

REVIEW

Psalm 46:1-2,7 – “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. ... The LORD of Heaven’s Armies is here among us. The God of Israel is our fortress.”

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**WHEN GOD IS WITH YOU...
AND YOU ARE WITH GOD...
THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!**

Are you with God? Have you put your trust in Him?

- Yes!
- No.
- I haven’t yet, but I am ready!
- I still have some doubts or questions.

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“The Armour of God 1.0.” Well done!

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22 THE ARMOUR OF GOD 1.0

Remember, in the beginning everything was perfect. No sin, no evil was in the world. Then one day, Adam and Eve (the first two human beings) disobeyed God, after a Serpent, a snake tempted them. It doesn’t take long for us to realize that this Serpent is the devil, Satan. Satan started out as one of God’s created angels, one of His messengers. According to the Bible, his name was Lucifer, and he was one of God’s most special angels. Then one day, Lucifer decided that being an angel,



even a special angel, wasn’t enough. He wanted to be God, to be in charge. That day, evil started to control him, and it still does to this day. Lucifer convinced one-third

of God’s angels to join him, to rebel against God. So, there was a war in heaven, and thankfully God and His angels won the battle. Lucifer, now called Satan, and his group of fallen angels (called “demons”) were sent to earth. Since then, they have busily tried to get back at God by hurting His created children, people. Adam and Eve were the first two to be hurt by him. Since that day, we all experience evil and the temptation to sin. Thankfully, Satan – though he is smart and powerful – is not nearly as smart and powerful as God is. And thankfully too, God has given us “armour” to protect us from what Satan sends our way. In the book of Ephesians, this armour is described for us...

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Ephesians 6:10-11 – “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all God’s armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

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Strategies: the ways the devil tries to hurt us



First, we need to “be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.” Remember, we are weak, but God is strong! And, if we trust Him, He promises to give us His power to resist the temptation to sin.

Second, this armour is “God’s armour” that He gives to us. Because it is His, we know that it is strong enough to protect us from evil. But, every day we have to choose to put it on.

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Ephesians 6:12 – “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

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Not every bad or hard thing that happens to us is because of the devil, but sometimes these “evil rulers and authorities in the unseen world” are the source of our troubles. Often, these troubles come through people or circumstances. But, they are not the source. The unseen evil world is.

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Ephesians 6:13 – “Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then, after the battle, you will be standing firm.”

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In Worksheet #23, we’ll look specifically at each piece of this heavenly armour that God offers us, but for now, let’s quickly look at all of it:

- Belt of Truth
- Breastplate (or Body Armour) of Righteousness
- Peace-from-the-Good-News Shoes
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit



Remember, God is so much smarter and more powerful than the devil and those that follow him. And, if we belong to God, we – His kids – have nothing to fear!

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1 John 4:4 – “But you belong to God, my dear children. ... The Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.”

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