

PROTECTION FROM SATAN

James 4:7 Ephesians 6:10-18

Introduction: It is no secret! Satan doesn't like God or anything or anybody that God cares about. He therefore doesn't like Christians because God calls them His Children, His Family. Satan will find anything he can to cause people to not listen to or obey God and he will attack and then accuse every believer before God. Thankfully there is someone more powerful than Satan and that is God. Is there any way the believer can be protected from Satan since he is so powerful?

I. ONLY GOD CAN PROTECT THE BELIEVER FROM SATAN

1. The believer **must** submit to God though. He/she must deliberately place him/herself under God' care, God's power, and God' strength.
2. The believer must then say **NO** to Satan, take a stand against him, resist him, oppose him.
3. The believer **must not**:
 - stand and try to fight by him/herself against Satan.
 - or go his/her own way (try to walk away).
 - nor can the believer give in just a little.
 - ignore God's Word or the Holy Spirit.
4. The believer **must**:
 - ask God for deliverance from the evil one.
 - quote scriptures and pray.
 - use the name of Jesus.
 - call for others to join together in group prayer.
 - must be forgiving of him/herself.
 - above all, **put on the armor God has provided.**

II. GOD HAS PROVIDED PROTECTION AND A WEAPON FOR THE BELIEVER

1. There is the **Belt of Truth**:
 - not traditional truth
 - not human reason truth.
 - not speculative truth.
 - but **Truth as God has spoken it.**
 - Divine Truth, Truth as God sees it.
 - Divine knowledge.(This belt holds the rest of the armor together and from it hangs other essentials.)
2. The **Breastplate of Righteousness** must be put on:
 - not man's kind of right-ness.
 - not integrity.
 - not determination.

- **But God's kind of righteousness.**
 - being **right with God** produces right living.
 - the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus.
- (The heart of the believer must be right with God.)

3. Put on the **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:**

- the foundation of the christian is **knowing** what salvation has brought.
 - peace with God.
 - assurance of God's favor.
 - a home in heaven.
 - eternal life as a child of God.
 - personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and able to share that knowledge to the lost.
- (To know for sure one has been saved produces peace of mind, no matter what.)

4. Pick up the **Shield of Faith:**

- an **active** trust in God.
 - trust that one is right with God because of his/her faith in Jesus Christ.
 - trust that God will keep His Word about eternity and heaven.
- (Faith is a continual consciousness of God's presence.)

5. Put on the **Helmet of Salvation:**

- **knowing for a fact** that one is saved, redeemed, bought and brought out from the world and Satan into God's kingdom.
- (To know for sure that one is saved brings confidence and joy.)

6. Use the **Sword of the Spirit:**

- that which God has spoken - **His Word.**
 - the wisdom and power of God is in His spoken **Word.**
- (To all that Satan brings to the believer, whatever form, the sole, simple and sufficient answer is always **the Word of God.**)

7. Along with the armor goes **Prayer:**

- continual prayer, constant contact with God.
- prayer guided by the Holy Spirit.
- prayer for other believers as well as for oneself.

CONCLUSION:

1. To defeat Satan one must trust in God and what God has said.
2. To defeat Satan one must know the truth as God sees it and follow it, no matter what.
3. To defeat Satan one must pursue righteous living at all costs.
4. To defeat Satan one must submit him/herself into God's keeping and stand firm against Satan. He will leave.