

THE ARMOR
OF GOD

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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.

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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, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **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. **17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

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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. **19** Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

helmet of salvation?





Take the helmet of salvation

- Saved, applied salvation
- Only cover what you want to save

Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God

Rhema: to speak - a *spoken* word, made "by the *living voice*. *Rhema* is commonly used in the NT for the *Lord* speaking His *dynamic, living word* in a believer to in *birth faith* ("His *persuasion*")

- *Rhēma* (from *rhéō*, "to speak"). Ro 10:17: "So *faith* proceeds from (spiritual) hearing; moreover, this hearing (is consummated) through a *rhēma-word* from *Christ*."



Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God

Logos: speaking to a conclusion – a *word*, being the expression of a *thought*; a saying. Logos is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.

- *Lógos* is a common term (used 330 times in the NT) with regards to a person sharing a message (discourse, "communication-speech") broad term meaning "*reasoning expressed by words.*"



Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God

Laleó: to utter a voice - emit a sound:
of things inanimate, “thunder uttered
its particular voice”

- In the NT it is a more dignified word to speak. God speaks through us (the object)



Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God

17 and take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit, which is
the **word (Rhēma)** of God, **18** praying
at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer
and supplication. To that end, keep
alert with all perseverance, making
supplication for all the saints, **19** and
also for me, that **words (logos)** may be
given to me in opening my mouth
boldly to proclaim the mystery of the
gospel, **20** for which I am an
ambassador in chains, that I may
declare it boldly, as I ought to
Speak (Laleó).





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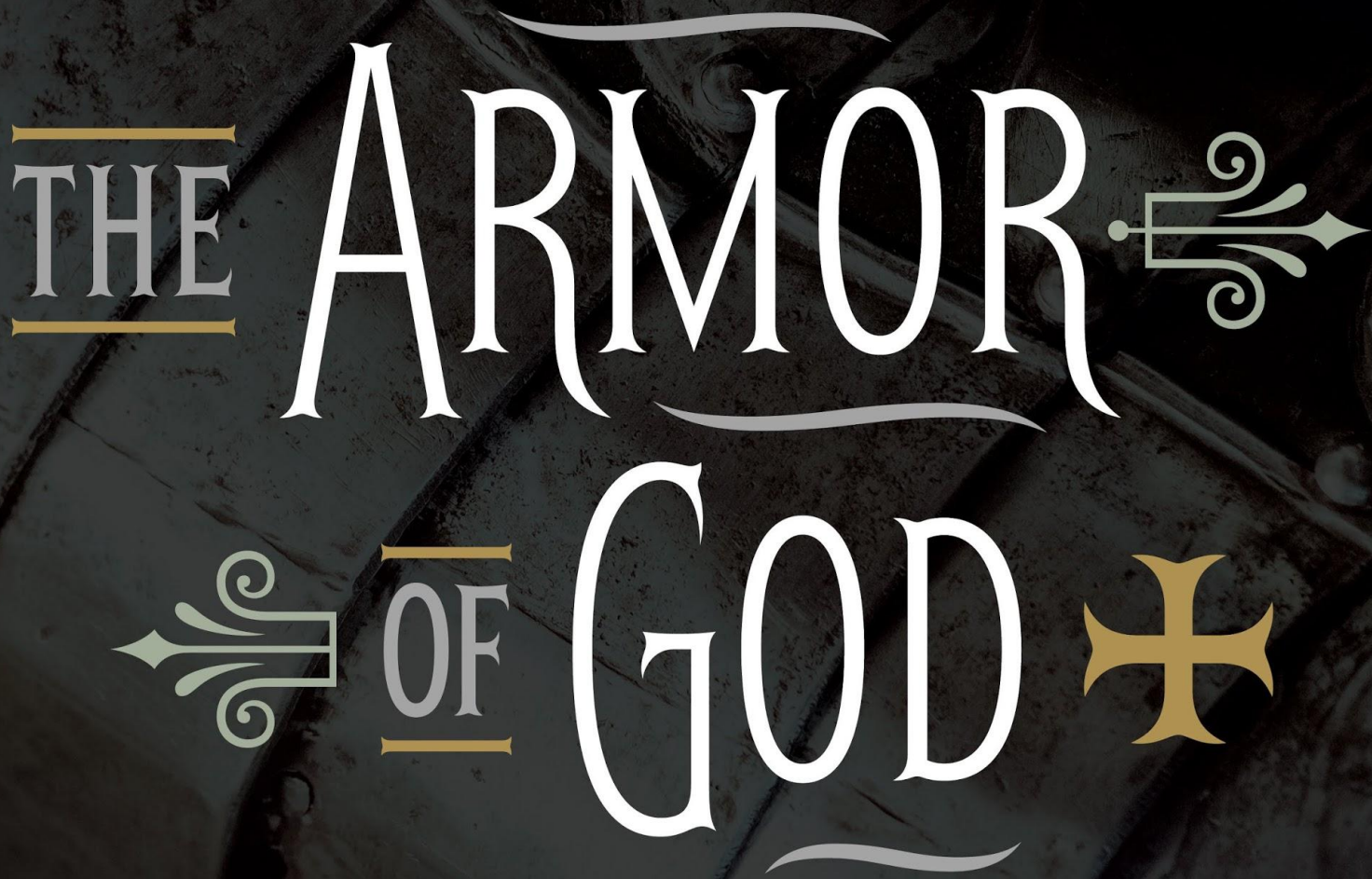
Mt 10: 19 But
when they
arrest you, do
not worry
about what to
say (Laleó) or
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you speaking,
but the Spirit of
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speaking
(Laleó) through
you.

Take the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Mt 10: 16“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. **17** Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. **18** On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to **say**, **20** for it will not be you **speaking**, but the Spirit of your Father **speaking** through you.

34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a **sword**.





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**Be strong in
the Lord and
in his mighty
power.**

- Ephesians

**Be strong
and
courageou
s**

-Joshua



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6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

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And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

- Acts 1:6-8 MSG



You will be able
to be my
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over Judea and
Samaria, even
to the ends of
the world.

-Acts

Your territory
will extend
from the desert
to Lebanon,
and from the
great river, the
Euphrates—all
the Hittite
country—to
the
Mediterranean
Sea in the
west.

-Joshua

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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.

- Ephesians

The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and **stood on dry ground**, while all Israel passed by

- Joshua



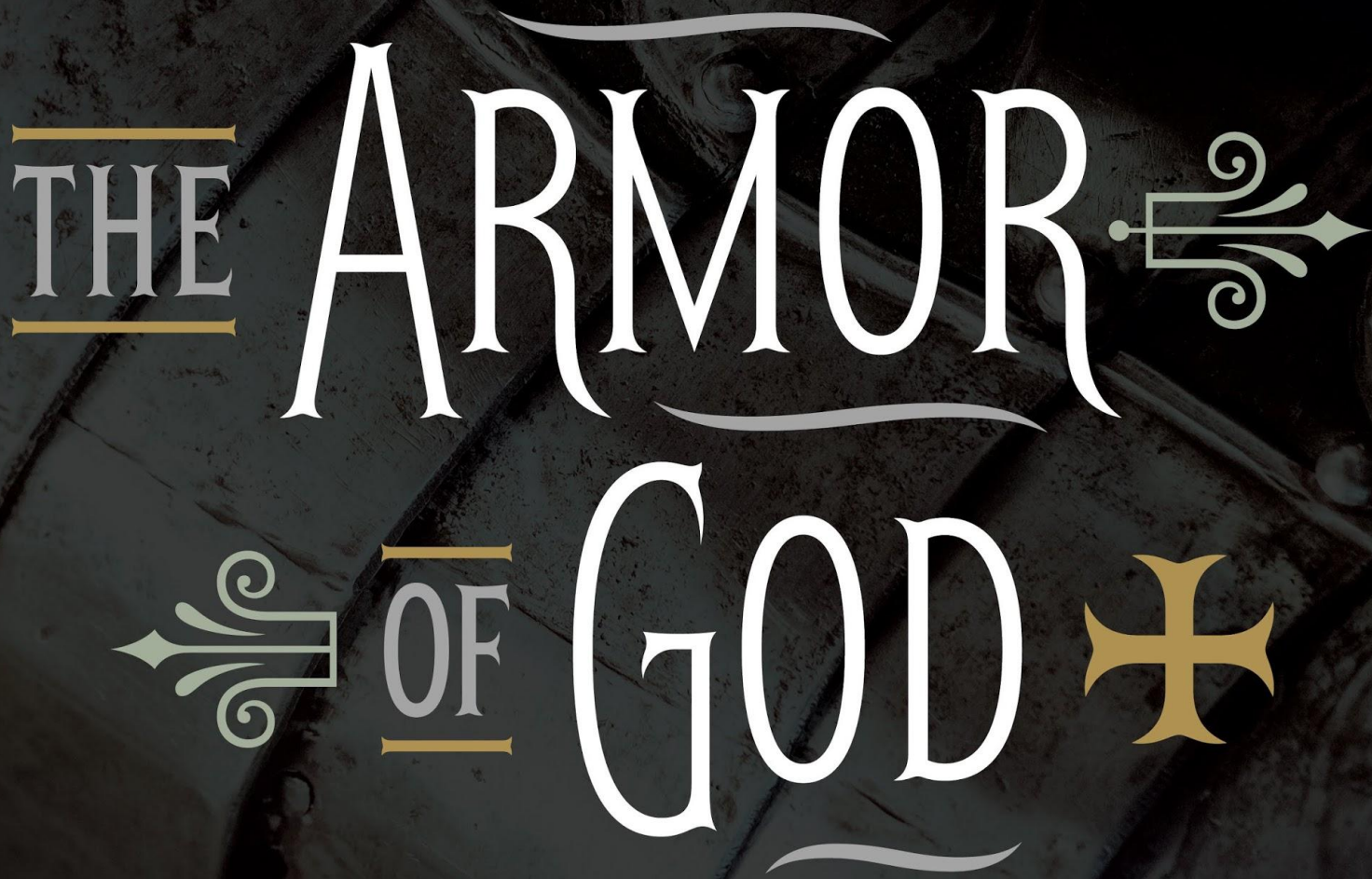
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No one will be able to **stand against you** all the days of your life.

For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go

When they were together for the last time they asked, “*Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?*”

He told them, “*You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, **you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.***”



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And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

A Fight to the Finish

Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

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And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

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