



ARMED, ARMORED AMBASSADORS

EPHESIANS 6:17-20 BIBLE STUDY





CONTEXT



- And God raised **us** up **with** Christ and seated us **with** him in the heavenly realms **in** Christ Jesus, (Eph 2:6, NIV)
- 10 Finally, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to **stand against** the schemes of the devil. 12 Because, for us, the battle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Because of this, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to **stand** in resistance on the day when evil comes and, after having prepared everything, to **stand**. (Eph 6:10-13, AT)



CONTEXT



- 14 **Stand**, therefore, having girded your waist in truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having feet strapped with [the] readiness of the Gospel of peace. 16 In [addition to] all this, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all of the flaming arrows of the Evil One, (Eph 6:14-16, AT)



EPHESIANS 6:17 HELMET OF SALVATION



- also receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph 6:17, AT)
- 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have **been saved**. (Eph 2:4-5, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:17 SALVATION, DELIVERANCE RESCUE



- 39 The **salvation** of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold **in time of trouble**. The LORD **helps** them and **delivers** them; he **delivers** them **from the wicked** and **saves** them, because they take refuge in him. (Ps 37:39-40, NIV)
- 1 **Contend**, LORD, with those who contend with me; **fight** against those who fight against me. 2 Take up **shield** and **armor**; arise and come to my aid. 3 Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to me, “I am your **salvation**.” (Ps 35:1-3, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:17 HELMET OF SALVATION



- He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the **helmet of salvation** [LXX: σωτήριος | *sōtērios*] on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. (Is 59:17, NIV)
- Sovereign LORD, my strong **deliverer**, you **shield my head** in the day of battle. (Ps 140:7, NIV)
- But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the **hope of salvation as a helmet** (1 Th 5:8, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:17 SWORD OF THE SPIRIT



- And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, And **faithfulness** the **girdle of his reins**. (Is 11:5, KJV)
- but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the **rod of his mouth**; with the **breath** [LXX: πνεῦμα] **of his lips** he will slay the wicked. (Is 11:4, NIV)
- He made my **mouth** like a **sharpened sword**, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; (Is 49:2ab, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:17 WORD OF GOD



- Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is **not you speaking**, but the **Holy Spirit**. (Mk 13:11, NIV)
- ... man does not live on bread alone but on every **word** [LXX: *rhema*] that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Dt 8:3b, NIV; cf. Mt 4:4)
- Thy **word** have I hid in mine heart, **That I might not sin against thee**. (Ps 119:11, KJV)



EPHESIANS 6:18 PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT



- – praying in the Spirit on all occasion[s] with all [kinds of] prayer and petition for this purpose: staying watchful with all perseverance and petition concerning all [God's] holy people (Eph 6:18, AT)
- For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. (1 Cor 14:13, NIV)
- For through him [Jesus] we both have **access** to the Father **by one Spirit**. (Eph 2:18, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:18 PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT



- Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be **filled with the Spirit**, (Eph 5:18, NIV)
- 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the **Spirit himself intercedes** for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the **Spirit intercedes** for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (Rom 8:26-27, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:18
ALL OCCASIONS,
ALL KINDS



- Do not be anxious about anything, but in **every situation**, by **prayer** and **petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your **requests** to God (Php 4:6, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:18
WATCHFUL WITH
ALL PERSEVERANCE



- **Watch** and **pray** so that you will not fall into **temptation**. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mk 14:38, NIV)
- **Be on your guard**; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. (1 Cor 16:13, NIV)
- **Devote** yourselves to prayer, being **watchful** and thankful. (Col 4:2, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:18 WATCHFUL WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE



- **28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. **29** I know that after I leave, **savage wolves** will come in among you and will not spare the flock. **30** Even from your own number men will arise and **distort the truth** in order to **draw away disciples after them**. **31 So be on your guard!** Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. (Ac 20:28-31, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:18 FOR ALL GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE



- 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have **not stopped giving thanks for you**, remembering you in my **prayers**. 17 I **keep asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I **pray** that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and **his incomparably great power** for us who believe (Eph 1:15-19a, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:18 FOR ALL GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE



- 14 For this reason **I kneel before the Father**, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I **pray** that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen you with power** through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I **pray** that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:14-19, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:18
FOR ALL GOD'S
HOLY PEOPLE



- **8 Be alert** and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- 9 Resist him, standing firm** in the faith, because you know that **the family of believers throughout the world** is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (1 Pet 5:8-9, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:19 BOLD MESSENGER



- and [also] for me, so that, when opening my mouth, a message may be given to me in order to boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel (Eph 6:19, AT)
- But when I speak to you, I will **open your mouth** and you shall say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ **Whoever will listen** let them **listen**, and **whoever will refuse** let them **refuse**; for they are a **rebellious** people. (Ezek 3:27, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:19 MYSTERY OF GOD



- 2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the **mystery** made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, 5 which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This **mystery** is that through the gospel the **Gentiles are heirs together with Israel**, members together of **one body**, and sharers **together** in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Eph 3:2-6, NIV; cf. Eph 3:7-11)



EPHESIANS 6:20 BOLD AMBASSADOR



- for which I am an ambassador in chains, so that I may proclaim it boldly as it is necessary to speak. (Eph 6:20, AT)
- 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am **in chains**. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it **clearly**, as **I should**. (Col 4:3-4, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:20 AUTHORIZED MESSENGERS



- 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.
- 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for **Sodom** and **Gomorrah** on the **day of judgment** than for that town. (Mt 10:14-15, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:20 AUTHORIZED MESSENGERS



- 40 “Anyone who **welcomes you welcomes me**, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these **little ones who is my disciple**, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” (Mt 10:40-42, NIV)



EPHESIANS 6:20 AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR



- We are therefore Christ's **ambassadors**, as though God were **making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:20, NIV)
- I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am **sending** you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the **power of Satan to God**, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (Ac 26:17-19, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:20 DIVINE DUTY



- If anyone is **ashamed of me and my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, **the Son of Man will be ashamed of them** when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (Mk 8:38, NIV)
- For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am **compelled** to preach. Woe to me if I do **not** preach the gospel! (1 Cor 9:16, NIV; cf. Ezek 3:16-19)
- 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being **chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.** (2 Ti 2:8-9, NIV)