

The Shield of Faith (Ephesians 6:16)

To Stand Firm against the Enemy's Attack Take up the Shield of Faith

- I. Our Enemy is Prowling around Like a Lion Seeking to Devour us and Destroy us.
- II. Take up the Shield of Faith: Actively Trust God & His Word
 - A. The Shield protects us as we take refuge behind it
 - B. The Shield is our Faith in the Living God and His Word
 - C. To take up this Shield, we must actively trust in God.
 - 1.) *Actively trusting God involves looking at your circumstances & God's promises and decided to rely on God*
 - 2.) *Actively trusting God requires knowing your weakness and God's strength and His promises.*
 - 3.) *Actively trusting God means obeying what God has commanded*
- III. Take up the Shield of Faith implies we aren't in the fight alone
- IV. Taking up the Shield of Faith in Trials & Temptations, teaches us to savor the sweetness and all-sufficiency of Christ for souls
 - i. *Recognize your lack of faith in God shows a relational problem with God.*
 - ii. *Confess your unbelief as sin & ask God's forgiveness*
 - iii. *Ask God to give you faith to trust Him*
 - iv. *Don't try to work up faith, rather, look to the Lord Himself*
 - v. *Do not trust how you feel, trust the sure Word of God*