



"The Shield & The Sword"

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I. **Ephesians 6:10-17**

A. **God's armor**

1. Understanding Spiritual Warfare
 - *Who comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy?*
 - *Remember, Satan comes like a "roaring lion" ...seeking whom he may devour. (Roaring – A lot of words with no bite!)*
2. The armor of God is designed for a progressive mentality or offensive in nature. **Joshua 1:3** *"Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, I have given to you!"*

B. **Above All...**

1. Take the Shield of Faith...Helmet of Salvation... and the Sword of the Spirit
 - 2 that are protective in nature
 - 1 that is the offensive weapon
2. *"My children, the unborn rights to live and to speak have been restored. Our enemy has plans to unleash a wave of persecution and despair toward My Righteous because of this overturn in the system's courts. Satan's desire is coming to a swift end, says the Lord, and my Higher Court is Supreme above all others, and it will surely stand against anything the enemy wills to do. Come boldly to my throne. Receive wisdom and power in this time of need. Be quick to hear and slow to speak....I will be your shield, your voice, your great reward. It has been written this day....Don't be afraid, Only Believe!"*

II. **The Shield**

A. The Forcefield of Faith

1. Faith – Expecting God to do what He said He would do
 - When I have expectation in something, my actions will follow
 - My Faith is my belief in God (**Mark 11:22-23** "Have faith...Believe...")
2. It's purpose: to protect from the persecution of the wicked (Fiery darts)
 - How does Satan come? Roaring Lion (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego...Daniel...the early church)
 - Paul – **I Timothy 4:14-18** (Shut the lion's mouth!)
 - **Mark 13:9-13**

B. **The Sword of the Spirit**

1. The Word of God
2. **Revelation 1:12-16**
3. The sword is your weapon against anything the enemy has up his sleeve, but especially against persecution and weariness in the last days!
4. **Isaiah 54:17** – Satan will attempt to form a weapon, but it will not prosper...why? You will speak the Word of God (what God tells you to speak) and you will condemn every persecutive word that comes against you!