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Sunday, February 27, 2022

Sermon Outline

- III. THE PROBLEM OF NOT RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN A GREAT SPIRITUAL WARFARE, v-12, 13
 - A. Not Recognizing That The Warfare Is Not Against Mere Human Beings, v-12a
 - B. Not Knowing That We Struggle Against Organized, Multileveled Wicked Angelic Spiritual Forces, In The Heavenly Places, v-12b
 --In the Heavenly Realm
 - C. Not Knowing that We Cannot Even Resist Them Without Having On God's Full Spiritual Armor, v-13
- IV. THE PROBLEM OF NOT KNOWING WHAT GOD'S ARMOR IS, v-14-18
 - A. Not Having Our Loins Girded With Truth, v-14a --Truthfulness, integrity and faithfulness A belt needed to hold up the loosely hanging tunic during hand to hand combat
 - B. Not Having Put On The Breastplate Of Righteousness, v-14b
 - --Sanctifying righteousness of Christ working in one's life. --Holy living, 1 Pet. 1:15;

2 Cor. 7:1

- C. Not Having Shod The Feet With The Preparation Of The Gospel Of Peace, v-15
 - --Knowing the good news that through Christ Believers are now at peace with God,
 - --Confidence in God, Rom. 5:1; 8:31
 - --Boots with nails in them to grip the ground during combat.
- D. Not Taking Up The Shield Of Faith With Which To Extinguish Satan's Flaming Arrows, v-16
 --The believer's continued trust in God's Word and promises, Psa. 18:30; 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13
 --The large Shield that protected the whole body (2 1/2' x 4')
- E. Not Having The Helmet Of Salvation On, v-17a --The Saved Person's Assurance Of Salvation
 - --Satan uses weapons of doubt and discouragement. God has secured our salvation, Jn. 6:37-39
 - --The helmet protected the head always a target in warfare.
- F. Not Using The Sword Of the Spirit, God's Word,
 - v-17b --The only offensive weapon, the truth of Scripture, Jn. 17:17; Heb. 4:12
 - --Christ used the Word in temptation, Mt. 4:1-11
- G. Not Being A Prayer Warrior, v-18
 - 1. Failing to pray regularly, v-18a
 - 2. Not being persistence for all the true

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believers, v-18b