

A medieval helmet and a sword are the central visual elements. The helmet is on the left, and the sword is on the right, both rendered in a detailed, metallic style. The background is a textured, parchment-like surface.

Putting
On the
Armor
of God

Ephesians 6:10-12


Introduction

- **As Christians we are – as much as is possible for us – to be at peace with all men. Rom. 12:18**
- **While seeking peace with men, we are in a constant and raging war against the devil.**
 - He seeks to destroy every soul possible.
 - He does not sleep but always in search of prey.

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Introduction

- **If we are to war successfully against the devil we'll need to...**
 - Know our weapons are; how able to use them effectively.
 - Be reminded of the purpose of our weapons.
 - Prepare AND go into battle (aka evangelize the true gospel).



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Though We Walk in the Flesh

- **We live in the world:**
 - We see how the people of the world war: according to the ways of the flesh.
 - NOTE: Christians also live in the flesh and some have been known to live according to the flesh.
 - **Weapons of the flesh:** lie, cheat, steal, deceive, divide, self-see, etc. (all that represents the bondage of sin)

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Though We Walk in the Flesh

- **Christians are taught to use weapons that bring forth eternal victory.**
 - We overcome the flesh through spiritual means. Cp. Eph. 6:10-13
 - Ours are called the “weapons of righteousness.” 2 Cor. 6:7
 - Our (spiritual) weapons are “mighty in God.” 2 Cor. 10:4



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Though We Walk in the Flesh


- **The armor of God: Eph. 6:14-17**

- Loins of truth.
- Breastplate of righteousness.
- Feet shod with the gospel of peace.
- Shield of faith.
- Helmet of salvation.
- Sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.
- Prayer.

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Purpose of Spiritual Warfare

- **Pulling down strongholds. 2 Cor. 10:4**
 - Such includes anything that is opposed to God and His ways.
 - They include the traditions of men taught as if it were the word of God. Mk. 7:7-9
 - Or, the perversion of the gospel itself. Gal. 1:9



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Purpose of Spiritual Warfare

- **Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. 2 Cor. 10:5**
 - Modern day miracles. cp 2 Pet. 1:3-4
 - Evolution, Homosexuality, etc.
 - The “lost sinner” is not accountable to the laws of Christ.” cp. Jn. 12:48
 - Christians not accountable to Jesus’ teachings in the gospel it was taught while under the O.T. cp. Matt. 18:15-17

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Purpose of Spiritual Warfare


- **Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 2 Cor. 10:5**
 - Tearing down: thoughts, ideas, reasonings taught by man.
 - Through His word/doctrine – persuade men to become captive to Him. Rom. 6:17
 - Use His word to bring His children back to Him. cp. 1 Cor. 5:4-5



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Purpose of Spiritual Warfare


- **No Christians wants to war against another.**
 - We are taught to be kind and love one another. Cp. Gal. 6:10; Lk. 10:30ff
 - We desire to seek and save the lost, like our Lord. Lk. 19:10



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The Need to Fight Spiritual Battles


- **Yet, we must contend (fight) for the faith. Jude 1:3; Rev. 2:2-3**
 - We must contend for the faith... by way of faith...
 - So souls can be saved from the devil's schemes. Cp. 2 Cor. 11:14



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The Need to Fight Spiritual Battles


- **We must prepare for this spiritual war by:**
 - Giving attention God' word. 2 Tim. 3:16
 - Meditating on His word and praying for His guidance.
- **We must fight the good fight of faith. 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7**



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Conclusion

- **Our war is not against flesh and blood but against Satan.**
- **Dont stand by idly; be a faithful steward/soldier and fight... for eternity's sake.**



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