

Family Prayer

Protect Us from All that Pulls Us Away from You

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INTRODUCTION: The Day I Got Ready to Walk into an Evil Place

- Ephesians 6:13a, 18 ^{13a} ***Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground... 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 saints.***

Matthew 6:13b (All Verses from the New International Version 1984)
...but deliver us from the evil one.

1. The Helmet of Salvation: God protects my head

- Ephesians 6:17a ***Take the helmet of salvation.***

2. *The Shield of Faith: God guards my heart*

- Ephesians 6:16 ***In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.***

3. *The Sword of the Spirit: God equips my hands.*

- Ephesians 6:17b ***...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***

CONCLUSION: Light in the Darkness

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Day 1: Read *Ephesians 6:13*. When have you sensed *the day of evil* in your life? What role has prayer played? What role in the future will prayer play?

Day 2: Read *Ephesians 6:17a*. With the *helmet of salvation*, God protects your head. For a Roman soldier wearing a helmet would make him hot and uncomfortable. So, a soldier would put on his helmet only when he faced impending danger. The helmet was designed to provide security, stability, and safety in battle. By Paul calling us to take the helmet of salvation, he is saying danger is imminent and we need to be ready. Where do you need the Holy Spirit to guard your thought life? How are you pouring God's Word into your mind to "*protect your head*"?

Day 3: Read *Ephesians 6:16*. With the *shield of faith*, God guards my heart. Bruce Larson says that the devil's strategy is not to convince us that God doesn't exist. No, it's more insidious than that. Instead, "**The basic lie,**" says Larson, "**is that we cannot trust God, for He wants to take all the fun out of life.**" Where has Satan been hammering away at your heart? Is that an area of strength or weakness for you? In prayer, turn those areas over to the Holy Spirit to empower you to hold on with faith in what God can do, is doing and will do in your life!

Day 4: Read *Ephesians 6:17b*. With the **sword of the Spirit**, God equips my hands. With the **sword of the Spirit**, God equips me to apply God's Word to all of life. Through the Word we engage in the work of God. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we live out God's Word and are equipped to make a difference. God uses our lives to pierce the darkness.

Day 5: Read *Ephesians 6:18*. As we have studied the Lord's Prayer, how has God been teaching you to keep on praying for yourself and **all the saints**?

Day 6: Read *Matthew 6:13b*. When you take spiritual battles on with God's power, He has already claimed the victory and the path for you to follow. Pray for God to not only protect your head, heart, and hands, pray to be used by God today to pierce the darkness with the light of His love and grace.

Going Deeper:

Book: *Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough* by Elmer L. Towns.

Next Week: Matthew 6:13c ...**"Family Prayer: Witnesses for Your Glory"**

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