

The Whole Armor of God Priestly Garments



Whole Armor of God, His Priests

Eph 6:11-17

What does God's armor look like?
Is the Armor of God
the Roman Soldiers garment or
is it the Priestly garment?

Ephesians 6:11: Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Vs 12 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Vs 13 Therefore put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.

II Corinthians 10:4: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but the pulling down of strong holds;

Armor of God or we can say, God's Armor. Was God's armor that we put on the picture of a Roman soldier known for their cruelty? Our warfare is not carnal, but spiritual, heavenly garments.



Priestly Garments

Priestly garments linens must be kept spotless white. They were considered holy and represent God's glory and His beauty.

Numbers 31:6: And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

Exodus 28:2: And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother for glory and for beauty.

Strangers Not Allowed In The Temple

A priest who served in the temple must have on his priestly garments. Anyone who has on a uniform instead of the garments of the Lord would be considered a 'stranger' with strange apparel and would not be accepted into ministry with the priests.



Zephaniah 1:6: And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.
:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.
:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

The Roman soldier presented a picture of cruelty, dominion of the Roman empires rule. The people were scared of their oppressors.

Loins Girt About With Truth – Girdle, Sash

Ephesians 6:14: Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Isaiah 11:4: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5: And **righteousness** shall be the girdle (waist cloth) of his loins, and **faithfulness** the girdle of his reins (loins, seat of virility).

‘girdle of his reins’ means to be armed as a soldier. The seat of vigor of war and to be equipped for the fight. Intercessors!

Ephesians 6 is quoting Isaiah 11. The sash of the Priest.

Isaiah 59:16: ¶ And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him..



Breastplate of Righteousness – Breastplate 12 Stones

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Isaiah 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and



‘Breastplate’ with 12 stones that represented the beauty of each of the tribes.

To carry the stones over the High Priests heart was to have the heart of God for the Tribes, God’s chosen people. Remember, Israel is both physical and spiritually birthed people.

Under the breastplate lay the ‘Urim and the Thummim’. Two stones; one black and one white that was used to hear God’s answer when He was asked a question by the High Priest.



Exodus 28:30 "And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord:

‘Breastplate of judgment’ – (m) judgment or rewards

Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace – Bare Feet

Ephesians 6:15: and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace;

The priests must minister without shoes. Shoes are manmade. We are to go into war through intercessory prayer. Function of the Priest is spiritual warfare.



Interesting sidelight: Their shoes would be sandals, all man made. God did not want them to minister out of a religious spirit or laws. But the feet are all different and intricately made and represent the uniqueness of each person's ministry style.

In wartime, when the victor won the battle, they would, instead of killing the men, simply cut off the loser's big toes and thumbs. When this was done to a man, he could not run in battle and he could not hold a sword to fight.

Judges 1:6: But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

We have five toes – our feet carry the gospel – 5 represents grace. Each toe representing the structure of Ephesians 4:11. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers. We cannot build the church, the house of God without the Apostles, our big toe.

*Leviticus 8:24: And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the **thumbs** of their right hands, and upon the great **toes** of their right feet...*

When God anointed the High Priest, anointing oil was placed on his ears, his thumbs, and his toes. Why? Because...

- His **ears** anointed represent his hearing the voice of God.
- His **thumbs** anointed represent his handling of the sword of the spirit in warfare.
- With his **toes** anointed, it represented his ability to run into battle for the saints. We are called to be a kingdom of priests.

Exodus 3:5: He said, Draw not nigh hither: take your shoes off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

*Isaiah 52:7: ¶How beautiful upon the mountains are the **feet** of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good **tidings of good**, that publishes **salvation**; that says unto Zion, My God reigns!*

Shield of Faith – Covenant Promises

*Ephesians 6:16: above all, taking up the **shield of faith**, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one.*

*Psalms 84:11: For the **LORD God is a sun and shield**: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

Psalms 115:11: Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

13: He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.

Our faith in God as our shield, our buckler, our high tower and that we are His beloved whom He will not forsake. The covenant He made with Abraham – we are His people called by His name and that our names are written in the lamb's book of life.

*Habakkuk 2:4: Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith**.*

*Romans 3:28: Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith** without the deeds of the law.*



Helmet Of Salvation – Miter or Turban

Ephesians 6:17a: And take the helmet

[Strongs: protection of the soul, hope of our salvation (our minds)] **of salvation, and ...**

Isaiah 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an **helmet** [Strongs: root meaning high rounded – priestly office] **of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.**



'helmet of salvation' Strong's said it shows the priestly commissioning and what comes with this commissioning is the **authority and positioning of this office.**

Armor of God is the Priestly Garments while the garments of a Roman soldier is **actually 'strange apparel.'**

If Isaiah lived 600 years before Christ, then clearly this is not referring to the Roman Soldiers clothing. Remember, Jews did not like the Roman soldier, hated them for their control over Israel. So the concept of the Roman apparel would be **'Strange Apparel'**.

Sword of the Spirit – God's Mouth; God's Voice Sent

Ephesians 6:17b: ... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Revelation of John 1:16: And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:** and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

John 6:63: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.



This is NOT just a SWORD, but he says it is **the sword of the spirit.** What's that? What is the difference?

A 'sword' is used to kill, to maim, to cut and to hurt the enemy. But the **'sword of the spirit'** is the mouth of God, the voice of God, the releasing of His words, that quickens and instead of killing the people will give them life. We need quickening words given out to bring people back to life. There are many asleep or dead or hurting on the valley floor of Ezekiel 38 who are waiting for a quickening, a life breath word in this day.

When we intercede and pray the Bible, the angels have permission to go forth because the word of God releases them to war on our behalf. Our mouth, our voice is the spoken word released over every battle we face.

God's Priests of Today

Ephesians 6:18: *with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints:*

Exodus 19:6: *And you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel. (ASV)*

Revelation of John 5:10: *And did make them, a **kingdom of priests** unto our God, —and they shall reign on the earth. (AMP)*

We are to be a 'kingdom of priests' found in the last days, Revelations chapter 5.

Said of George Mueller, 1839 *"This wide awake servant of God, watched the signs of the times, and while other's slept, followed the Lords signals of advance."*

From the Old Testament to the New Testament we are called to be God's Holy priests and we are called to be a kingdom of priests, so large we look like a **nation of priests.**

'Service' Is An Army

Numbers 4:30: *From thirty years old and upward, even to fifty years old shall you number them, **every one that enters into the service to do the work of the tabernacle** of the congregation.*

So the men from 30-50 years old were called into Service, into a military service.

The military service of the priesthood. Hebrew word means a mass of people organized for war. Entering the priesthood is entering into war, warfare, and victory.

The priests of today have the personality of dedicating their life to serving a higher calling. Of freeing themselves from their baggage and bondages and attaching themselves to Godly service.

Eph 4:11-12 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist's; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

What are the Works of the Ministry?

- Prayer, Deliverance, Healing, Teaching & Preaching, and Witnessing

Ministry from the churches viewpoint is to take someone new in the body and place them into an area such as the soundboard or greeter, and call it 'ministry.' But any ministry that even an unsaved person can do is not a 'work of the ministry'.

We need to equip people as soon as they get saved with the abilities of praying for the sick, casting out demons, and meeting the spiritual needs of the sinner.

Romans 12:1: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable **service.***

II Chronicles 6:41: *Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, **be clothed with salvation**, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.*

Revelation of John 19:11: *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

13: *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*



Jesus is coming with His Bride saints and they are coming to make war in priestly garments.

Revelation of John 19:19: *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

Put On the Whole Armor Of God

So, What Does God's armor look Like?

