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THE ARMOUR OF GOD PART 6  
THE SHIELD OF FAITH

We continue our study of the Armour of God with Ephesians 6:16 where it says, ***“Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”***

Do you notice that it says the shield of faith quenches ALL the fiery darts of the wicked? All means all, but it takes faith for this to happen. What is faith? I believe a simple definition of faith is “just believing God meant what he said.” If God says it then it should be settled.

Every promise in the word of God is received by faith. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, ***“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*** This tells us how important faith is. We can’t please God without faith.

So, how do we get this faith and make it effective in our daily lives? It can’t be bought, because it is a free gift according to Ephesians 2:8. It is developed through hearing, my friends. Hearing what? Hearing the word of God. The more of the word of God, which is Jesus speaking to us, the more faith is developed.

I believe the opposite of faith is fear. If you don’t have faith you will walk in fear and the fiery darts of the wicked one will penetrate into your soul. Fear brings torment. So, we do not want fear in our lives. Fear leaves when faith comes in.

In Hebrews 12:2 it says, ***“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...”*** He is the source of our faith, and he is the one that increases our faith through hearing his word. As we read the Word of God, our faith is developed and becomes stronger. This is how the fiery darts are repelled. Remember it says, ***“above all”*** so faith is the most important part of the armor of God. We win all battles by faith, not by our own physical strength. Faith will get you through when you have no strength.

When the Apostle Paul prayed to have a thorn in the flesh removed God told him that His grace was sufficient for him. Paul was able then to have the faith to trust God even though there were many adversaries against him.

How about you? What is your faith temperature? I pray it is hot and that the fiery darts melt when they touch your shield of faith. If not, then spend more time reading the promises of God and build your faith up.