

SUNDAY ANOINTING SERVICE

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TITLE: THE SHEILD OF FAITH

BRIEF SUMMARY

EPHESIANS 6: 10-16

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.... [Ephesians 6 vs 10]

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [Ephesians 6 vs 11]

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [Ephesians 6 vs 12]

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [Ephesians 6 vs 16]

The Bible is saying finally brethren (verse 10) be strong in the lord . That means we have weak people in the Christ.

We are in bad and dangerous times and we need the strength the Bible is talking about to be able to stand firm.

What will help us overcome evil in these bad times is the strength of the lord.

How do we get the strength?.

Strength comes not by the blue or green anointing oil that would be poured on you but rather through the word of God .

Paul is saying be strong in the lord but right now when you look at what is going on in the world, COVID has brought weakness and not strength.

Many people are in their houses and they don't go to church but go for funerals and other social gatherings.

Even in their homes, they don't even pray or listen to the preachings of their pastors. The enemy is deceiving them through this and it is making them very weak.

We need to Put on the armor of God so that we will be able to stand against the devil's manipulations and deceits.

The armor of Christ is not the nice dress you are wearing. Even the devil can wear nice outfits and nice suits like you .

What makes you distinct as a Christian?

There is a kind of dress that a Christian has to put on and if you put it on then you can be able to say that you have the strength of the lord but without it, you will be weak.

The armor gives us spiritual protection and not physical protection.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and rulers of darkness... (Ephesians 6: 12)

The Bible says because of this we should wear the armor of Christ so that we can stand firm.

Some people are going to fall and these people are people who don't listen to the word and the advice the Bible gives.

The Bible says stand firm. God is looking for people who are standing firm in their faith.

Many Christian are not standing firm because of delayed marriages, job opportunities etc. these frustrations tend to discouraging them and make them fall.

But the Bible clearly ask us to seek the Kingdom of God first [Matthew 6:33], and these things we chase after will be added to us. But the devil being smart, tries to make us think that the add-ons are being delayed and as such, we ought to chase after them. Making us neglect the cherished things we ought to seek.

The Bible says seek Him first and all other things will be added but if the add-ons have not yet been added then the devil will chip in with his words that will discourage you.

The devil will allow you to question yourself and some of these questions includes;

you've been going to church for so many years you've not built a house, you don't have a car, you are not married so what at all have you gained from going to church.

The enemy is wrestling with your mind . Asking you unnecessary questions so that at a point you will even stop going to church.

You should be able to fight against the devils manipulation and cast out those kind of questions as a Christian.

Don't let your happiness be based on material things you have on earth. For it is said in the Bible that we shall leave all material things behind when we die.

Jesus did not come to deliver us from material things.

The Bible is encouraging us that we are in the last days and we should put on the armor which will help us to stand firm and stop winging and complaining like the children of Israel did in the desert.

The shield is there to protect us. It is there to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Jesus is alive !!!