



THE SHIELD OF FAITH
Uniting Against Fiery
Arrows

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Hello Beloved, we have come together to explore the wisdom of Scriptures and understand the spiritual battle we face as believers. Our focus is on the Shield of Faith, a crucial component of the Armor of God mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-18. Just as Roman soldiers relied on their shields for protection and unity, we must grasp the significance of our Shield of Faith in defending against the enemy's attacks.

We first recognize that our battle is not against humans but against spiritual forces of darkness. Understanding the spiritual dimension of our conflicts is essential in effectively countering the enemy's schemes. We then delve into the powerful spiritual weapons given to us by God, enabling us to demolish strongholds and counter deceptive ideologies.

We explore the tactics used by the enemy to sow discord among believers, and how the Shield of Faith promotes unity. We emphasize the importance of shared beliefs, encouragement, accountability, prayer, discernment, and a shared mission in building a strong Shield of Faith.

By embracing these principles, our unity becomes unshakable, and we can withstand the enemy's attempts to divide and weaken us. Together, we embark on a transformative journey to stand firm, united in faith, and quench every fiery arrow of the wicked.

Welcome to "The Shield of Faith: Uniting Against Fiery Arrows." Let us begin this journey together.



KEY SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 6 10-18 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds): casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

THE WAR

Believers face a spiritual battle against dark and evil forces in heavenly realms. They possess spiritual weapons with divine power to demolish strongholds, arguments, and pretensions. The full armor of God equips believers to resist the schemes of the devil and overcome spiritual forces of evil.

Understanding the Battle

The battle is not merely against human opponents but against spiritual powers of darkness and evil.

Believers must recognize the spiritual dimension of conflicts and challenges they face.

Spiritual Weapons

Believers possess divine weapons with the power to demolish strongholds, arguments, and pretensions. These weapons enable believers to counter false ideologies and deceptive reasoning. The weapons empower believers to stand against the schemes of the devil and overcome spiritual forces of evil.

ROMAN SHIELDS

The Roman military relied heavily on the use of shields, specifically the iconic rectangular scutum. Shields played a crucial role in creating formation and unit cohesion among Roman soldiers.

Formation: The Roman military employed the formation known as the "Testudo" or tortoise. In this formation, soldiers would interlock their shields, forming an impenetrable shell-like structure. The shields were held above the soldiers' heads and at the sides, creating a protective barrier from projectiles and enemy attacks. This formation allowed the soldiers to advance as a unified unit while maintaining a high level of protection.

Shield Wall: The Romans used shield walls to create a solid front against enemy forces. Soldiers would line up shoulder to shoulder, with their shields overlapping. This created a continuous barrier that protected the entire unit. The shield wall formation was effective in repelling enemy charges and maintaining a cohesive

defensive position.

Mutual Defense: The Roman soldiers were trained to fight in close proximity to one another, using their shields not only for personal protection but also to shield their comrades. By overlapping their shields, soldiers ensured that there were minimal gaps in the defensive line, increasing overall unit protection. This practice fostered a sense of interdependence among soldiers and encouraged them to work together as a cohesive shield.