



**Authority of the Believer**  
**Lesson 3: The Armor of God & Praying with Authority**

**1. Review**

Jesus was fully God but he was also fully man. He was human and had limitations that go along with his humanity. This is why Jesus needed to pray.

Jesus did not possess more divine power than is available to us today. What is the difference?

Jesus knew what belonged to Him and He knew His authority.

Many Christians do not know their authority and therefore do not use it. Jesus has delegated his authority to us. It is not enough that he has delegated authority to us, we must know what belongs to us.

**Luke 10:19**

Definition of AUTHORITY: Delegated power

**Ephesians 1:16-20**

The mightiest working of God's power was when the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.

That same power is in us!

**Romans 8:11**

**Ephesians 1:21-23**

All of the powers of Satan tried to defeat Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_

He was made alive. He ascended into heaven and He is seated at the right hand of the Father – a place of authority.

When Christ was made alive, we were too!

When He was raised, I was raised.

I am sitting together with Christ in heavenly places.

This is already done. It is completed in the eyes of God.

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This is the problem – many Christians do not realize they operate from a position of authority.

## **2. Identify with Christ**

### **Ephesians 2:1-6**

When Christ was made alive, we were too.

When He was raised, I was raised.

I am sitting together with Christ in heavenly places.

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This is my position when I pray.

## **3. Our adversary's domain**

### **Ephesians 6:11**

Many Christians think after they get saved, they can just sit back and relax.

But there would be no need for armor unless we had to fight in battle.

What do you have to do? – \_\_\_\_\_

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The devil resists you entering his domain.

Why? – Because he is exercising the authority of the powers of the air. He does not want interference. He will intensify all of his efforts against you.

If attacks against your spirit are successfully resisted, assaults will come at your mind. There will then be attacks against your body. This could be followed by attacks against your family, circumstances, finances, etc.

He wants you to give up.

#### 4. The armor of God

##### **Ephesians 6:10-17**

Every piece of this armor represents certain attitudes that a believer must maintain.

Wearing this armor will cause you to be unhindered in exercising your spiritual authority.

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The belt of truth was the ugliest, most boring, and least noticeable piece of armor.

However, it was the most vital piece of armor because it held all the rest together.

The rest of the armor is visible, except the belt.

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##### **John 17:17**

How do you operate in spiritual authority?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

But that is not where your authority begins. It begins with two things:

- You must first know the Word of God.
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You cannot be led by the Holy Spirit apart from the Word of God.

You must have the Word of God dwelling inside of you. Then, the Holy Spirit leads and guides you through the Word.

When you ignore the Word the rest of your spiritual walk falls apart.

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The most beautiful, most glamorous piece of armor. Went from top of the neck to the knees.

Who you are in Christ must be settled firm inside of you or you will be easy prey for the devil.

This has a two-fold application.

- First of all, we are the righteousness of God in Christ. We put on His righteousness.

- Secondly, we must live in obedience to the Word of God.

Understanding your righteous position in Christ gives you boldness in prayer.

Condemnation will affect your prayer life negatively.

The breast plate gives you a correct attitude for warfare.

Not understanding righteousness = \_\_\_\_\_

### **1 John 5:14, 15**

Definition of CONFIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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This piece of the armor is also offensive. The brass breast plate would cast a blinding glare on the enemy.

Evil forces flee from righteousness.

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### **Ephesians 6:15**

Peace does not mean an absence of conflict. It means \_\_\_\_\_

The entire reason for spiritual warfare is for the souls of people. It is so we can preach the Gospel.

If you are not setting aside time to win souls, you will never have true peace.

Preaching the Gospel must be a part of every believer's life, just like tithing, reading your Bible, and praying.

Preaching the Gospel will not happen in your life by accident. You must determine to make it a part of your life.

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A Roman soldier's shoes had two parts:

- Greave – a piece of metal that went from the top of the knee to the foot.
- Shoe – extremely dangerous spikes 1-3'' long.

Definition of SHOD: \_\_\_\_\_

Preaching the Gospel of Peace (bound tightly to us) gives us a firm footing to fight. We are not moved by what hits us.

### **Romans 16:20**

This shows us that God and you are a team.

Definition of CRUSH: Used to describe smashing and utterly crushing of grapes into wine; snapping, breaking, and crushing bones.

Definition of SHORTLY: How Roman soldiers marched: hard, short, heavy steps. Not just in battle but also down the street.

They were commanded to keep marching and march over top of anyone that got in the way.

This is how we should treat the devil. If he gets in your way, keep moving forward.

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Definition of ABOVE ALL: Out in front of; covering all

Definition of TAKING: \_\_\_\_\_

Taking the shield is your choice. You decide to lift your shield by believing and speaking the Word of God.

The shield rested on a small clip on the loin belt.

Faith is connected to the Word.

### **Romans 10:17**

The shield was the shape of a door – wide and long

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It was made of six layers of leather. Oil had to be rubbed in every day. This represents a fresh anointing that we all the time

The shield was soaked in water before a battle. The reason for this was to quench the fiery arrows of the enemy. When we saturate yourself in the Word of God.

Three types of arrows:

- Regular
- Dipped in tar and set on fire
- Combustible fluid which exploded upon impact

An example of this is the arrow hits you saying, “You’re going to die of cancer.”

If you do not get rid of that thought, it will explode.

If you are getting hit with arrows ask yourself:

- Have I been in the Word?
- Do I have a daily fresh anointing?

Corporate faith of a local church is powerful. Soldiers walk side by side, with their shield latched together.

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The helmet looked more like a piece of artwork than a helmet (engravings, horse hair).

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The Bible tells us the benefits of salvation.

The helmet is also a picture of the Word renewing your mind and protecting your thinking.

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The Roman sword was razor sharp on both sides.

The point was turned upward so that a person could be stabbed and then the blade twisted.

It was weapon of murder.

Definition of WORD (Greek: Rhema): \_\_\_\_\_

The word “Spirit” should have a small “s”. It is speaking about the human spirit.

The Word of God is planted in your spirit. The sword of the Spirit is the Word that is already inside of you.

**Revelation 1:16**

Definition of TWO EDGED: \_\_\_\_\_

It is a word spoken by \_\_\_\_\_ and then by \_\_\_\_\_

The other parts of the armor are defensive in nature. But the Sword of the spirit is used actively in offense.

The belt of truth is the written Word of God. The sword of the spirit is the spoken revelation Word of God.

This is your weapon against the devil!

**5. Authority**

In Mark 13 Jesus is talking about Himself and the church (us).

**Mark 13:34**

Definition of AUTHORITY:

- Privilege
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Superhuman mastery
- Delegated influence
- Authority
- Jurisdiction
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Right
- \_\_\_\_\_

You are not supposed to be someone who allows the devil to dominate you; you have been given authority in the name of Jesus!

In the story of the Prodigal Son, after spending all of his father's money (his inheritance), he ended up eating with the pigs. But then he realized he should just go back to his father.

**Luke 15:17, 18**

When the father (who is a picture of God the Father) saw him coming, He ran to him.

There is one thing from this story that speaks of your authority.

The father gave him a robe, shoes, and a ring. This was not just an ordinary ring. This ring represented the family.

It is the same kind of ring that Pharaoh gave to Joseph.

**Genesis 41:40-42**

A signet ring is a ring with markings made to seal with hot wax.

It is a seal of authority. It was used as a seal or stamp of authority.

**MacLauren's Commentary**

It is a sign of delegated authority and of representative character; as when Joseph was exalted to be the second man in Egypt, and Pharaoh's signet ring was plucked off and placed upon his finger.

When you gave your life to Jesus, the Father gave you the family signet ring! You have the family stamp of authority.

As soon as you get saved, you have the authority of the family.

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**John 10:10****1 Peter 5:8**

The only thing that will stop the devil is the name of Jesus. You must understand and know your authority and how to use it.