

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN:
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Sermon Plan

1. Introduction: The Coming Kingdom
2. The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 1: Creation
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13. Conclusion: The Story of the Kingdom of Heaven, Part 6: New Creation

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM, PART 4:
THE WARFARE OF THE KINGDOM
(EPHESIANS 6:10-13)

- I. The Holy War
- II. Ephesians 6:10-13: Put On The Strength And Armor Of The Lord
 - A. Be strong in the Lord and in his strength (6:10)
 1. “Be strong”
 2. The location of our strength: “in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”
 - B. Why we must put on the whole armor of God (6:11)
 - C. Who is the devil? (Isa 14; Ezk 28:13-14)
 - D. Why the schemes of the devil matter (6:12)
 - E. Therefore take up the whole armor of God (6:13)
 1. What is “the whole armor of God”?
 - a. It is the new self created in the image of God (Eph 4:24)
 - b. Elements of the armor:
 - i. The belt which is *truth* (v 14)
 - ii. The breastplate which is *righteousness* (v 14)

- iii. The shoes which are the state of *readiness* from the gospel of peace (v 15)
 - iv. The shield which is *faith* (v 16)
 - v. The helmet which is *salvation* (v 17)
 - vi. The sword which is *the Word of God* (v 17)
2. What are we to do if we are deficient in parts of the armor of God?

Questions for Further Discussion

1. Why do we need to be strong in the Lord and put on the armor of God?
2. Who is the devil?
3. Do you believe that there is a devil? If not, why? Why is it important to believe that there is a devil?
4. Where are the devil and his forces at work today?
5. What are we to do if we are deficient in parts of the armor of God?