

Taking On The Whole Armour Of God

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Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

62-1231 — The Contest

10 Now, this great contest has
been going on for many years.
It started in Heaven, and Satan
was kicked out into the earth,
and then he become an enemy
to God's people.

And, since then, he's used all of
his strength and his strategy
to try to pull God's people
across the fires, or, into his
fires.

11 And we know that Who has
the most power, God does. And
God, when He gave His people
the best Thing that He could to
combat Satan with, was His
Word.

Now, because the Word is God,
and who's stronger than God?
So, the Word is God, and the
Word becomes our strength.

God in the Church, becomes its
Strength to pull Satan to his
own fires that he has made.

And the tug goes on. Now, Jesus said, in Mark 16, “In My Name they shall cast out devils.”

62-1231 — The Contest

12 Now, I know that's an old saying that people, or, there is an old saying that...and it's not so old, either.

People don't believe in demons in this day. But the thing to do, to my opinion, is know your enemy.

And—and know your enemy,
and train for the contest that
you're going to have when you
meet him, because you're
going to meet him.

And know him, know
his...know what his strength is,
and then train for this contest
when you do meet him. For it's
one thing sure, you're going to
meet him, and so you train for
the contest.

65-0822M — Christ Is Revealed
In His Own Word

18 I was just talking to a young minister and his wife, in the room, just a few moments ago.

And both of them are nervous just like the rest of the world, rest of the human beings on earth.

I said, “Remember, Satan’s got a punch coming at you.” Don’t care who you are, God...He’s got a right for that one punch.

Which had you rather be, that
punch; be blind, or be an
arthritic setting in a chair, or be
nervous? See? He's got
somewhere he can punch you.

He's got a right to that open place. Now, that's the spot you got to keep covered all the time. And to see this nervous age that we're living in!

64-0830M — Questions And Answers #3

61 ...You've got to take that inside something, that what's on the inside of you that's Scriptural.

And don't let Satan stand
anywhere. It's...That's his duty
to stand there and pound at
you like that. But don't you
listen to him.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle
Ever Fought

62 This great, first battle that
was ever fought, begin in
Heaven, when Michael and His
Angels fought against Lucifer
and his angels.

It first started, the first battle
was in Heaven. So, sin did not
originate on earth, it
originated in Heaven.

63 And then it was thrown
down from Heaven, cast out of
Heaven, to the earth, and fell
on human beings.

Then the battle, from angels,
become human battles. And
Satan come to destroy God's
creation, what God had created
to be for Hissself. He had, Satan,
come to destroy this.

That's what his purpose was,
was to destroy it. Then the
battle begin here on earth, and
begin in us, and has been
raging ever since.

53-0729 — Questions And
Answers On Genesis

61 Now, the first man, now, He
made the first man in His
image, and we are returning
back to that image, that's
right, to our first created
image.

62 When God created me,
William Branham, I was before
the foundation of the world,
He made my being, my spirit.

I wasn't conscious of anything
as far as I know of, but the...I
was there. Oh, I—I don't believe
you're getting it.

But now, just a minute, Jesus told the disciples that He “knew them before the foundation of the world,” and Paul said here that “He chose us in Him before the world began.”

Now, there was some part of
me, Orman Neville, and the
rest of you all here, that's in
Christ Jesus before the world
ever began.

And here's to my analysis of
that. I think that the people
today that are possessed with
this Spirit,

or the spirit, a part of these
angelic beings, spirits which
rotated off of God, that never
fell in the beginning and
resisted the devil's lie in
Heaven.

63 And two-thirds of the earth is in sin, and more than that, which two-thirds of the angels was kicked out. And those demon spirits come into people and habitate their body.

See what I mean? They're
demons that once...they was
once existed and they come
into the people and give them
a nature.

Jesus cast seven of them out of Mary Magdalene. Pride, boast (big people, you see), unclean, filthy, vulgarity, emulations, strife. All these things, see.

64 Them was spirits that was
made up back there when God
began to make man off of
there in His Own image.
Created those supernatural
beings, those spirits.

65 And then He put man in the dust of the earth, which was the first man, Adam.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

64 Now, before any battle can be put in array, they first have to choose a meeting ground, or a place where the battle is to be fought, a selected place.

67 There has to be a place selected. And in this, there's a—a mutual ground, no-man's-land, and they fight here at this place. They just don't, one fight over here, and one down here, and one run over here.

There's a battle front where they meet and test their powers, where each army tests its strength against the other army, a mutual meeting place. Now, don't (get) miss this.

68 When this great battle
started on earth, there had to
be a mutual meeting place.

There had to be a place
selected for the battle to
begin, and for the battle to
rage. And that battlegrounds
begin in the human mind.

There is where the battle
starts. The human mind was
chosen for the place of the
battle, where it was begin, and
that is because that decisions
are made from the mind, the
head.

Now, they never started it from some organization. They never started it from some mechanical affair. The grounds never started there.

Therefore, that organization can never, never do the work of God, because the battlegrounds, where you've got to meet your enemy, is in the mind. You've got to make your choice. It meets you.

65-0801M — The God Of This
Evil Age

54 And the world seems to be in the most evil age that ever was.

Never in any age did women ever act like that, never but just before the destruction of the antediluvian world. And Jesus referred to it. We'll get to that after a while.

55 Has God lost control, or is He just permitting another agency to control? I wonder. The true answer to this question is, to my opinion, there is two opposing spirits in the world today, at work.

Now, there can't be no more
than two, two heads. And One
of them is the Holy Spirit at
work; the other one is the
spirit of the devil, and, in this
last days, in deception.

Now I'm going to base my thoughts right on here for the rest of the text, the rest of the...our Message.

56 The two spirits. One of them, God's Holy Spirit; the other one, the devil's spirit, working in deception. The people of the earth are now making their choice.

The Holy Spirit is here calling
out a Bride for Christ. He is
doing it by vindicating His
Word of promise to Her, for
this age, showing that It is
Christ.

If the finger is supposed to move in this age, the finger will move. If the foot is supposed to move in this age, the foot will move. If the eye is to see in this age, the eye will see. See?

The Spirit of God, as It's growed into the full stature of God, is the age that we're now living in. The Holy Spirit is here vindicating the Message of the hour.

And the Holy Spirit is doing this,
so that the people that believe
God will be called out of this
chaos. The devil's unholy spirit
is here calling his church by the
error,

as usual, by perversion of the
Word of God, like he did at the
beginning. See it coming right
back to that seed time again,
from Eden? Here it is again.

63-0825M — How Can I Overcome?

44 We see this age that we're living in. It's one of the grandest ages of all ages.

This Laodicea Church Age is the grandest of all the church ages, because it's the ending of time and the blending of Eternity.

And, then, it's the greatest sinful age. It's more sin in this age than there's ever been. And the powers of Satan is—is many times harder to fight against than it was in any age.

See?

45 Here, back there in early ages, a Christian could, for his profession of being a church...of belonging to Christ, could be beheaded for it. He could be killed,

and put out of his misery, and go to meet God, quickly. But now the enemy has come in, in the name of the church, and it's so deceiving.

This is the great age of
deception. When, Christ said
so, “The two spirits would be
so close in the last days till it
would deceive the very Elected
if it was possible.”

See? See? See? Remember,
Christ spoke of an elected
people for the last day. See? “It
would deceive the very Elected
if it were possible.” So close!

The people so live, people can
live a clean, holy life; not be
sinful, adulterers, and drinkers,
and liars, gamblers. They can
live above that, and still not
with it.

46 This is the—the age of Life,
personal Life of Christ, where,
the—the chemical of His Body,
what was in Him.

The Bride Is To Come
Against The Same
Thing That The
Bridegroom Came
Against

65-0801M — The God Of This Evil Age

37 We find now, this evil age is to prove, to Satan, She is not like Eve, that She is not that type of a woman.

And She will be tried by His
Word, the Bride, as Adam's
bride was tried by the Word.
And Adam's bride believed every
bit of the Word,

all, but confused on one promise, that, “He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever,” today, see; but failed on one promise, under the temptation of the enemy, face to face.

And now, the people that's
called for His Name, of course,
is His Bride. She is to come in
contact again by the same
thing; not by just
denominational truth or
something, but every Word!

CAB-01 — 1 - The Revelation Of Jesus Christ

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts.

But the Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless.

It exposes Satan, revealing his works (attempted destruction of God's people and the discrediting of God's Word) right down to the time he is cast into the lake of fire. He fights that. He cannot stand it.

He knows that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army.

If they get a true revelation of
the two spirits within the
framework of the Christian
church, and by God's Spirit
discern and withstand the
antichrist spirit, Satan will be
powerless before her.

He will be as definitely
thwarted today as when Christ
withstood his every effort to
gain power over Him in the
desert. Yes, Satan hates
revelation.

But we love it. With true
revelation in our lives, the
gates of hell cannot prevail
against us, but we will prevail
over them.

Satan's Attack

62-0607 — Putting On The
Whole Armor Of God

68 Now, we find that this great enemy of God thought, “Now,
as long as they will believe that
Word I can never get to them.”

As long as that little family in
Eden keeps behind that Word, I
can never touch them.”

Neither can he today. That's
right. He's still blocked off.
Right. “But if I can use some
real good strategy and just
reason, I give some human
reasonings,

because she's human, and if I
can just give human
reasonings, then
we'll—we'll—we'll win the
battle," Satan and his Angels.
But then Eve gave way.

69 So therefore we know our enemy by his attacks. Maybe you didn't get it just right, the way I said it. We know our enemy:

When anyone, any spirit, any person tries to disagree with God's Word, remember, that's your enemy, that's your enemy. We know his old attack, that's the one he broke the human race down,

and that's the way he breaks
them down yet today, and
that's the way he gets you
away from God, is to disbelieve
His Word.

70 And the only way that you
can ever stay in fellowship with
God, and talk to Him in the
cool of the evening, is stay
fortified in the Word on both
sides,

let the curtain of God's Word
drop all around you, and you be
a drop right in the middle of It.
That's right. Then you're
fortified. Glory!

71 Now, in order to do this, he
has to make it very appealing,
reasonings, and that's the way
Satan does.

He's good at the job, and he's a
good adversary. And he makes
it appealing, he had to make it
appealing to Eve,.....

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle
Ever Fought

400 See his attack? Watch,
listen close, this closing. His
attack is what?

Disbelieve God's Word, that's his attack. There, can you see the greatest battle was ever fought? There's only two forces: Satan and God.

And what is Satan's weapon
against you? Is to try to get
you to disbelieve your
Weapon. He disarms you.
Let's—let's listen real quiet now.

Listen. If he can get you to
disbelieve your Weapon is
equivalent, if he gets you to
believe that your Weapon is
not strong enough, he has
disarmed you.

65-0829 — Satan's Eden

23 Look back here at my text,
tonight. Satan was the one that
preached the Word to Eve,
first, “God hath said,” see.

24 It's that misconstruing that
part of the Scripture that
applies to the day. He'll let you
know all Jesus did was
perfectly well.

He'll let you know all that
Moses did was perfectly well.
But when you take the
promises that They gave for
this day, then That was applied
to another age.

That's just all he has to do, see,
is to get the people to believe
It that way, and that—that's
all. For, "You cannot take one
Word away from It, or add one
word to It." But that's what he
does.

62-1231 — The Contest

14 ...And always, God uses His
Word. We must remember
that God uses His Word to
defeat His enemy.

If God could think or could have
give His people anything better
to defeat the enemy with, He
would have done it. So as I have
always said, “When God makes a
decision, that’s the best that
there is.

He never has to alter His decisions.” So the first decision God gave His people in the garden of Eden, to combat the enemy, was His Word. They were fortified with His Word.

15 And now the enemy is going to study the...our strategy with the Word. And, now, Satan studied that all out so perfectly till,

when he come to Eve, he had
the—the best strategy he could
use upon her, and that was to
reason with the Word. Now,
you never want to reason with
God's Word.

Just believe It. Don't try to explain It. Don't try to figure It out. Now, you cannot figure out God, so God is the Word, and It's just made to believe.

And that's our Strength, just
accept the Word. And anyone
knows that a seed in the right
kind of ground will produce its
kind. And we just take the
Word.

Our Weapon/Armour Is
A Hidden Power

62-0607 — Putting On The Whole

Armor Of God

161 What was it? He had the whole armor of God on. Whew! Not so much as the high priest's dress, but he had something inside of him, the armor of God comes inside,

the spiritual, hidden power of
God that the intellectual eye
doesn't see at all. Jesus never
did say, "Did you see it?" He
said, "Did you believe it?" Amen.
Yes, sir. Oh, my!

62-0607 — Putting On The
Whole Armor Of God

147 So all of our intellectual
means nothing if there isn't a
hidden power of the Holy Spirit
there, hallelujah, to break the
hold of the devil.

But we are, wrestling match,
we're wrestling not with
fine-dressed intellectual
psychology,

but we're wrestling with the power and the promise of God which can break any hold on any devil at any time. Jesus, our Lord, proved it when He was Emmanuel, God Himself made flesh among us.

And when He met Satan, to
show that Satan could be
defeated by the Word, every
time Satan would come to
Him, He said, “It is written. It is
written.”

149 Yes, we need that hidden strength like Samson had. I've seen the intellectual picture of Samson somebody drew, he had shoulders, honest, I don't believe the man could've stood on the platform.

I never seen such shoulders!
That would be no mystery, how
he could pick up a lion, tear him
apart, or pick up the gates and
walk up on the hill with it, or
something like that.

Wouldn't be no mystery, a man
that size, but he was a little
bitty, curly-headed shrimp,
about like that, mama's little
boy, little curls hanging down.

150 But where that thing was,
they couldn't understand where
that how he could take a
jawbone of a mule and upon
them helmets about a inch and
a half thick,

and that old jawbone would have broke the first lick, an old powder-dry jawbone, but he just knocked those Philistines right and left with it. What was it? It was a hidden power. That's it. Didn't know where it was at. See?

151 That's what's the Church
today, They got a hidden
Power, oh, my, Something that
fortifies Them.

What is it? It's the Word, the
manifestation of God's grace
with His people. Um-hum. Yes,
sir. Yes, if you don't have the
hidden Power...

Today we study in schools, we send our children to Bible schools, that's all right, remember, nothing against it, not a thing, but that's not what counts.

63-0320 — The Third Seal

86 Now, He knew that Satan
would be loosed among them,
so He gave them a—a place to
stay behind; fortify them.

Well, there, who could know
any better place to be fortified,
than God, if He's trying to take
care of His Own children?

87 If I wanted to take care of my little Joseph, well, brother, everything...And I knowed his life depended on it, why, I'd...and I was able to do it.

Well, if forty-foot concrete, reinforced, would—would be the thing would do it, that's...I'd make it ninety foot, to be sure, that.

88 And if I can think that about my little boy, (which, if his mortal life had lost, I believe a child would be saved,)

how much more, to God, to His child that would be Eternally lost! What should He place him behind? He placed him behind His Own Word.

As long as you're in that Word,
you're safe. "If ye abide in Me,
and My Words in you, then just
ask what you will." That's it,
the Word.

64-0305 — Perseverant

52 Samson, another man very perseverant. He was born a Nazarite birth.

53 A Nazarite means “separated to the Word.” What a nice thing it would be tonight if all Christians would be Nazarites to the Lord; separated not to creeds, but to the Word. Christ is that Word. Separated to the Word!

54 He had seven locks of hair
that hung down his back,
which was the sign that he was
separated.

64-0121 — God's Word Calls
For A Total Separation From
Unbelief

22 Now we find out, in
Numbers, the 6th chapter, that
a Nazarite's call,

a Nazarite call was to separate themselves from all the world, to the Word of God. That is a Nazarite call, separated.

23 We find out that Samson
was a Nazarite, unto the Lord,
and he was separated from
the...by a sign.

And this sign was that he was
to wear his hair long, with
seven locks. It was a—a sign of
separation, that he was called
for a purpose.

62-0607 — Putting On The
Whole Armor Of God

83 But God just brings His
Word more positive all the
time.

He don't have to refortify It,
and bring something else up,
He just makes His Word more
real all the time. And the Bible
said,

“When the—when the enemy
comes in like a flood, the Spirit
of God raises a standard
against it.” See? Now, what
is...? Then if the enemy comes
in like a flood,

and God's Fortification to His
people to fortify them is the
Word of God, so He just raises
the Word, a Standard against
him. Amen.

63-0412E — God Hiding Himself
In Simplicity

107 Now, when God knowed
this was going to come to pass,

He did for His children just like the United States does for their army. We give a man a helmet to wear, because we know he's going to use it.

We give him a—a spade to dig in. We know it's a big pound, about ninety-pound pack on his back. Some little rookie packing it, he certainly is a—a hard thing for him.

But the army knows they got to train him for that, because he's going to need it. Every piece of equipment, he's going to need it when he hits the battlefield.

108 And that's what we ought
to do today, friend. We got to
take the whole Word of God,
'cause we're going to need It.
We got to use every Word
that's in There.

It's THUS SAITH THE LORD, and
we've got to use the full
Gospel, all of It. Now, when God
had fortified His Church, He
fortified It with the best thing
that He could find,

because it's His Own children.
And He fortified the Church by
the Word, His Own Word. Just
ask them to believe His Word,
that's all there was.

Close Your Mind To
Everything But The
Word

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle¹⁵¹

Ever Fought

111 See, it's your mind that opens up the door; or closes the door, and listens to your conscience, listens to your memory, listens to your affections.

But when your mind closes itself
to these things, and let God, the
Spirit of His Word, come in, It
blows the rest of the stuff out.
Every doubt is gone. Every fear is
gone. Every sensation of doubt is
gone.

Every feeling is gone. There's
nothing standing there but the
Word of God, and Satan
cannot battle against That. No,
sir. He cannot battle against It.
Now, we know that's true.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle
Ever Fought

394 God's army, close up your
mind. Don't stop for a minute, to
think of anything the devil has
got to offer you through your
senses. But remember, God's
Word can never fail.

395 These two great armies!
When the enemy comes in like a
flood, as is coming today, what
did God say He'd do? "The Spirit
of God would raise up a standard
against it." Are you one of them?
Yes, sir.

396 We are taught in James 4:7, I don't have time to read it, James 4:7, to, "Resist the devil, and," he just won't walk away, but, "he'll flee." "Resist the devil." How do you resist the devil?

The same way our Chief
Captain told us to do it. Take
the Word of God. That's how
you resist the devil, is by the
Word of God. The Chief
Captain told us just how it was
done. All right.

397 Now, in closing, I want to say this. That old devil, now, you think he's brazen. You think he'll attack a child?

He'll attack anything. He
attacked Jesus Christ. He come
at Him, with three wild attacks.
Did you know that? Satan
didn't just only attack once.

He'll attack you with a disease, then here he'll come back and attack you, tell you, "Days of miracles is past. You didn't get healed. There's nothing to it." You know that's right?

398 He attacked Jesus three times. Three wild attacks, he run in on Jesus, with his unbelief in God's Word.

Jesus was the Word. Sure, he didn't believe it. "If Thou be...If Thou be..." Here he come, wild attacks, like sometimes the enemy today.

Here they come, said, “If Thou be the Son of God, show me a miracle. Let me see it done.”

Brother, three wild attacks he flew in, “If Thou...If Thou be...”

399 Now, what did Jesus? Jesus
was the Word of God. He was
the Word. He attacked the
Word. Glory!

I—I'm just getting...just feeling good, to preach now, honest I am. That's right. Jesus is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word dwelled, made
flesh, and dwelled... Jesus was
the Word. What did He do? He
cut him to ribbons. Oh, my! I'm
going to quit. What did Jesus
do? He was the Word.

So, with the Word, He cut
Satan on his wild attack. He
flew in there like a bunch of
para-, storm-troopers, or
something another like that,
flew in on Jesus, the Word, like
that.

And Jesus took that Word, and
sliced him to pieces. Hallelujah!
Sure, sliced him to pieces,
defeated him with the
Word.

50-0819 — Show Us The Father
And It Suffices

43 Jesus had all the fine qualities
of God in Him. Do you believe it?
He had powers upon powers,
but when He met Satan, He
never used His power,

He give an example for the weakest of Christians. When He met Satan, He said, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”

The weakest Christian can take that stand, hold it. Sure, God's in His Word.

Every time when He meet the enemy, He said, "It is written."

I believe He had power to do it,
but He met Satan on the same
grounds with the same Word
that you can meet him with,
every one: “It’s written.”

You believe it? Why, it's
written, "Whatever things
you desire, when you pray,
believe you receive them."
Watch the order of the Word:

“Believe,” now, present tense,
“you receive it, and you shall
have it.” It’ll be given to you
later, but believe it now. Before
you can get your crop, you got
to plant the seed, water it,
believe it.

Don't dig it up every morning
to see if it's...every time you
dig it up, you'll delay it that
much more, it'll never grow if
you keep digging it up.