

LESSON 7

READY FOR BATTLE

EPHESIANS 6:10–24



1 What equipment and weapons does a modern soldier need for battle?

2 What equipment and weapons did a knight on horseback use in battle?

3 What equipment and weapons did a Roman foot soldier use in battle?



Read Ephesians 6:10–24, the chart “God’s Armor for Us,” and the following notes:

☐ 6:10–17 ☐ 6:12 ☐ 6:18 ☐ 6:19, 20 ☐ 6:24

4 Why do Christians need the armor of God? Why would a Christian not want to put on all of God’s armor (6:11)?

5 Which pieces of armor are defensive? Which ones are offensive?

6 What is the role of courage (6:19, 20)?

7 Why do most Christians tend to take lightly our struggle against the spiritual forces of evil?



People tend to joke about the Devil, but we must be careful not to underestimate our adversary. He is smarter and more powerful than we are and much more evil than we could ever imagine. That's why we must take precautions to protect and arm ourselves for battle. God has given us every piece of equipment we need, not only to protect ourselves, but to win! Put on your armor, sound the battle cry, and fight valiantly in the war that God has already assured us that we will win.

8 Why is it important for all believers to prepare for spiritual battle?

9 In what ways can the church help its people to prepare?



10 If our spiritual struggle were compared to a conventional war, where would you see yourself at this time: in the heat of the battle, at the front lines, with the reinforcements, mapping out strategy, helping with the supply lines, back at the base, in training, at boot camp, on leave, AWOL?

11 Review the chart “God’s Armor for Us.” In what ways can each piece be helpful to you in your struggle against sin?

	<i>Parallel to my life</i>	<i>How can I use it?</i>
Belt of truth		
Body armor of God’s righteousness		
Shoes of peace		
Shield of faith		
Helmet of salvation		
Sword of the Spirit		

12 Which of the above have you used the most? Which have you left unfas-
tened or unused?

13 Why is prayer important? How satisfied are you with your prayer life?

14 Churches are not immune to the attacks of Satan. What can churches do to improve their battle preparedness as a congregation?

15 What can we do to encourage other believers and churches in their spiritual battles?

16 Where is your spiritual armor weak? How might Satan take advantage of this?



17 What is the most important step that you can take right now to make yourself a better equipped and more effective soldier for spiritual battle?

A What is the “time of evil” (6:13)? How will we know it has come, and what should we do when it does?

B What was the unique role of messengers like Tychicus (6:21) in the early church? How is this role fulfilled in the church today?

C Why was Paul's use of the battle and armor analogy highly appropriate for those to whom this letter was addressed? What could be another analogy for today?

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