

The Armor of God: Shield of Faith

Text: Ephesians 6:16

As you pick up the Shield of Faith...

1. _____ **God for His protections (vs. 16)**

- A. When life gets difficult, what or who do you run to for help? When you pick up the shield of Faith, you are choosing to run to God as your refuge, helper, and defender.
- B. Genesis 15:1 (ESV) After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

2. _____ **all of Satan's arrows (vs. 16)**

- A. Where the belt of truth guards us against the lies of the Devil, the breastplate of righteousness guards against his accusations, the shoes guard us against anxieties - the shield seems to guard us against everything else the Devil can throw our way - criticism, fear, covetousness, anger, depression, doubt, lust, and every other temptation.
- B. The Greek word "thureos," translated "shield," referred to a large shield about two and half feet wide and four and a half feet high. It was designed to protect the entire body of a soldier. The shield was like a door—made of solid wood and covered with metal or leather. It was often dipped in water to extinguish the fiery arrows of the enemy. Gregory Brown

3. _____ **with others (vs. 16)**

- A. "In ancient times, the edges of this shield were so constructed that an entire line of soldiers could interlock shields and march into the enemy like a solid wall. This suggests that we Christians are not in the battle alone." Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary (Vol. 2, p. 58)
- B. How well are you fighting the battle alongside others in your local church?

Prayer Prompt - "God, help me to have the faith that you can help me overcome anything that Satan throws my way today. I look to you as my refuge, protection, helper, and defender. Bless me with Godly Christian friends who I can fight these battles with."