

Brookland Baptist Church

Spiritual Warfare

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Hebrews 11:1 – Common English Bible (CEB) - *“Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don’t see.”*

II Corinthians 4:18 (CEB) - *“We don’t focus on the things that can be seen, but on the things that can’t be seen. The things that can be seen don’t last, but the things that cannot be seen are eternal.”*

There is a reality that is visible and one that is invisible.

Human beings are both physical and spiritual beings. We live between two worlds, and we are caught in the middle of a war between two kingdoms.

God says that in this world we will have trouble. Life is a testing ground. We will find ourselves wondering **“why”** and asking **“why.”** At times, we may find it difficult to carry on. It is during those times when we must rely on the spiritual empowerment of our earthly existence.

We cannot stand without the armor of God to protect us against the spiritual battles before us. We must stand our ground, firmly, with the **Belt of Truth** – the assurance of God’s promises through His Word – fastened around our waist.

We will need the **Breastplate of Righteousness** to protect our minds and emotions against the enemy’s attacks through lies and deceit.

Wear the **Shoes of Peace** that remind us that we are at peace with God. We are reconciled and walking in faith because of God’s Son. We are saved, set apart, and protected by God at all times.

We must use the **Shield of Faith** to extinguish the flaming arrows of hatred, immorality, pride, temptation, and despair.

We must rely on the **Helmet of Salvation** to protect us from discouragement and depression.

We must use our **Sword**, which is God’s Word, as our first defense. It is our Sword, God’s Word – The Holy Bible; that enables us to fight our battles and assures us of God’s promises of VICTORY in every battle we face.

Undergirding all is the **Power of PRAYER! We PRAY!!!**