

The Christian Armour # 1 – Why it is necessary?

Winston Churchill: “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask, what is our policy? I will say: it is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny.... That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: Victory. Victory at all costs—victory in spite of all terror—victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival.”

Matthew Henry: “We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and an armour to put on.”

Paul’s rallying cry

Lloyd-Jones: “This is a stirring call to battle.... Don’t you hear the bugle, and the trumpet?... We are being roused, we are being stimulated, we are being set upon our feet; we are being told to be men. The whole tone is martial, it is manly, it is strong.”

1. “Be Strong....” Paul lets us hear our responsibility. There is a view in the Christian church that says: “let go, and let God,” an attitude that promotes passivity in the fight against sin and Satan. When God breaks the power of sin in our lives, there is nonetheless the call to resist the devil and fight the good fight of faith (Js. 4:7; 1 Tim. 6:12). But are we so strong in ourselves? No, in ourselves we are weak and lack power. We don’t always see our weakness. But Paul does not say this because he has discovered strength in himself, but his weakness drove him to the strength and resources in the Lord. The source of spiritual strength comes from the Lord and in union with the Lord.
2. “Put on....” We need to dress for battle with the armour that the Lord has given: belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit.

Why is it necessary to put on the whole armour of God?

1. ***We need to put on the armour of God to experience the strength of the Lord.*** If we are to experience the strength of the Lord, then we must make use of the means He has given us and avail ourselves of the armour of God.
2. ***We need to put on the armour of God because of the enemy we face.*** We have an opponent that is greater than us, stronger than us who goes about as a roaring lion and can transform himself as an angel of light. I am no match for this enemy. This is no fair fight, and that is why I need to put on the armour of God.
3. ***We need to put on the armour of God to stand in the evil day.*** There are times when Satan makes you feel the full force of the power of darkness, like Job, Peter, and Christ, facing great pressures to turn from God in sin. “It is the day of temptation or any sore affliction” (M. Henry). We need to be able to stand firm in these days. Without the armour of God we will be living in retreat and defeat. What reason we have to resort to Christ to be washed by His blood for pardon and be dressed with His armour for battle.

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