# WATCH THE WIND

#### **SERMON STUDY - 7.6.2025**

## **Leader Corner**

Battling the Spirit of the Unseen Realm

Ephesians 6:11-17

Leader Corner: Most of us are familiar with the "parts" of God's armor. We've heard them listed often. In this study, let's look at what this holy armor protects us from, how evil unholy spirits attack us, and how to stand against them.

Main Idea: The unholy spirit(s).

Main Practice: Standing against evil in our lives.

Main Teaching: Ephesians 6:11-17

# **Connect** with Prayer & Praise

Share this Puritan prayer with your group:

O Lord God

Thou are my protecting arm, fortress, refuge, shield and buckler

Fight for me and my foes must flee

Uphold me and I cannot fall

Strengthen me and I stand unmoved, unmovable

Equip me and I shall receive no wound

Stand by me and satan will depart.

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# with Principle

1. Discuss with your group anything from last week's sermon that was interesting, thought-provoking or new to you.

2. Read Ephesians 6:11-17 aloud and then let's look at God's holy armor and the unholy spiritual forces that attack those who love Jesus. Discuss each point below in relationship to your life experiences and with the scripture references provided.

3. God's Armor=Truth (Psalm 119:160, John 14:6, 16:13) Evil's Attack=Lies (John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Revelation 12:9)

4. God's Armor=Righteousness (Matthew 5:6, Philippians 3:9, 1 Peter 2:24)

Evil's Attack=Sin's temptation (Matthew 4:1-11, James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:16)

5. God's Armor=Gospel of Peace; peace with God (Romans 5:1-2, 8:31, Colossians 2:13-14)

Evil's Attack=God is against us (Zechariah 3:1-4, Colossians 1:22, Revelation 12:9-11)

6. God's Armor=Faith (John 6:40, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9)

Evil's Attack=Unbelief (John 8:24, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Hebrews 3:12-13)

7. God's Amor=Salvation (Acts 4:12, Romans 8:1-2, 10:9)

Evil's Attack=Condemnation/Death (John 3:18, Romans 6:23, Revelation 12:10)

8. God's Armor=Word of God (Matthew 4:4, John 8:31-32, Hebrews 4:12)

Evil's Attack=Avoiding God's Word (Luke 8:12, Hebrews 2:1)

## with Practice

Go around the group and share which piece of God's armor you find most helpful to fight off the attacks of the evil one. Remember that prayer and scripture strengthen us as we "wear" the armor of God.

#### for Further Study

As Christ followers, scripture tells us that we are involved in spiritual battles! We need not be obsessed or dismissive of this idea but rely on the Holy Spirit's help. Discuss this in light of the following scriptures: Romans 8:37-39, 1 John 3:8, 4:4, Colossians 2:15.