

AVELEIGH'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE
SUNDAY JAN. 21,2017
WEEK 3, JONATHAN, AND THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD
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¹ Sam. 14:6 Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few."⁷ "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." NIV

Intro, what does it mean to you to be well dressed?

I. IT MUST START IN PRAYER.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

II. SO WHERE IS THE BATTLE? ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the **DEVIL'S SCHEMES**. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

III. PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

1. THE BELT OF TRUTH

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

2. WITH THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN PLACE,

3. ¹⁵ YOUR FEET FITTED FROM THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.

4. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the **SHIELD OF FAITH**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

5. ¹⁷ Take the **HELMET OF SALVATION** and the

6. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the word of God.

Conclusion

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Dear God, help us, each one of us to live at peace with you, with ourselves, and with our neighbors. And that we would go forth together, as Jonathan's young armor-bearer once said, I am with you heart and soul, in the whole armor of God; in the name of the greatest Peacemaker of all, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Four For The Road.

- 1, What threats do your friends and family face?
- 2, Are these physical threats? Or could those have a spiritual cause?
- 3, What about any threats you may be facing now?
- 4, how could The Armor of God help you when you fell threatened?

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Calls to Worship

L. As we rise in the morning, O God, may we don garments of your truth.

P. May we wear the mantle of your protective blessing and shoes that will guide us on your path.

L. May our every breath be a prayer, so that we might truly and fully proclaim the mystery of the gospel.

P. It is through you and with you that we design our day.

Prayers of Confession

We use many shields to protect ourselves. We put up walls to keep out hurt and danger. We build safer homes, safer cars, wear helmets, seatbelts and take vitamins to ward off the risks of injury, sickness, death. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." God, we need you. We need to trust you and let you be the one who protects us. Only you can keep us from sin and help us to flee temptation. We let go of our man-made shields and put on your truth and righteousness. Amen.