

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Ephesians 6:13-17**.
- B. In a straight contest, man vs. Satan, Satan would win every time. This true because all have sinned (Rom. 3:23).
- C. We need help to fight off Satan and the temptations of evil. The word of God gives us that help.
- D. The armor of God, that a Christian wears, is not fool proof in staying away from sin because we sometimes take the armor off. But as long as we keep it on, we can win over sin and Satan.

I. THE WHOLE ARMOR IS NECESSARY.

- A. Scripture text: Eph. 6:13-17.
- B. It is important to see that we must put on the whole armor, not just bits and pieces. Satan is always looking for the most vulnerable point to tempt us to sin. We need the whole armor.
- C. Secondly it is important to see that we are to stand against sin, not run from it.
Example: preachers not willing to fight another liquor license.
- D. The evil day is not speaking of one day in particular, but is probably a reference to a time when Satan will try his hardest to tempt.

II. THE ARMOR OF GOD.

- A. **Gird your loins with truth** (Eph. 6:14).
Error can only be defeated by truth (Jn. 8:32; 14:6; 2Tim. 2:15).
- B. **The breastplate of righteousness** (Eph. 6:14).
For all Thy commandments are righteousness (Psa. 119:172).
- C. **Feet shod with the gospel of peace** (Eph. 6:15).
Preparation is necessary, the gospel brings peace with God (Rom. 10:14-15).
- D. **The shield of faith** (Eph. 6:16).
Faith is not a leap into the unknown and the unproved, but a logical defense against atheism and agnosticism. Satan's arrows are not from faith, and must then be from these areas.
- E. **The helmet of salvation** (Eph. 6:17).
To have a mind full of good things, Phil. 4:8, is a good defense (2Tim. 3:15).
- F. **The sword of the Spirit is the word of God** (Eph. 6:17).
Without the word of God, the Christian has nothing to fight with (Heb. 4:12). The engrafted word saves souls (Jas. 1:21).
- G. Summary:
 - 1. Each one of these descriptions can be traced to the word of God. It can give the instruction we need to be able to stay away from sin.
 - 2. The word of God is more powerful than the things of this world (1Jn. 2:17; Mt. 24:35).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. There is no substitute for knowing, believing, and obeying the word of God. For it doing that we can win the victory over sin.
- B. Ask yourself the question, "Am I clothed with the armor of God?"
- C. If not, Satan will be able to tempt you into sin; and you have very little if no defense against him.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.