

MOSES, AND THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD-PART "4-C"
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
EPHESIANS 6:14-17 ARMOR OF GOD

NOTE: Before beginning the study on the patriarchs of the Bible and the "Armor of God", I have listed below information for the reader's benefit in understanding the phrases in Ephesians 6:14-17. I hope the reader enjoys the lessons as much as I did in researching the information.

"Stand...having your loins girded about with truth...."

"Stand"-maintain our ground, not yielding or fleeing.

"Truth"-Strong's, Greek, 226, - Not as concealing,
to be true in doctrine,
speak the truth, don't hide it.

John 17:17,"thy **word is truth**".

"And having on the Breastplate of Righteousness..."

"Breastplate"-Strong's, Greek, 2382, the chest, thorax, corselet.

"Righteousness"-Strong's, Greek, 1343, Psalms 119:172,"for **all
thy commandments are righteousness**".

(Note-joins with "truth", faith working righteousness in love.

"And your Feet shod with preparation..."

"Shod"-Strong's, Greek, 5265, - bind on one's feet, take the Truth
with you wherever you go.

"Preparation"-Strong's, Greek, 2091/2680-to prepare, make ready
"inside" as in internal fitness, to construct,
make, ordain, prepare, to prepare
thoroughly

(Note, prepared to do and suffer all that God wills)

"Of the gospel of peace..."

"Gospel"-good news/tidings

"Peace"-Strong's, Greek, 1515, peace, rest quiet (to join), the peace
within, in contrast to the raging of the
outward conflict

Psalms 112:7, 8, **He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**
8, His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. (Insures success against enemies.)

"Above all, Taking the shield of faith whereby you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked..."

"Shield"- Strong's 2375-lit. or fig. door, gate, a large shield as door shaped

"Faith"-Strong's 4102-conviction of religious truth, reliance upon God for salvation, assurance, no doubt you shall be able, not you may be able.

Note: I John 5:18,...**but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.** (The faithful he, Satan cannot hurt.)

II Peter 1:12, **Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.** (In other words, be steadfast.)

(Note: Satan's power exists only in respect to the unbelieving, the unfaithful)

NOTE INSERT-"Fiery darts"-found at the end of the shaft of an arrow that would set fire to tents and woodwork.

"Take the helmet of salvation"

"Take"-means accept, receive, offered by God!

"Helmet"-Strong's, Greek, 2776, as the part most taken hold of, around, through, 4012-unchangeable

(Note), the head was the soldier's principal part to be protected as this is where the

deadliest strokes might fall and the head commands the entire body.

Romans 5:5, **And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Note-the head, when one knows and lays hold of the sure tidings or truth or gospel and eternal life, one will not receive false doctrines or give in to Satan's temptations.

"Salvation"-Strong's, Greek 4991, rescue, safely deliver

Note-Subjoined to the "shield of faith" as inseparable accompaniment,

Romans 5: 1, 5, **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Note-Not an uncertain hope but knowing that God is recreating us in His own image, Gen. 1:26 and the good news or tidings/gospel is that we will be like HIM!!

"Sword of the spirit"

"Sword"-Strong's 3162, fighting, striving

Ephesians 6:17-...**the sword of the spirit, which is word (4487) of God.**

Note-The "sword of the spirit" cuts both ways, striking some with conviction and conversion and others with condemnation.

Also note-there is no armor on the back-means we shouldn't turn our back on the foe but face them and resist them ceaselessly.

Consider the following: How can we fight with the sword if we don't know what the Word of God says. Here's how:

Ephesians 6:18-**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

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- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our heads and ask God for understanding as we study today. This lesson will finish the series about the patriarchs and the Whole Armor of God. We have talked about Noah, whom God called, "His servant", Abraham, "My friend" and "Jacob whom I loved" and today we will complete the story of Moses, the Lawgiver and Deliverer.
- Say - As we ended the story of Moses in Part "4-B", FREEDOM and VICTORY over sin had been achieved for God's people. Inspired by God, Moses sang a song, "The lord is my strength and salvation, He is my God", Exodus 15:1-18, a song describing the entire Passover event which is one of the most famous songs in Biblical history.
- Say - But there were still more miracles ahead just as there are miracles in the journey of our lives as God's people. Now in the wilderness and "Led in the day by a cloud and a pillar of fire by night", the Bible tells us, "The people asked, and he (God) brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock (symbolic of Jesus Christ), and the waters gushed out (symbolic of Living Water, eternal life); they ran in the dry places like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness", Psalms 105:40-43, Nehemiah 9:12.
- Say - Finally days later, the Israelites with their children and their flocks, arrived at the foot of Mt. Sinai, sanctified and purified. Remember I said we would find out another reason why God "Loved Jacob/Israel". It was because Jacob's 12 sons/tribes made up the Nation of Israel who were God's chosen people, His wife, His bride whom God married at the foot of Mt. Sinai when He gave them His law of Love, The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20, Rom. 13:10.
- Say - The marriage ceremony begins in Ex. 20:1 where God gave them the rules of the marriage between God and man. I have printed the verses below for the reader's convenience.

1And God spake all these words, saying, 2I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth

generation of them that hate me; 6And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 13Thou shalt not kill. 14Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15Thou shalt not steal. 16Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Say - God said, "You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself (He gathered His people, His bride). Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant/agreement, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shall speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people (marriage ceremony taking place), and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, all that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord..." Ex. 19:4-8.

Say - In another place the Bible says, "For thy Maker (Creator, Christ) is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer (rescuer, See definitions, "Salvation", rescue, safely deliver) the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called", Isaiah 54:5.

Say - With God's divine direction, Moses had led the people out of Egypt and through the wilderness. Now on the banks of the Jordan River, Moses reviewed with God's people the history of God's care for them. This time Moses sang (the following verses are some of my favorite in the Bible), "Remember how He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat

the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine (cows), and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape”, Deut. 32:10-14.

Say - Moses continued as he instructed God’s people to "Obey God and reviewed all the Laws God had given them and to teach them to their children and to put them on their hearts", Deut. 32:46, 47. He said, "If you obey God, God would destroy their enemies before them", Deut. 9:3. The Bible says God did not make this promise to them because of "...their righteous or for the uprightness of thine heart, ... but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob", Deut. 9:5.

Say - Finally Moses blessed all the tribes and continued in his song as he sang, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone.....", Deut. 33:27, 28. After the blessing, Moses departed for Mt. Nebo where he was privileged to view the Promised Land before he died.

Say - Through our series of the patriarchs and the Armor of God, we have learned much from each one and how we can apply the lessons to our own lives and Moses was no exception. The Bible says, "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned", Hebrews 11:29 (See definitions, "Faith").

Say - Unfortunately we all know the outcome of His people, His nation, His bride; while they had good intentions they fell into idolatry and the nation split ending the marriage but not the covenant/ agreement at Christ's death. But Christ spoke of another time in the near future for His bride; He says it like this, "And I will

betroth (marry) thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth (marry) thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth (marry) thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD", Hosea 2:19-20.

Say - Yes, the marriage covenant/agreement between God and His "Chosen people" will be renewed as it was from the beginning only this time it will last forever for "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant/new agreement with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they (not God) brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; ...saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people, Jer. 31:31-33.

Say - Just as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were called and chosen, so those who follow God are a part of this calling. The Bible says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb", Rev. 19:7-9.

Say - Is there any doubt the patriarchs of the Bible wore the "Whole armor of God". May we all take Moses' final warning he gave to God's people on the banks of the Jordan River and cherish the calling we have been given and write God's Laws on our hearts. Let us all put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the trickery of the Devil as the patriarchs of God have shown us to do.

MEMORY VERSE

He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine (cattle), and milk of sheep, with fat of Lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

DEUTERONOMY 32:10-14

ADDITIONAL NOTES OF INTEREST

Egypt - symbolized Sin

Pharaoh - symbolizes Satan

Moses and Aaron - symbolize the Two Witnesses spoken of in Revelation 11.

Rod or Staff – symbolized the Rod of God and the power of God, the “Sword of the spirit”.

Wondering in the wilderness symbolized - the newly converted Christian living as a stranger and pilgrim looking for a homeland.

The placing of blood on the door frame symbolized - the repentant heart accepting the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God.

Going through the Red Sea symbolized-baptism

Pharaoh's armies-symbolized the world, our friends, our families that come after us to change our mind about obeying and following the true God.

Moses - symbolized a type of God, the Lawgiver and deliverer.

The perfect lamb - symbolized the True Lamb of God, one without blemish, Jesus Christ.

Trials and testing in the wilderness - symbolized the trials and testing and resistance the converted Christian encounters when one chooses to walk the "Strait and narrow way", the way to eternal life.

The Promised Land - symbolizes the soon coming Kingdom of God.

Notes of interest-The book of Exodus ends with the Israelites still at the foot of Mt. Sinai and the completion of the Tabernacle. The book of Leviticus is an account of how God's people were to worship God. The book of Numbers is a chronology or journal of the 40 years in the wilderness, the counting of all the people and the organization of the vast number of people so they could more easily handle them and care for them. In Numbers 7, 8, and 9 is the recounting of the people in preparation for the journey to enter the Promised Land and ends after 40 years, on the banks of the Jordan River with the Promised Land in sight.

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR
TOTS.

GOD, MOSES, AND MT. SINAI

WITH MOSES IN THE LEAD, OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT
AND THROUGH THE RED SEA GOD'S PEOPLE HAD
MIRACULOUSLY COME;
LED BY GOD, NOW VICTORY AND FREEDOM OVER SIN,
FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, HAD FINALLY BEEN WON!

NOW IN THE WILDERNESS, GOD LED HIS PEOPLE WITH A
CLOUD BY DAY AND A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT;
HE FED THEM QUAIL AND BREAD FROM HEAVEN AND
WATER GUSHED FORTH FROM A ROCK, ALL BY HIS
GREAT MIGHT!

FINALLY AT THE FOOT OF MT. SINAI, GOD GAVE HIS PEOPLE
THE RULES BETWEEN GOD AND MAN;
HIS RULES OF LOVE, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN ON
STONE BY GOD'S OWN HAND!

GOD CONTINUED TO TELL THEM, "IF YOU OBEY MY VOICE
THEN A TREASURE YOU'LL BE UNTO ME;
YOU SHALL BE KINGS AND PRIESTS AND I'LL PROTECT YOU
AND GUIDE YOU AND ALL YOUR ENEMIES SHALL FLEE".

GOD'S PEOPLE AGREED TO ALL HE HAD SAID AND THEIR
INTENTIONS WERE SINCERE INDEED;
BUT UNFORTUNATELY INTO IDOLATRY AND EVIL THEY FELL
AND TURNING THEIR BACKS ON GOD, BECAME A
NATION IN DESPERATION AND GREED.

BUT GOD SPOKE OF A FUTURE TIME WHEN HE COMES FOR
HIS PEOPLE AGAIN YOU SEE;
"I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEARTS AND I WILL
FOREVER BE THEIR GOD AND FOREVER MY PEOPLE
THEY'LL BE UNTO ME". JEREMIAH 31:33

PLEASE FIND AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE TO COMPLEMENT THE BIBLE STORY AND BELOW ARE THE MEMORY VERSES TO BE CUT OUT AND PLACED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PICTURE FOR THE CHILDRENS' SABBATH SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS.

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spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
So the LORD alone did lead him (out of Egypt), and there was no strange
god with him.

Deuteronomy 32:10-14

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