

Spiritual Warfare 5

The Helmet of Salvation

Recap –

V.15 Having your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel

Learning to be established so that we will not stumble, slip or fall.

The Importance of our Gospel shoes having **grip** and **traction** so that we can properly maneuver

Introduction:

As we go into the next scripture we see our first piece of Armor that is not directly attached to our body. It is an important piece that we are to hold our selves.

Notice the text...

16 **above all**, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Amplified – Lift up over all covering shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked one.

Point One: Above All

Here Paul stresses the importance of this piece of Armour by suggesting "Above All". over all the rest of the Armour.

The Description of the Shield –

It was a reference of the great oblong shape of the shield. Which was to cover the whole body. But understand that this is a spiritual reference or typology of the actual Faith and Grace that is to Cover the WHOLE BODY.

The Grace and Faith of God is to Protect every part of our lives.

With that in mind therefore is understood it is ABOVE ALL.

Point Two: Taking the Shield

16 above all, **taking the shield** of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Another thing we are to notice about the shield is that we are to TAKE IT. The shield does not fall upon us nor does it grow on us, but it is a daily decision that we make to TAKE IT UP. There is a difference in Receiving and taking.

In **Receiving** we are at the mercy of the giver

In **Taking** we are at the mercy of ourselves, so if we are caught without our shields of faith, we only are to blame for our lack of diligence.

In taking up the shield of faith it is in the same attitude as Samson in a time of conflict...

Judg 15:15-16

15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said:

"With the jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, With the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a thousand men!"

In the midst of confrontation we found something to use and exercised his faith in and God gave him a victory.

It is the same as **David in facing Goliath**, he ran to the brook and found 5 smooth stones and overcame the enemy.

When we take up the shield we are to have that attitude grabbing it and using it.

Martin Luther

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's Grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

Point Three: Shield of Faith

This piece of Armour is not a weapon, but to be used as a protective shield. Even our Faith is our protective shield. In the midst of Conflict we are to quote the promises of God, we are to remind our selves of the marvelous power of God that overcomes all his enemies.

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

Spurgeon

if you have but little faith, you cannot tread the world beneath your feet, nor laugh at its troubles, nor smile at its cares. If you have but little faith, you cannot open the windows of heaven, you cannot bring down a blessing from God. Even hell itself feels the influence of your faith.

Satan trembles when he knows that your faith is firm and strong; but if it is tottering and trembling, then he sounds the note of triumph, and seeks to lead on his hosts to make a full end of you because you are beginning to relax your grip of your shield.

Consider faith as it is the evidence of things not seen and the substance of things hoped for, and you will find the purpose of its use.

Faith, as receiving Christ and the **benefits of redemption**, so deriving grace from him, is like a shield, a sort of universal defense.

The Breastplate covers the front but the shield is able to move all around you.

Gen 15:1

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Point Four: To quench all the fiery darts

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The Shield of Faith is Able to Quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked. The confidence that we have is able to protect us from every demonic artillery. We might feel that the enemy has one on us, but let us be confident that God has us covered. Our spiritual technology is far more advanced than that of the enemy. The only way he overcomes is that we don't use it.

The Yom-Kippur war – Attacked on every side at once. But reason of their victory is that they had far more advanced technology to hear the enemy.

QUENCH, UNQUENCHABLE

to extinguish (literally or figuratively): KJV - go out, quench.

metaphorically, of "**quenching**" the fire-tipped darts of the evil one,

Fiery darts – Fire tipped darts of the evil one. The dart is to cause havoc on a flammable surface.

The darts are to work as a deterrent of our faith. We get focused on the havoc of the enemy we don't see our victory.

Deut 33:29

29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."

Ps 3:3

3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,

My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

NKJV

The Shield here is referred as to be around us not only in front, all around.