

Prepared for the War Protective Headgear (Part 1)

There is a spiritual war happening. It is not coming but has been going on since the beginning. As with any war, there are battles that occur throughout the war. Usually the battles are to gain territories in order to establish dominance over a region. This holds true of the spiritual battles we fight. As for the war, the main goal is to procure power (determine who is the most powerful so as to rule the land with the victor's plans and principles). As with any longstanding war, the battles can wear the soldiers down and diminish a unit in number due to soldiers falling at the hand of the enemy. If a soldier doesn't know what their armor is, doesn't use their armor (or uses it incorrectly), what weapons are available, how to use the weapons, how to keep the weapons viable, or who is fighting alongside them, they can become extremely vulnerable at the enemy's attacks. With this teaching series, the Lord will show us all (myself included) some basic fundamentals of each piece of our armor and our weapons; what they are and how to be effective in using them to not only defeat our enemy but gain back lost territory as well as new ground for our King. Some of you may be thinking this: "But Jesus said 'It is finished' so why are we talking about spiritual warfare?" It IS finished by His death and resurrection on the heavenly plane but we must walk it out on the earthly level to bring it "on earth as it is in Heaven".

- **Revelation 1:18 - I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**
- **Matthew 16:19 - And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

We have access to the keys of every territory (Heavenly and earthly) but we must know how to use these keys by the authority of Jesus Christ in order to be effective. Our first weapon and armor I want to discuss is our mind which is where we first make any decision.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 - For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

To have the obedience of Christ we must first come to know Him. To come to know Him is to receive Him as our Lord and Savior (salvation).

Ephesians 6:17a - And take the helmet of salvation...

What does a helmet do? A helmet protects the head from anything that may come against it. The head is also protected against severe damage if one falls on a hard ground. It is a protective covering. What could be our helmet of salvation? I submit the following to us all to meditate on.

- **Isaiah 26:3 - You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.**

- **Romans 8:6** - For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- **1 Corinthians 2:16** - For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.
- **Ephesians 4:20-24** - But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
- **Philippians 2:1-4** - Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

To be unified is to have one mind, be of one accord, be on the same page, be in agreement (strength in numbers kind of deal). We are all members but of One Body. I encourage you all to do a Bible study of the things that happened biblically when a group was of one accord (here is one: Acts 2). What I am submitting is that our helmet of salvation is the Mind of Christ. Jesus Christ was obedient to Father God to His death for all of us. He was the Servant of all and has overcome the world.

Philippians 2:5-13 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

How do we use this powerful weapon and armor?

Philippians 4:6-8 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

In other words, focus on Jesus in every situation instead of the enemy in every situation. You will see the enemy's plans because God is faithful to expose them to anyone willing to hear, see, and understand. We are called to not have our focus on the enemy but on our Lord. These are just a few points on the helmet of salvation. God is calling us to go deeper. I pray this makes sense to all of us and that we all truly begin to activate this weapon and armor by the name of Jesus Christ.

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