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Eph 6:10-18
A. We have been introduced to 4 weapons needed in our battle against the enemy

1. The Belt of Truth
   • Truth, we defined as: \textit{that which is absolute (unmixed, pure), genuine (original, real, unaffected) and authentic (unquestionable, bona fide)}
   • We must aligned our reality with His truth

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness
   • Righteousness means:
     • \textit{Blameless, Innocent, In right standing}
   The Image of God must be showcase in our righteousness
1. The shoes of the Gospel of Peace
   • ...and having put on the readiness (state of readiness) given by the gospel of peace;
   • Preparation (hetoimasías) - readiness; equipment
   • The Gospel and our Destiny are inseparable

2. Shield of Faith
   • Define Faith
   • It is simply having complete trust and confidence in the person (who he is), word (what he says) and works (what he does) of God
   • We must maintain our faith through the Holy Spirit (water and oil)
A. The Helmet (*Hope*) of Salvation

- *(Eph 6:17)* And *take the helmet of salvation...*

- *(1 Th 5:8)*. *But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation*
The Head

- Most Vulnerable area of man

The Helmet

- Of course, it is to protect the head
1. Psychological Warfare Operations

- PSYOPS includes various deception techniques used during war and aimed to intimidate the enemies thinking process, which may involve his value system, belief system, emotions, motives, reasoning or behavior.
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Genghis Khan
• Genghis Khans Psychological Tactics.
• "Agents of influence" were sent in advance to tell of his brutality and exploit large numbers in the Mongol army.
• During night operations he ordered each soldier to light three torches at dusk to give the illusion of an overwhelming army.
• At times he would have objects tied to the tails of his horses, so when riding on dry fields clouds of dust gave the impression of great numbers.
• His soldiers used arrows specially notched to whistle as they flew through the air, creating a terrifying noise.
• Other tactics included firing severed human heads from catapults into enemy lines and over city walls to frighten enemy soldiers and citizens.
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• **Hope:** ἔλπις (*elpis*) - a looking forward to in confident **expectation**

• **Salvation:** σωτήριον (*sōtērion*) - Salvation, deliverance, preservation
A. **Gladius** (Latin: *glădĭus*) was the Roman word for sword, and is used to represent the primary sword of Ancient Rome soldiers.

- The Roman *gladius* has become known as "the sword that conquered the world."
Rhema: ῥῆμα (rhēma)- that which has been stated or said; an utterance

A rhema is a verse or portion of Scripture that the Holy Spirit brings to our attention with application to a current situation or need for direction.
A. Examples of Battle Words
1. Jesus and Satan Battle in the War of Words (Luk 4:3-13)
2. Jesus and Peter battle over Words (Matt 16:23)
3. Gabriel and Zacharias battle over Words (Luk 1:11-20)
1. **Prayer Of Faith** - The prayer of faith is boldly speaking a command of faith against a problem... ALOUD! –

   • *(Matt 21:18-22)* - So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

1. **Praying in Tongues** – This is a language between the Spirit of God and man...which the enemy cannot interpret

   • *(Rom 8:26)*. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered
1. **Prayer Of Thanksgiving** – When you simply recount and thank the Lord for the things He has done for you.
   - *(Ps 107:22)*. *Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.*

1. **Prayer Of Praise** – When you extol God’s virtues, and boldly compliment Him, boast on Him, and talk Him up... ALOUD!
   - *(Psalm 8:2)*. *Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*
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