

Defeating Satan, part 11

- I.** Satan administers his kingdom through fallen angels—demons—and attempts to:
1. Redirect Christians' activity—The Lie—that you may put anything alongside of God in your thinking, in an equal position (Rom. 1:25).
 2. To distort Christians' thinking process and disrupt a logical conclusion, usually by supplying a faulty premise (2 Cor. 2:11; 4:4).
- II.** The Armor from God is the only defense against Satan's lusts.
1. The Armor is "the way out" regarding Satan (1 Cor. 10:13).
 2. Lusts from Satan opposed by God's counter thoughts.
 3. Satan's lusts use faulty logic verses God's inalienable truth.
 4. "The wiles belonging to the devil", he adjusts his methods when resisted initially (Eph. 6:11).
 5. Hence: "Put, on like clothes, the whole armor from God (Gal. 6:11,13).
 6. Putting on the Armor from God.
 - 1) Not by rote, routine, or vain repetition.
 - 2) The armor is only available to a spiritual Christian—"by the faith" (1 Pet. 5:9).
 - 3) Not necessary to know the exact details of the Roman soldier's armor.



7. If the spiritual Christian has a ‘working’ knowledge of the armor from God:
 - 1) The Holy Spirit will enable him to exercise faith in the armor’s defense (Gal. 5:22-23; Phil. 2:13).
 - 2) The faith to believe the specific promise(s) represented by each part of the armor.

III. “The loins girt about by truth (Eph. 6:14).

1. “Loin” is used in the New Testament metaphorically to picture emotions, reproduction, and way of thinking—emotions.
2. The loins of the mind appreciating grace (1 Pet. 1:13).
3. Truth is absolute, not relative (Jn. 14:6).
 - 1) There is no other source for truth than the Bible.
 - 2) Any lusts, temptations using logic not based on Scripture is untrue.
 - 3) Understanding ‘truth’ forces logical rather than emotional thought.
4. Measuring the incoming lust(s) by Scripture—truth.
 - 1) Identify attack as from Satan.
 - 2) Am I being dependent upon the enabling of the Holy Spirit?
 - 3) Am I taking this attack seriously? (1 Pet. 5:8).