**The Armor of God Part 3: Our Weapons Pt 1**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)

1. **Review**
2. To understand our warfare, the Armor of God and its usage we must know 2 things about ourselves (in vss. 10-11):

* Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the Lord (vs. 10).
* Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to stand (vs.11).
* Our biggest responsibility is (personal) *soul management* (We must chose to let the Spirit lead us).

1. Then we need to know 3 things about our enemy (in vss. 11-12):

* His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 11b-12).
* His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12)
* His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11) See an example in Numbers 22-25.

1. **Introduction for today**
2. God has given us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we can utilize to successfully wage war against our enemy.

* Because God is God we should trust his judgment in the selection of them. (See an example in 1 Samuel 17.)

1. **Our Weapons**

Ephesians 6:13-14 (NKJV) *13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

1. Belt of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)

Objectively, signifying "the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter"

-Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words

“…that which corresponds to reality as perceived by God, because God’s perception of reality is never distorted. It’s a perfect perception of reality.”

-Dr. R.C. Sprouls, Pastor, Author, Theologian

in Focus on the Family’s *The Truth Project*

* The truth enables us to see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to make good decisions (See 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 2 Corinthians 13:8)
* The truth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us. (purified & set apart) (John 17:17)

Why the belt of truth?: If Satan’s goal is to deceive us into believing a lie, knowing and responding to truth honors God and enables us to stand.

1. Breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)

Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a righteous man.

-Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

* Because we are in Christ and (led by the Holy Spirit), our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are righteous/just; lining up with truth. Our desire is to reflect God’s heart in word and deed. (See 1 Corinthians 15:34, 1 John 3:9-11)
* Christ’s righteousness coupled with Truth keeps me from becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (See Isaiah 64:6-8, Ephesians 2:8-10, Philippians 2:12-13)
* Why the breastplate of righteousness? It enables us to uphold God’s standard for work and adjudicating, both without and within.