

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Ephesians 6:16 KJV



Above the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Belt of Truth, and the shoes of the Gospel: Above ALL the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God! Why? Because *“without faith it is impossible to please...God!”* If you are comfortable in your Christianity, you’re not in the battle! There is no ease on the battlefield! *“Those which live Godly in Christ Jesus SHALL SUFFER persecution!”* The enemy is out there, lurking, planning, and scheming to destroy you 24/7! His weapons are not physical, but spiritual, although he attacks your flesh through your lusts to destroy your spirit!

Faith is the only thing between your soul and Satan! He knows it and he watches for you to relax your guard: one missed devotion, church service, or fellowship and he pounces like a *“roaring lion!”* How do his roars sound? Like laughter and frivolity! His claws are wealth, pleasure, and poverty. His fangs are doubt and despair. No one is safe from him without faith. *“Faith cometh by...the Word of God.”* Know it and conquer; neglect it and fall! Men perish by the thousands daily for lack of it. Satan hides in the tall grass of friendships near the watering holes of fun. He waits until sin’s darkness falls to kill his unwary prey. Only those behind the hedge of faith around the fire of Truth can see his approach. Faith quenches *“ALL the fiery darts of the wicked.”* With faith you can be prosperous in poverty, righteous in riches, satisfied in sickness, and persevering in persecution. There are no limitations or chains on the spirit of the faithful saint for they walk with Eternity’s Sovereign. *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!”* What earthly barrier is any challenge to Eternity’s Sovereign? Not even death could hold Him, nor you if you through faith trust and obey Him! If death has no threat for me, what could coerce me? If my loved ones are protected by God, I need not even fear theimps of hell, not that they won’t try. Faith is an impenetrable barrier to evil! I don’t know who wrote it, but on the mission field when the missionaries got together, their favorite chorus went like this:

Faith, mighty Faith, the promises, that look to God alone.
Laughs at impossibilities and shouts, “It Shall Be Done!”
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Laughs at impossibilities and shouts, “It Shall Be Done!”

It was all they needed to go back into the fray another day! There is no comparison to the camaraderie experienced by soldiers who live and die together each day. When you’re walking with the KING, remember, He died for you on Calvary. You mean that much to Him! Will you live for Him, today?

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:31-32 KJV