

THE ARMOR OF GOD - OUR SURPASSING VICTORY

Aramaic Peshitta New Testament Translation:

Ephesians 6:10-18:

- ¹⁰ From now on, my brothers, be strong in our Lord and in the immensity of his power
¹¹ and put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the tactics of the Accuser,
¹² because your struggle is not with flesh and blood, but with rulers and with authorities and with the possessors of this dark world and with the evil spirits that are under heaven.
¹³ Because of this, put on the whole armor of God, so that you will be able to engage the Evil [one] and, being prepared in everything, you will stand firm.
¹⁴ Therefore, stand and gird up your waist with truthfulness and put on the breastplate of justification
¹⁵ and bind [as a sandal] on your feet the goodness of the gospel of peace.
¹⁶ And with these, take to you the shield of faith, by which you will be empowered with strength to quench all the fiery arrows of the Evil [one].
¹⁷ And set on [your head] the helmet of redemption and take hold of the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
¹⁸ And with all prayers and with all petitions, pray at all times spiritually, and in prayer, be watchful in every season, praying continually and interceding for all the holy [ones],

Romans 13:12-14:

- ¹² Then the night is passed and the day is near. So we should lay aside from us the works of darkness and we should put on the armor of light.
¹³ And we should walk in [this] manner, as in the day, not in reveling and not in drunkenness and not in a defiled bed and not in envy and in strife.
¹⁴ But put on our Lord Jesus Christ and do not have regard for the desires that are in your flesh.

Ephesians 4:22-24:

- ²² But [you have learned] that you should strip off your former ways of life, that old man who was corrupted by the lusts of deceit,
²³ and you should be renewed by the Spirit, that is, your minds.
²⁴ And you should put on the new man, who was created by God by justification and by the pardoning of truthfulness.

Colossians 3:9, 10:

- ⁹ And do not lie to one another, but rather strip off the old man with all his practices
¹⁰ and put on the new [man] that is renewed in knowledge in the likeness of his Creator

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	<u>WHAT TO DO</u>		<u>PIECE OF ARMOR</u>
A	LORD	Gird up your loins	Truth (Faithfulness)
B	JESUS	Put on	Breastplate of Justification
C	CHRIST	Bind as a shoe	Goodness of the Gospel of Peace
C	CHRIST	Take, hold	Shield of Faith
B	JESUS	Set on	Helmet of Redemption
A	LORD	Take hold of	Sword of the Spirit

These six pieces of the armor of God counteract and are the provision against the six main attacks of the Evil one.

Piece of Armor	Attacks	Names of Principalities	How Armor Works	Key Verses
Girdle	Authority of men's words: doctors, lawyers, parents, poison words	Beelzebub – lord of slander (Baal)	Make the source of your strength God's faithfulness to his Word	Isaiah 11:5 I Peter 1:13 Hebrews 13:5 Mark 16:18
Breastplate	Sin consciousness, guilt, condemnation, accusation, rejection	Devil – Accuser (eating of pieces)	Brings us into alignment with God's standard of what is right	Romans 4:24 - 5:2 Romans 8:31-37 Galatians 2:16, 17 II Corinthians 6:7
Shoes	Division, judgment, competition, envy, oppression, loneliness	Dragon – causes wars and division	Everyone has a place and a specific function in the body; brings wholeness (peace)	Ephesians 4:15, 16 I Corinthians 12:12-26 James 4:1-5
Shield	Fear, doubt, sickness, disasters of any kind	Satan – opponent, adversary	Faith is put for all the manifestations of the spirit; the name of Jesus Christ	Psalms 3:3 Acts 3:16 Luke 13:13-17
Helmet	Bondage, depression, shame, unworthiness, distress	Belial – worthless one	Redemption through his blood and ongoing deliverance	I Peter 1:18, 19 II Corinthians 1:10 Colossians 1:12-14 Galatians 4:3-7 I Thessalonians 5:8
Sword	Lies, pride, control, idolatry, religion, lying signs and wonders, occult	Serpent – deceiver	“Rhema” word in every situation – It is written	Luke 4:4 Hebrews 4:12 Genesis 3 I John 2:16

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A plate of armor made of metal strips tied together with leather straps protected the upper body. Although this metal jacket was heavy, the metal strips allowed the soldier some free movement. Soldiers had to help each other put on and lace up their armor.

Under his metal jacket, the soldier wore a tunic of wool.

Soldiers carried metal-tipped throwing spears, short, double-edged swords, and daggers.

This belt, or apron, of leather strips protected the lower body. Heavy weights on the bottom of each strip kept the strips in place.

To improve the grip of his heavy sandals, nails were driven into the underside of the soles and broken into studs.

The soldier's rectangular shield was made of many layers of thick wood wrapped in leather with an iron rim at the top and bottom. The soldier's heavy pack held his personal gear, enough grain for about 15 days, a pick, axe, or saw, cooking utensils, and the stakes needed to build a camp.

