had different styles of shields available to them. The Roman shield was long and rectangular, often slightly curved, that would cover them from roughly their knees to their chins. With this shield, the soldier could kneel behind it and be almost completely protected. Similarly, large groups of soldiers could advance on a town or stronghold in relative safety. The front line would move forward with their shields in front of them, while the rest would hold the shields over their heads. These shields would often be heavily oiled in order to extinguish flaming arrows.

The Greek style was a smaller round shield. These were much lighter in weight, more maneuverable, and very effective in hand-to-hand combat.

Spiritual Applications

As with each piece of the armor of God, the shield of faith is inextricably linked to the Word of God. Thus we see from Romans 10:17, that we increase and strengthen our faith by hearing the Word of God!

“So then faith cometh by hearing...the word of God.”

If you are not in your Bible, reading it, hearing it taught, memorizing it, meditating upon it, praying according to it, your shield will not adequately protect you. It will leave you vulnerable!

We also see from the verses quoted above that God is our shield. Our faith is only as strong as Who we place our faith in. As Christians, our faith must be in God... our faithful, loving, holy and righteous God.