

## THE PURPOSE OF THE ARMOR

*Eph 6: <sup>18</sup>Praying (continuous action) always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; <sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

With the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, the armor ceases to be defensive and becomes aggressive. It is the Lord's sword and He draws it. The sword is something laid in the depository of our heart that the Spirit draws forth, and when it comes under the anointing it also has to do with prayer.

*Pray at all times in the Spirit.* God has certain channels through which He moves. We have put on the armor and now it is time to pray. This is the appropriation of His will, the activation of His will and His promises. The thing that makes this all work is speaking forth His word.

God's plan of salvation, the bringing forth of many sons to glory is not being carried out sovereignly—meaning that is done independently of a human channel. God has limited Himself to move through human channels. God did not sovereignly appear to Saul changing Him into Paul. The apostolic company prayed for His deliverance, before the lord appeared to him. We need to be exhorted to pray so that God's sovereign plan can come to pass through human channels, prayer itself being the principal channel.

The promises of God do not automatically happen. Even the word that we are hearing comes through a human channel. Someone sought God for that word; someone was praying for that word to come forth.

There are many ways in which God has restricted Himself to human channeling. God will not even deal sovereignly in this age with the power of Satan. When He says that the seed of the woman is to bruise the head of the serpent He indicated that He would use a human channel to work His redemption and the judgment against Satan. He let His Son be born as a human being, in all points tempted as we are yet without sin in order to bring about our redemption from Satan.

Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us that we can become His channel to bring forth His kingdom upon the earth. He is coming for a bride who has made herself ready, and as the first fruits are caught up to the throne, we become the trumpets that release the final judgments upon the earth.

We pray with all prayer in the Spirit, we have to voice it. The Holy Spirit indwells us, and makes intercession through us according to the will of God with groanings too deep to be uttered, yet it is coming through us!

The Lord is moving in the earth but it is human channels through which the gifts of the Holy Spirit are operating and moving. He has limited Himself to work His great victory and redemption through us because it is His pleasure to bruise Satan under our feet. It is His pleasure that the sons will come forth, led by the Spirit of God to loose all of creation from its futility.

As we begin to comprehend this revelation we begin to realize how much initiative is ours. God has given us the initiative, but it is still our responsibility. He says, draw nigh to Me, and I will draw nigh to you. Humble yourself under my mighty hand, and I will exalt you. It won't work unless we follow the principles and meet the conditions, and dare to believe to become the channel through which He can move.

Without this revelation we cannot understand the great army of the Lord, the Body of Christ moving in the earth. We begin to realize that everything God will bring forth in the earth, He will bring forth through His many-member Body. He is coming to be glorified in His saints and His coming forth in us must be the prelude to all that will come to pass.

Will there be any deliverance in the earth, any judgments in the earth, any establishment of the Kingdom apart from God using us as channels? We do not go to church to meet God, we bring God to church. We are the Church; His presence dwells within us. We are His temple. We are the ones who have the faith to release His provision. When the sick are healed, it will be a word through our mouth or the power of God through our hands that does it. We are the channels, and there must be the initiative of faith.

*Eph 6: <sup>18</sup>Praying* (continuous action, all that is included in prayer) *always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;* we need to learn this spiritual principle and key to unlock the kingdom. In the Spirit we can pray and turn God loose in a situation. In the Spirit means we are filled the Spirit and the Holy Spirit is praying through us.

Paul says, “I will pray in the Spirit and I will pray with my understanding also; I will sing in the Spirit and I will sing with my understanding also” (1 Corinthians 14:15). The theme of this chapter is about the gifts of the Spirit. “Desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.” He is talking about singing psalms prophetically; he is talking about the spirit of prophecy .Pray in the Spirit, and pray with your understanding. Both of them must be working, so that when we pray in the Spirit, we are speaking prophetically with revelation and with a word of wisdom

The changes that will come to pass in the earth will come because we are receiving revelation and praying prophetically, binding the works of darkness and loosing the will of God in the earth. We are to pray at all times in the Spirit, being alert and persevering for all of the saints in it, we are loosing them into the will of God. Most of the church has no understanding of the army of the Lord, and end time events so they have not been participating in this.

It is through our initiative that we give place to the voice of The Spirit. We need to be led by the Spirit of the Lord and move in the Spirit. The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets, which means our will has control over our spirit and as our spirit communes with the Holy Spirit; His moving in the earth comes through the initiative of our faith.

When we pray in the Spirit, the Spirit of God is released in the words that we speak. The angles of God hearken unto the words of the Holy Spirit and have a part to play in making sure the Will of God that is spoken is done. The Holy Spirit is the One who prays through us, but it is human initiative and human consciousness that throws the switch so

that the Spirit's intercession is activated. Without this initiative of faith, we are missing out on a great deal of what God wants to do in and through our life.

The only thing acceptable in God's sight is what He does through our life, but he has limited himself to move through human channels; He can only judge us for our faithfulness as a steward of what He has deposited within us. If the will of God is not done in the earth it is our fault, not His. Did we take the initiative as a steward of the kingdom? Did we know that it was in our hands to do it? Did we know that it was within our heart to cry out in faith and release the Spirit of God in a situation?

If we knew that and did not do it, then we are judged for our unfaithfulness as a steward of the mysteries of the kingdom. If we did not know then we are not accountable. God has made a deposit in us, and with it He has given us a great responsibility. It is better not to know the will of God, than to know it and not do it, then we will suffer great loss. The harvest is great, but the labor's are few.

We become a co-creator's with God of a new creation. We are the ones who reach into God and loose it. He is the one who said, "What you bind on earth will be bound in heaven". "What you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven". "Whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you have received it, and you shall have it"

We must understand that not much will happen unless we sense our initiative in it. When we determine to pray with all prayer and supplication, praying in the Spirit at all times, we have the key to making it happen.

We let the Holy Spirit pray through us which turns loose the fulfillment because God has already made the provision through Jesus Christ.

When Jesus died He said it is finished. He has sat down at the right hand of the father henceforth expecting His enemies to become the footstool of His feet. We are His voice in the earth, His hands and feet. We have to appropriate His eyes and ears so that we can be led by His Spirit to accomplish His will in the earth.

When we begin to see the will of God and do it, Satan releases demons to stop us; this is why we go through spiritual warfare and have to put on the armor of God.

We are to be the channel through which He can release His power in purity, without selfish motivation, without ambition. When we see what God wants to bring forth, then we can become the channel of faith to voice it and see it come to pass.

Faith is passive until it is expressed. Our confession activates the faith in our heart. When we believe it, then we speak, and by acting upon it we release it. This is what we are doing when we pray in the Spirit; we are vocally activating the faith and the anointing that is within us. There is nothing we should strive for more than to speak in God: to speak the word of the Lord.

Even though Paul is bringing the word, he says, "And pray for me, that utterance may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel." There is an interrelationship of all the human channels that God is bringing forth into sonship.

Paul said to preach the Word; He didn't mean to preach about the Word, but to speak it forth as a channel of the Word of God. *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth* , So Christ is glorified in all.