

NOAH AND THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD DEFINITION PAGE

EPHESIANS 6:14-17 ARMOR OF GOD

"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.

"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 it. Here's how:

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

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School. Let's bow our heads and ask God for understanding as we study today.
- Say - Today our lesson is the first in a series about the patriarchs and how they wore the "Whole armor of God" in their lives. Our lesson today will focus on Noah from the perspective of how he wore the "Whole Armor of God".
- Say - We can start out by asking how did Noah, "Stand with his loins girded with the TRUTH of God. How did Noah, "Put on the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS". How did Noah, "Shod his feet with the PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE". How did Noah, "Take the SHIELD OF FAITH". How did Noah "Take the HELMET OF SALVATION" in his daily walk with God. We will look at the Bible for our answers in both the Old and New Testament.
- Say - Noah was a just man, a righteous man; in fact Noah was the ONLY one on the earth who sincerely desired to do God's will, (Gen. 6:8, 9), imagine that!! As we study today, let's try to put ourselves in Noah's shoes and compare the condition of our armor with that of Noah when God told him about a coming calamity; a calamity which was going to destroy the wicked from off the face of the earth!
- Say - Imagine Noah announcing to the rebellious world that God had told him He was going to destroy all the wicked people on earth except Noah and his family. Imagine hearing, in a desert land where it very seldom rained, that God was going to do it by a flood!!!
- Say - It did not matter to Noah what anyone thought for he "Stood firmly, ...having his loins girded (equipped) about with truth" (see definition page). The Bible tells us he went about preaching the Truth of God, the "Word of God which is the Sword of the spirit" Ephe. 6:17 (see "Sword of spirit" definition page) in spite of any resistance from an evil nation. The Bible tells us "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness ("All God's laws are righteousness," Ps. 119:172), bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly," II Peter 2:5.
- Say - You see, Noah not only taught the laws of God but lived them. This is what "Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness" means (see "Breastplate of Righteousness" definition page). Noah did not

question God and made God's righteous laws his way of life and was willingly obedient unto all He asked of him.

- Say - Not only did Noah continue to preach righteousness, he went about, he "Shod his feet", (see definition page) preparing, "making ready" himself and his family for the coming flood. He was determined to "thoroughly" follow everyone of God's instructions for building the ark and Noah was "willing and ready to suffer for 120 years all that would come his way (see "Shod his feet" definition page)" when he made the announcement to the wicked world. Can you imagine the criticism and the jokes which were told and many thinking Noah had surely lost his mind?
- Say - None the less, Noah paid no attention to the scoffers. He went about building the ark just as God had given him instructions and all the while he continued to warn the people that unless they repented they would all be destroyed. In spite of his warnings the Bible tells us, "...They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all", (Luke. 17:26, 27).
- Say - Noah was very close to God because he knew the "Good news, the tidings" of God (see "of the gospel of peace" definition page) which gave him "peace within" in spite of the "raging conflict around him" for the Bible tells us, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed (determined, confident), trusting in the LORD, (Psalm 112:1, 7).
- Say - Another reason Noah was not afraid of the great evilness around him was because God was his "Shield of Faith" and Noah knew God would do exactly as He promised. God had told him, "And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall thou bring into the ark,... they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shall gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee (Noah), and for them (the animals), (Gen. 6:19-21). Noah was confident God would spare him and his family from the great destruction which was to fall upon the earth.
- Say - With God as His "Shield of Faith" he was kept steadfast in truth, (2 Peter 1:3, 12) and Noah knew, God's faithful could not be hurt, (Psalms 31:23, I John 5:4, 18). Noah knew Satan's power could

only hurt the unbelieving or the unfaithful. The unfaithful are those who doubt God but Noah was totally reliant upon God for "Salvation" (see "Shield of Faith" definition page).

Say - When the ark was finally finished, God showed mercy and gave the wicked a final week to repent, no one did; and then the animals began to enter the ark. Imagine, the animals were smarter than the people! The animals obeyed God when He led them into the ark but the people refused to listen. Finally God gave Noah divine care and protection and "Shut him in", the Bible says, "He covered Noah round about". Noah was kept secure in the "Helmet of Salvation" and he and his family were saved, Gen. 7:16. Do you see the "Ark" was the physical "helmet of salvation?" (see "Helmet of Salvation" definition page).

Say – Finally, in the midst of the desert land, in the midst of the laughing and scoffing from the wicked people, the rain began to fall and the ark soon began to float, (Gen. 7:17). Noah lived and breathed obedience to God and in the midst of the roaring waters and watching the mountains disappear as the great ark rose higher, he was not afraid because God was with him and his family. Noah was thankful he had "accepted and taken" God as his hiding place. How unfortunate for all those who had refused the "Helmet of Salvation" God had offered to them through Noah. After 150 days or five months, the ark gently came to rest but Noah did not leave the ark. He waited faithfully until he heard instructions from God.

Say - Two more months Noah stayed on the ark until God told him it was time to leave. Finally, the third dove did not return to the ark and the word came from God the order in which all were to leave the ark, Noah and his family first and then all the animals were to follow after their own kind, (Gen. 8:12, 13, 19). It is possible there were new baby animals born during this time on the ark. Someday we will be able to ask Noah and know the answer for sure. Now it was time for Noah to thank God for protecting them during the flood and the Sabbath day was upon them (see "Note" below)! God was pleased with Noah (Gen. 8:20-21).

Notes of interest concerning the Sabbath day: God's months were alternately 30 and 29 days long. The Bible says, "And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month (Tishri, this would have been during the annual Sabbath of the Feast of Succoth/Tabernacles, Lev. 23:34, and means a covering or hiding place which the ark surely was and we know Noah kept all God's Sabbaths for he was a righteous man), upon the mountains of Ararat. 13And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month (this would have been the preparation day considering 7 days to God's week, the day before the

Sabbath), was the earth dried. 15And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16Go forth of the ark,... 20And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD (most likely at the going down of the sun which would have been Sabbath); and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21And the LORD smelled a sweet savour (an acceptable prayer);...Gen. 8:3-21.

Say - Now we know how Noah was able to stand against the world because he had on the “Whole armor of God”. He knew the truth of God and obeyed God's holy and righteous Laws and preached the Gospel of peace and repentance and by faith He was given the “Helmet of Salvation”, saved from the destruction which came upon the earth.

Say – Many in our world today are being offered the “Helmet of Salvation” or “The way” which leads to life” through God’s servants but the Bible says, “Few there be that find it or accept it”, (Matt. 7:14). The Bible says, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be", (Matt. 24:37). Now is the time for each of us to check our armor that we will be spared the “Time of trouble” to soon fall upon this earth (Dan. 12:1).

MEMORY VERSE
HE COVERED NOAH ROUND ABOUT.
GENESIS 7:16

Practical application of this lesson for our daily lives.

Looking at the “Definition Page”, discuss as a family how we can apply the Armor of God in our daily life from the youngest to the oldest.

Help each other achieve the “Helmet of Salvation”.

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

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NOAH WAS A VERY RIGHTEOUS MAN IN FACT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE
ON EARTH WHO OBEYED GOD'S HOLY LAWS;
NO WONDER GOD CHOSE NOAH TO TELL OF A COMING CALAMITY
WHICH WAS SOON UPON THE EARTH TO FALL.

AS HARD AS NOAH TRIED, THE WICKED PEOPLE SCOFFED AND
SNEERED AND WOULD NOT HEAR;
BUT NOAH CONTINUED TO TELL THEM "YOU MUST REPENT OF SIN AND
TURN TO GOD, IT IS HIM YOU MUST FEAR".

SOON NOAH BEGAN TO BUILD AN ARK WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS TO
HIM GOD HAD GIVEN;
NOW UPON COMPLETION, TO THE WICKED WORLD THE FINAL WARNING
BY NOAH WAS GIVEN.

FINALLY THE ANIMALS BEGAN TO ENTER THE ARK, YET THE PEOPLE'S
HEARTS WERE STUBBORN AND OBEDIENCE THEY WERE NOT
ABOUT;
SOON ALL WAS READY AND AS THE LORD HAD PROMISED, HE "SHUT
HIM IN" AND THE ARK COVERED NOAH AND HIS FAMILY SAFELY
"ROUND ABOUT".

OUTSIDE THE ARK THE WATERS ROARED AND SOARED HIGHER AND
HIGHER AS THE RAIN CAME DOWN;
BUT THE ARK SAFELY FLOATED AS THE MOUNTAINS WERE COVERED,
THE RAIN ON THE ROOF WAS SUCH A THUNDERING SOUND!

FIVE LONG MONTHS INSIDE THE ARK NOAH GAVE THANKS TO GOD AND
HE NEVER DID FEAR;
HE THANKED GOD FOR HIS HIDING PLACE FOR HE KNEW GOD WAS
ALWAYS NEAR.

FINALLY THE GREAT ARK CAME TO A GENTLE REST AND ONCE AGAIN
NOAH WAITED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOD;
ANOTHER THREE WEEKS, THE THIRD DOVE DID NOT RETURN AND
NOW IT WAS THE SABBATH DAY.

BY FAITH NOAH WAITED TWO MORE MONTHS INSIDE THE ARK FOR THE
WATERS TO RECEDE;
NOAH HAD PLEASED GOD AND GOD HAD BEEN WITH HIM AND HIS
FAMILY THROUGH THE GREAT FLOOD IT WAS PLAIN TO SEE.

HE COVERED HIM ROUND ABOUT
GENESIS 7:16

PLEASE FIND AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE TO COLOR WHICH
COMPLEMENTS THE STORY OR MEMORY VERSE. BELOW IS THE
MEMORY VERSE (SAME FOR BOTH OLDER AND YOUNGER STUDENT
FOR THIS LESSON) TO BE CUT OUT AND PLACED WITH THE
APPROPRIATE PICTURE FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK.

MEMORY VERSE

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SAME MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

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