

Armor of Light

Chapter 5

What is the ARMOR of LIGHT?

The armor that comes from the Light of God that is His glory.

We need to always live in the ARMOR of LIGHT.

So God has given to us two types of Armor: The Armor of God and the Armor of Light.

The Armor of God is for defense.

EPH 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. [11] **Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.** [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

This armor is for when we are just children, drinking milk and needing to be always cared for; it is for defense to protect the young and ignorant.

But the Armor of Light is for offense. It is to be used to attack the enemy. It will protect us, for the enemy cannot penetrate the Glory of God, but it also shines out from us through our windows to others. It shines on them. Unlike Moses who covered his face with a veil, we are to uncover ourselves to let His Glory shine and been seen by all. So that the Light of God can shine on those around us and so it can attach the enemy in those around us, allowing the Holy Spirit to minister to them, heal them and instill into them their measure of faith that leads to their salvation.

You will know those who have the Armor of Light by their fruit for God says in Ephesians the fruit of the Light is Goodness, righteousness and truth.

EPH 5:8 “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light** [9] (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) [10] and find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless

deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. [13] But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

EPH 5:15 "Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. [18] Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, [20] always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This is how He helps us as He says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;" He does not say that He will take us out of the "valley of the shadow of death" but that we will not fear it when it happens. For the Glory of God that shines out of us, the Living water that flows out of us will defeat the enemy. This is the **ARMOR of LIGHT**.

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REV 21:9 "One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. [11] **It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.** [12] It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. [13] There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. [14] The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

REV 21:22 "I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23] **The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.** [24] The nations will walk by its **light**, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. [25] On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. [26] The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. [27] Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

REV 22:1 “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. [3] No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. [4] They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. [5] There will be no more night. They will not need the **light** of a lamp or the **light** of the sun, for the Lord God will give them **light**. And they will reign forever and ever.”

2CO 4:1 “Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2] Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4] **The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.** [5] For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] **For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”**

RO 13:8 “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

RO 13:11 “And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. **So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.** [13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

RO 14:1 “Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. [2] One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. [3] The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. [4] Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.”

RO 14:5 “One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be **fully convinced in his own mind.** [6] He

who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. [7] For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. [8] If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

RO 14:9 “For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. [10] You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. [11] It is written:

” `As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
`every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will confess to God.' ”

RO 14:12 “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

RO 14:13 “Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. [14] As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean. [15] If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. [16] Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil. [17] For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, [18] because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.”

RO 14:19 “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. [20] Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. [21] It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.”

RO 14:22” So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. [23] **But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.**”

Here we see another perspective on faith and sin. Above in James 1 we were looking at when sin gives birth to death, and here we have that everything that does not come from faith is sin. What is the difference? Well the one in James is talking about when the enemy attacks us with simple but evil thoughts trying to get us to commit sin as in doing evil things. This is trying to deceive us to do something that is directly against God, like stealing or lying.

But what God is saying here in Romans is not that obvious. It is talking to the mature person who knows God's voice and does things without knowing what God's will is about a situation or

assuming what God wants or being deceived to believe that God changed His mind. Here are a couple of examples.

1KI 12:31 “Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. [32] He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. [33] On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings.”

1KI 13:1 “By the word of the LORD a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. [2] He cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD: "O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: `A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.' " [3] That same day the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign the LORD has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out.””

1KI 13:4 “When King Jeroboam heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back. [5] Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of God by the word of the LORD.”

1KI 13:6 “Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the LORD your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the LORD, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.”

1KI 13:7 “The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and have something to eat, and I will give you a gift.”

1KI 13:8 “But the man of God answered the king, "Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. [9] For I was commanded by the word of the LORD: `You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.' " [10] So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel.”

1KI 13:11 “Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. [12] Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of God from Judah had taken. [13] So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it [14] and rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?"

"I am," he replied.

1KI 13:15 "So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat."

1KI 13:16 "The man of God said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. [17] I have been told by the word of the LORD: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.' "

1KI 13:18 "The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of the LORD: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (But he was lying to him.) [19] So the man of God returned with him and ate and drank in his house."

1KI 13:20 "While they were sitting at the table, the word of the LORD came to the old prophet who had brought him back. [21] He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, "This is what the LORD says: 'You have defied the word of the LORD and have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. [22] You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers.' "

1KI 13:23 "When the man of God had finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had brought him back saddled his donkey for him. [24] As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was thrown down on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. [25] Some people who passed by saw the body thrown down there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived."

1KI 13:26 "When the prophet who had brought him back from his journey heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who defied the word of the LORD. The LORD has given him over to the lion, which has mauled him and killed him, as the word of the LORD had warned him."

1KI 13:27 "The prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they did so. [28] Then he went out and found the body thrown down on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it. The lion had neither eaten the body nor mauled the donkey. [29] So the prophet picked up the body of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him. [30] Then he laid the body in his own tomb, and they mourned over him and said, "Oh, my brother!"

1KI 13:31 "After burying him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. [32] For the message he declared by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and against all the shrines on the high places in the towns of Samaria will certainly come true."

Here the Man of God believed a lie. He was deceived, God was testing him to see if he would keep his faith and obedience in God. He did not eat and drink out of faith, but out of believing the lie,

just Adam and Eve did: they also did not eat of the tree out of faith but out of anti-faith, believing the lie instead of the truth.

Here is another one.

AC 5:1 “Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. [2] With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.”

AC 5:3 “Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? [4] Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.””

AC 5:5 “When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. [6] Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.”

AC 5:7 “About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. [8] Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price.””

AC 5:9 “Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.””

AC 5:10 “At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. [11] Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.”

They did not give their money out of faith, but out of a lying spirit. Since when is giving money or eating a sin and one that deserves death? It is when it is not given out of faith, which is to do something for God out of obedience.

Lets look at one more.

1SA 15:1 “Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over His people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD. [2] This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. [3] Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' ””

1SA 15:4 “So Saul summoned the men and mustered them at Telaim--two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men from Judah. [5] Saul went to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the ravine. [6] Then he said to the Kenites, "Go away, leave the Amalekites so that I do not destroy you along with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites moved away from the Amalekites.”

1SA 15:7 “Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, to the east of Egypt. [8] He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. [9] But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs--everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.”

1SA 15:10 “Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: [11] "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.”

1SA 15:12 “Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.””

1SA 15:13 “When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions.””

1SA 15:14 “But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?””

1SA 15:15 “Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.””

1SA 15:16 “"Stop!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

"Tell me," Saul replied.”

1SA 15:17 “Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. [18] And He sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make war on them until you have wiped them out.' [19] Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?””

1SA 15:20 ““But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. [21] The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.””

1SA 15:22 “But Samuel replied:

**“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”**

1SA 15:23 ““For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king.””

1SA 15:24 “Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them. [25] Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.””

1SA 15:26 “But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!””

1SA 15:27 “As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. [28] Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors--to one better than you. **[29] He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man, that He should change his mind.**””

1SA 15:30 ““Saul replied, “I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD your God.” [31] So Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.””

1SA 15:32 ““Then Samuel said, “Bring me Agag king of the Amalekites.” Agag came to him confidently, thinking, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.””

1SA 15:33 “But Samuel said,

“As your sword has made women childless,
so will your mother be childless among women.”
And Samuel put Agag to death before the LORD at Gilgal.”

This is a major loss for Saul, he did not act out of faith, and he did not obey the Lord. So he paid the ultimate price. So to do or to act not in faith is sin. Remember what Faith is: it is the decision to believe God, it is to decide to trust God and then it the decision to obey God it is to act or do with

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knowledge as to what God wants and to do it. If you do not know what God wants, then you need to seek Him first and find out what He wants you to do, and then to honestly do what you believe He wants you to do. If you act on you honest and true belief as to what He wants you to do, then you have acted out of faith and that will be considered righteous like Abraham was when he tried to sacrifice Isaac on the altar.

You will know those who have the Armor of Light by their fruit for God says in Ephesians the fruit of the Light is Goodness, righteousness and truth.

So as grown up and mature children of God, we need to always be living in the offensive Armor of Light. We need to stop being children who live by the defensive Armor of God.

