

Grapes and Giants

(3) The Promise of God's Protection

Deuteronomy 7:12-24...

*If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will **keep his covenant** of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors. 13 He will **love you and bless you** and increase your numbers. He will **bless** the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land - your grain, new wine and olive oil - the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. 14 **You will be blessed** more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young. 15 The Lord will **keep you** free from every disease. He will **not inflict** on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will **inflict them** on all who hate you. 16 You must destroy all the peoples the Lord your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you. 17 You may say to yourselves, "These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?" 18 But do not be afraid of them; **remember well** what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. 19 You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear. 20 Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished. 21 Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God. 22 The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you. 23 But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed. 24 He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. **No one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them.***

Ephesians 6:10-20...

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the **full armor of God**, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the **full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, 15 and with your **feet** fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel of peace**. 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. 17 Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**. 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 Lord's people...

19 Pray also for **me**, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Put on the **full armor of God...**

GET DRESSED!

"I want you to **PUT ON... the FULL ARMOR OF GOD...**"

The **CHRISTIAN LIFE** isn't a **PLAYGROUND... it's a BATTLEFIELD!**

"PUT ON... the FULL ARMOR OF GOD...
So that you can **take your stand against the devil's schemes.**"

GOD HAS MADE PROVISION... FOR YOUR PROTECTION!

This Scripture doesn't **PROMISE** us that God will **PROTECT** us... **FROM** the Battle...
It **PROMISES** us that He will **PROTECT** us... **IN** the Battle!

12 For our struggle is **not** against **flesh** and **blood**, but against the **rulers**,
against the **authorities**, against the **powers** of this **dark world** and against the
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

You can't **DEFEAT** your Enemy... If you don't **DISCERN** your Enemy!

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the **word of God**.

There's **NO ARMOR**... that's given to you... **TO PROTECT YOU FROM BEHIND!**

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the **day of evil** comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, **to stand**.

**DON'T BE WORRIED ABOUT WHEN SATAN'S MESSING WITH YOUR LIFE...
BE WORRIED WHEN HE'S NOWHERE TO FOUND!**

God only gives **STRENGTH**... For those who enter into the **STRUGGLE!**

12 For our **struggle** is not against flesh and blood...

YOU GAIN STRENGTH... FROM YOUR STRUGGLE!
