



# SCRIPTURE READING:

**EPHESIANS 6:10-17**

**God's Armor that Defends Against and  
Defeats Satanic Thought-Attacks**

# INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

- Preparation to put on the armor of God is imperative for the believer!
  - **Submit to God** so that you can then resist (stand against) the devil. Resist by God's armor, with His enablement.
    - **James 4:7**
  - **You must be filled by the Spirit** in order to be able to act as a son (mature one). Acting as a son is the only way you can put on God's mental armor.
    - **Eph 5:18; Rom 6:11**
  - **You will then be empowered by the Lord, so that you can display His strength in Christ** when you are submitting to God, with the result that you are filled by His Spirit
    - **Eph 6:10**
  - **Now you will be mentally sober and vigilant**, concerning the evil day (1 Pet 5:8)
    - **Concerning the evil day - Eph 6:13**
    - **Concerning Satan's methodologies - Eph 6:11, II Cor 2:11**

# The Purpose of The Armor: Defensive and Protective (Eph 6:11)

- **DEFENSIVE and PROTECTIVE** (not OFFENSIVE – even the 6<sup>th</sup> piece of armor (the sword of the Spirit) is for correctly analyzing these thought-attacks in the light of God's Word.
- To enables you to:
  - **STAND** - not run and hide
  - **FACING** - the accuser's methodologies. No armor provided for the backside of believer
    - Note vs 12 "against" = facing = προσ = pros (4x)
  - **THE WHOLE ARMOR** is necessary (vs 11-13)

# The Opposition Described

- **Not facing flesh and blood**
  - No physical conflict cf Isa 5:18
- **Facing principalities (rulers)** - Col 1:16
- **Facing powers (authorities)** - Col 1:16
- **Facing those who display power concerning the darkness of the world system**
  - Darkness - cf Jn 1:4, 3:19
  - World system ownership & control - Dan 10:20
- **Facing spiritual, malignant evil in the heavenlies**
  - Satan is the present authority of the atmosphere surrounding the Earth - Eph 2:2
  - Satan has access to the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven, where he bring accusations against believers - cf Job 1,2; Rev 12:10

To take the whole armor

Stand against the Evil One and his methodologies

Having completely worked all these things pertaining to God's empowering and defensive provisions to (vs 14) **STAND!**

**God's  
Encouragement**  
(Eph 6:13-14)

# CONCLUSION

- When you:
  - **Submit to God**
  - **Are being filled by the Spirit with Christlikeness**
  - **So that you can act as a son and by God's enablement to put on the armor of God in the evil day**
    - then you are acting as the ones the apostle John called "young men" (who were victorious over the Wicked One)