

Spiritual Warfare. A Short Discussion!



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Introduction from Pastor Sandy.



I hope you all enjoyed the session we have just had on 'Spiritual warfare' as much as I enjoyed preaching about it. One thing I have noticed about preaching is that once presented it is often soon forgotten about, and, even with the best of intentions, this can often still be the case. Of course we do retain some of what we hear, and it encourages me to learn that the weekly notes are used by many to 'run over' the main points some even passing them on to other groups for Bible Studies all of which is great;

however after all the work and research done to present the series, it seemed a good idea to put the whole thing together as a book-let for anyone who would like a permanent reminder of the important issues discussed.

Every one of us, whether we like it or not, are involved in this hard fought war, and need to be prepared for it - so, with that in mind, I have left the notes as I used them and hope that many will take the time to 'walk through' the Scriptures and see for themselves the need for protection.

My prayer is through the study of God's word and the use of these notes; some of God's people will be built up and equipped for the life we are called to lead in Jesus.

Every Blessing.

Pastor Sandy.

Defensive Equipment.

Protection Guaranteed.

Paul is aware that his teaching is extremely important for our ensured protection.



Nothing else will do the work; only that which is provided by the Grace of God for believers will offer us adequate spiritual protection against spiritual forces of wickedness including Powers and Authorities.

Putting on God's armour will ensure we can take the 'blows' that are arrayed against us and remain 'standing'.

Spiritual Warfare.

Eph.6: 10 - 17. Victory in Jesus Assured.

We do have a credible defence against our enemy Satan and his forces of evil and Paul shares the secret of the Christians who live in the Victory of Christ. Victory depends on being protected with the proper equipment.

Victory in Jesus.

- It's important to understand that we are operating from a point of predetermined victory. **2Cor.2: 14.**
- Jesus won **our** victory on the cross; **1Cor.15: 55, 57.** He won **His** in the wilderness - a personal victory against Satan using the Word of God. **Matt.4.**
- It's our responsibility to walk in this victory. **Matt.28: 18 - 20.** " *always...in every place...*" (See 2Cor.2: 14 above)

Defensive Armour.

- Our victory depends on two things, 1. We recognise our victory in Jesus. 2. We recognise Father's provision of weapons
- **Vrs.13.** "...therefor..." it's because the enemy is spiritual that we need spiritual defences provided by the omnipotent Father..
- **Vrs.11** and **Vrs.13** "...put on..." double emphasis. There can never be personal victory without armour. **Vrs.13.** "...that you may be able..." {Take the blows}
- There are six pieces of equipment, none protect our back as there is no option to turn away. (**Vrs.14 - 17**)

The Equipment.

- **The Girdle. (A short skirt.)** This gave modesty but no protection, it could hinder unless it was girded up!! **1Pet.1: 13**
- The girdle of truth excludes religiousness, insincerities, and false pieties. These only hinder and can restrict our ability to fight.
- Truth means being open, frank and authentic.
- Jesus uses the same concept in **Luke.12: 35 - 36.** It's the first part of readiness for battle.

Summary. Putting on armour is an action of readiness for battle. Paul's metaphoric allegory was based on a Roman soldier's equipment. He could not fight without appropriate protection. Girding up with truth is the first preparation prior to putting our armour on. Without truth we will be hindered in use of our other weapons.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17.

The Breastplate of Righteousness. (Eph.6: 14. 1Thess.5: 8)

Intro. Greek word is θωραξ (Thorax) which implies protection for your heart area. Physically and Spiritually our hearts are vital to our survival. **Prov.4: 23** our hearts are our life flow organs. There are three ways the Breastplate protects our hearts: Righteousness, Faith, and Love.

Breastplate of Righteousness. (Eph)

- Rags cannot protect our hearts from attack. **Isa.64: 6.**
- **Phil.3: 9** it's a righteousness that comes through faith.
- The breastplate we are to put on is the righteousness of Christ. **2Cor.5: 21.**

Breastplate of Faith. (Thess)

- While we hold our faith in Jesus our hearts remain protected.
- **Luke.22: 31 - 32.** Note, Jesus prayed that Peters faith would not fail, his resolve would be tested, under sifting - three times!
- **Gal.5: 6,** religion doesn't do it - active faith working through love does.

Breastplate of Love. (Thess)

- Love has always been the 'stock' of faith.
- **S of Sgs.8: 6 - 7.** Love is as strong as death.
- If our hearts are covered by love - it will never fail us.
- **1Cor.13: 7 - 8a.** Note **Vrs.7** '...always protects...' **Vrs.8a** '...never fails...'

Summary. It's a breastplate that never fails to keep our hearts protected; no weak points. It's a breastplate that carries the righteousness of Christ, and worn in faith through love will always keep your hearts safe from Satan's attacks in this vital area.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17. **The Shoes of the Gospel. (Eph.6: 15.)**

Intro. Shoes meant mobility and readiness to be where his commander needed him to be. Being prepared often meant sleeping with sandals (Boots) on. Sandals in Roman armies were studded and were probably one of the main reasons why they were so successful: Ready to obey, ready to go, ready to fight.

Preparation of the Gospel. Vrs.15a.

- *'...These boots were made for walking...'*
- Ready to go. **Rom.10: 15.**
- Ready to account (Testimony). **1Pet.3: 15.**
- Ready to Preach. **Matt.28: 18 - 20.**
- Ready to sacrifice. **Acts.21: 13.**

Preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Vrs.15.

- The Gospel is *'...of peace...'*
- Being prepared with the 'Gospel of Peace' means we should be at peace ourselves.
- **Matt.10: 12 - 14.** Jesus implies this; if we give peace we need to have it to give.
- **Phil.4: 8** Gives some practical advice.
- Peace referred is purely about sharing and receiving the Gospel.
- If your peace is rejected - you will have a double portion returned. The more you share the Gospel the greater your increase of peace.
- *'...these boots are made for walking...'* the more they are used the better they become.

Summary. Ask any soldier about his boots; they are primary to his 'Readiness' but they need 'wearing in'. The more we practice sharing the Gospel of Peace, the easier it becomes. Our shoes of the Gospel suggest being ready to Go, Account, Preach and Sacrifice.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17. **The Shield of faith. (Eph.6: 16.)**

Intro. Last we looked at the shoes the soldier wore. They kept him ready and able. Two types of shield are mentioned in Scripture, this one is the θυρεος. (Thureos in Greek or Scuta in Italian.)

Above All. (επι πας 'Over all') (Eph.6 16a)

- Like this shield, faith is our covering for not just ourselves but for our families and friends. It's an over-all covering.
- Faith in the covering blood of the Messiah. **Rev.12: 11.** (testimony covered later)
- Without the shield the soldier is defenceless and his comrades are in danger. **Rom.11: 20.**

The Shield (Eph.6: 16b)

- The shield was curved so that arrows would deflect of.
- **Rom.4: 19 - 20** Faith makes the difference in the battle.
- The shield was anointed with oil so the material would not burn/be preserved.
- Faith is sourced by the Holy Spirit - not positive thinking. **1Cor.2: 4 - 5.**

Satan's Fiery Darts. (Eph.6: 16c)

- 'Fiery' Gk. πυρω (Poorow lit. anger, grief, lust)
- If a shield caught fire it needed to be discarded leaving the soldier without protection.
- If the Christian allows any of Satan's arrows in; he, family and friends will be affected.
- The shield must always be up. **1Cor.16: 13.**

Summary Paul sums up for us. **Col.1: 23.** Above all else keep your shield of faith under the anointing and held up to guard yourself and those around you.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17. **The Helmet of Salvation.. (Eph.6: 17a.)**

Intro. Our first reaction to this piece of equipment is that salvation is what Paul is referring to. However like the other pieces of equipment Paul is asking Christians to put it on – those who are already saved!! It has to mean much more.

The Helmet of Salvation.

- The helmet was designed to protect the head. Made from thick leather or brass; it's purpose to protect against club blows etc.
- Since the Ephesians were already 'saved' there was another concept that needed to be put on.
- **1Thess.5: 8** Paul is referring to the hope we have through our salvation.
- the helmet of salvation is a guard against discouragement and depression; blows from Satan to your head.

Hope of Salvation.

- Our minds are protected by Hope.
- **Rom.8: 28.** If we know this truth, we have reasons to optimistic and optimism always sees the best.
- The helmet keeps our minds safe from depressions, doubts, self-pity, distrust etc.
- **Rom.8: 24. Eph.2: 12.** Christians should never be like non-Christians. If we are in Christ we have helmet of the hope of salvation – we need to put it on.

Two Pictures of Hope. Heb.6: 17 - 20.

- Taking hold of hope; a place of sanctuary (safe of safety from the avenger) **Exo.27: 2. 1Kin.1: 50.**
- Security in the 'Rock of Ages' through distress.
- **Heb.10: 23.** Put that helmet on and make sure it stays on.

Summary. Don't give up your helmet which is the hope salvation brings. Keeping optimistic in the promises of God will protect your

mind against satanic blows. An attack to your head could leave you disorientated; leading to doubt, fear, depressions, discouragements and spiritual heaviness.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17. **The Sword of the Spirit. Eph.6: 17b**

Intro. One thing makes the sword unique compared with the other five items of protection; it is not purely defensive. Our defensive items will protect but will not drive Satan away: Hence the need for a sword.

The Sword is the Word of God.

- Swords are designed to pierce and penetrate deeply.
- **Heb.4: 12.** (Lit quick and effective - full of energy. ζαω και ενεργησ:). zao kai energees (**Jer.23: 29**)
- **Psa.149: 6.** Links praise with confidence.
- **1Thess.5: 23.** Since we are tri-part beings the sense is that the Word of God will penetrate to the innermost depths of our beings.

The Sword is Sharp.

- **Acts.2: 37. Acts.5: 33** the effect is not always positive.
- **Rev.1: 16** Jesus used the Scriptures effectively - He was the embodiment of the Word. (**John.1: 1**)
- Note the following. **Matt.4: 4. 4: 6. 4: 7. 4: 10.** The sword of the Spirit was used by Jesus every time He fought Satan.
- Satan used Scripture to fight back, but it was a blunt sword. (Misapplied **Matt.4: 6**)
- "It is written..." Three thrusts of His Sword forced Satan to retreat.

The Sword is the Spoken Word.

- The Bible on the book shelf does not scare Satan.
- **Isa.55: 11** the sword is verbal.

Summary. Without our sword we can do no damage to the enemy. "It is written..." is not a religious liturgy or a magical spell; it is the spoken word of God backed by faith. Used properly it is a powerful

defensive weapon that will pierce even the toughest heart:
Misapplied means ineffective.

Weapons of Attack.

Victory Assured.



It's of no use being purely defensive when it comes to spiritual warfare, being fully armoured will ensure you can take the blows, but taking the offensive will mean less of Satan's attacks and give believers the truth of victory which Jesus wants all believers to walk in. After all as one great General was heard to say, *'The army that wins is the one that takes the offence'* and we are well provided for when it comes to taking the offensive against the rule of Satan.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17. **2Cor.10: 3 - 4. The Weapon of Prayer**

Intro. Last time we looked at the reason why we need to take the offensive against the gates of hades. We were encouraged to discover that the victory was assured in Jesus. We have some powerful weapons at our disposal – the first of four is Prayer.

Moving from Defence to Offence.

- **Eph.6: 18.** Following from **vrs.17**, Paul intended the Church to Pray.
- Prayer is our most powerful weapon, no wonder Paul in **Col.4: 2** said “...devote yourselves to prayer...”.
- “...all kinds of Prayer...” ‘Anyway any How’! It’s a ballistic missile against Satan’s kingdom and is not limited by time or distance.

The size of the Victory is Proportional to the amount of Missiles we Launch.

- **Acts.12: 1 - 6.** Crisis determines fervency of prayer.
- **Luke.18: 7.** Fervent prayer means ‘day and night’.
- This type of prayer releases angels into the battle. **Dan.10: 12.** (**Vrs.3** three weeks of continual prayer)
- The churches fervent prayer released an angel to free Peter. **Acts.12: 8.**
- Their prayer enabled supernatural intervention. (Isle of Lewis revival).

Summary. Heb.1: 14 - they come by prayer. It thins the second heaven and allows angelic penetration and intervention. God has given us a very powerful ‘missile’ but it’s no good unless its fired – only then can we expect supernatural intervention.

Spiritual Warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17.
Ex.15: 1 - 2, 11. The Weapon of Praise

Intro. Prayer and praise are very closely linked. Praise like prayer calls forth the supernatural intervention of God. Praise is also the appropriate response to that intervention. (See scripture above)

Praise is the Dwelling Place of God.

- **Psalm.22: 3** giving Father His proper place; He alone is worthy. Adoration, thanksgiving, devotion, are all expressions of praise accompanied by song.
- **Isa.6: 3, Rev.4: 8** Praise in heaven is continual.
- Bedrock of our relationship with Father.

Praise is Verbal.

- **Heb.13: 15** it's the fruit of our lips.
- Praise is established to overcome the enemy. **Psalm.8: 2.**
- Since we do not 'war against flesh and Blood' this is referring to principalities and powers and Satan.
- Father has provided a way of gaining strength for the fight.
- Jesus changed the Scripture in **Matt.21: 15 - 16.**
('Established strength' to 'prepared praise' Why?)

Praise is the point of Conflict.

- **Rev.16: 13 - 14.** Note vrs.13 'out of the mouth of the beast'.
- As power is released through verbal praise, so is spiritual darkness. Note the description 'Frogs' what is significant about frogs? They croak all night.
- The victory belongs to the side who is most effective verbally.

Summary. Psa.149: 6 - 9. Praise releases supernatural intervention; it almost inseparable from prayer, but is distinct weapon in its own right.

Spiritual warfare. Eph.6: 10 - 17 2Tim.4: 1 - 4 Preaching the Gospel.

Intro. We might not be fighting against Flesh and blood, but against Spiritual Forces of Wickedness, however the means of releasing captives from these forces has been determined by God to be through the foolishness of preaching. **1Cor.1: 21.**

The Charge to Preach the Gospel.

- Paul's charge has a solemnity; it's in the presence of Jesus. **Vrs.1**
- The content is to preach the word, whether convenient or not. **Vrs.2**
- Preach truth, not what people want to hear. **Vrs.3**
- **Acts.19: 8 - 10** Summarising, Paul's preaching was, intense, continuous, and extensive.

Results of Preaching the Word.

- Satan's evil spirits are exposed and extraordinary miracles occur. **Acts.19: 11 - 12.**
- Through preaching, Satan's occult kingdom is devastated. **Acts.19: 17 - 19.**
- The effect of Preaching is summed up **Acts.19: 20.**

Preaching without Compromise.

- **Acts.20: 20** Paul's preaching was to encourage the saints and save the sinners.
- **Acts.20: 26 - 27** He preached the whole truth without compromise to win hearts and minds.

Summary. Paul's preaching was about reaching sinners and saints without compromising the word of God. The effect was twofold; 1. He made people mad or glad. 2. Demonic powers were exposed and satanic chains broken.

The following pages are a list of the Scriptures used in the study in Blue print – Scriptures in red are to be taken from your Bibles. I've included them for your convenience but there is no substitute for walking through the Word of God and becoming familiar with them.

Weapons for Defence against the Enemy. Scriptures Used in Victory Assured.

2Co 2:14 Now thanks *be* to God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ, and He revealing through us the odor of the knowledge of Him in every place.

1Co 15:55 - 57 O death, where *is* your sting? O grave, where *is* your victory?" The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the Law. But thanks *be* to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mat 28:18 - 20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth. Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit up into the wilderness, to be tempted by the Devil.

1Pe 1:13 Therefore girding up the loins of your mind, being sober, perfectly hope for the grace being brought to you at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ,

Luk 12:35 - 36 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning. And you yourselves be like men who wait for their lord, whenever he shall return from the wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately.

Scriptures used in the Breastplate of Righteousness.

- Isa 64:6** But we are all as the unclean *thing*, and all our righteousness's *are* as a menstruation cloth. And we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
- Php 3:9** and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness, which is of the Law, but through *the* faith of Christ, the righteousness of God by faith,
- 2Co 5:21** For He has made Him who knew no sin, *to be* sin for us, that we might become *the* righteousness of God in Him.
- Luk 22:31 - 32** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not. And when you are converted, strengthen your brothers.
- Gal 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor un-circumcision has any strength, but faith working through love.
- Son 8:6 - 7** Set me as a seal on Your heart, as a seal on Your arm; for love *is* strong as death. Jealousy *is* cruel as the grave; its flames *are* flames of fire, a flame of Jehovah. Many waters cannot quench love, nor will the rivers overflow it. If *a* man would give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be scorned.
- 1Co 13:7 - 8** quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails. But if *there are* prophecies, they will be abolished; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be abolished.

Scriptures Used in The Shoes of the Gospel.

Rom 10:15 And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are those who bring the good news!"

1Pe 3:15 Instead, exalt the Messiah" as Lord in your lives. Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you to explain the hope you have.

Mat 28:18 Then Jesus came up and told them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. And remember, I am with you each and every day until the end of the age."

Act 21:13 At this Paul replied, "What do you mean by crying and breaking my heart? I'm ready not only to be tied up in Jerusalem but even to die for the name of the Lord Jesus!"

Mat 10:12 As you enter the house, greet its occupants.

Mat 10:13 If the household is receptive, let your blessing of peace come on it. But if it isn't receptive, let your blessing of peace return to you.

Mat 10:14 If no one welcomes you or listens to your words, as you leave that house or town, shake its dust off your feet.

Php 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is fair, whatever is pure, whatever is acceptable, whatever is commendable, if there is anything of excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—keep thinking about these things.

Scriptures used in The Shield of Faith.

Rev 12:11 Our brothers conquered him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to their lives even in the face of death.

Rom 11:20 That's right! They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you remain only because of faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid!

Rom 4:19 His faith did not weaken when he thought about his own body (which was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old) or about Sarah's inability to have children,

Rom 4:20 nor did he doubt God's promise out of a lack of faith. Instead, his faith became stronger and he gave glory to God,

1Co 2:4 My message and my preaching were not accompanied by clever, wise words, but by a display of the Spirit's power,

1Co 2:5 so that your faith would not be based on human wisdom but on God's power.

1Co 16:13 Remain alert. Keep standing firm in your faith. Keep on being courageous and strong.

Col 1:23 However, you must remain firmly established and steadfast in the faith, without being moved from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Scriptures used in The Helmet of Salvation.

1Th 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let's be sober. We must put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Rom 8:28 And we know that for those who love God, that is, for those who are called according to his purpose, all things are working together for good.

Rom 8:24 For we were saved with this hope in mind. Now a hope that can be observed is not really hope, for who hopes for what can be seen?

Eph 2:12 At that time you were without the Messiah, excluded from citizenship in Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise. You had no hope and were in the world without God.

Exo 27:2 You are to make horns on its four corners. Its corners shall be of one piece with it, and you are to overlay it with bronze.

Ki 1:50 Afraid of Solomon, Adonijah also jumped up and headed straight for the horns of the altar.

Heb 10:23 Let us continue to hold firmly to the hope that we confess without wavering, for the one who made the promise is faithful.

Scriptures used in The Sword of the Spirit.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Jer 23:9 Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me, and all my bones shake. I'm like a drunk man, like a person overcome with wine, because of the LORD, and because of his holy words.

Psa 149:6 Let high praises to God be heard in their throats, while they wield two-edged swords in their hands

1Th 5:23 May the God of peace himself make you holy in every way. And may your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—remain blameless when our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, appears.

Act 2:37 When the crowd that had gathered heard this, they were pierced to the heart. They asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Act 5:33 When the Council heard this, they became furious and wanted to kill them.

Rev 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword. His face was like the sun when it shines with full force.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning, the Word existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Mat 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One must not live on bread alone, but on every word coming out of the mouth of God.'"

Mat 4:6 He told Jesus, "Since you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, because it is written, 'God will put his angels in charge of you,' and 'With their hands they will hold you up, so that you will never hit your foot against a rock.'"

Mat 4:7 Jesus responded to him, "It is also written, 'You must not tempt the Lord your God.'"

Mat 4:10 Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! Because it is written, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Isa 55:11 so will my message be that goes out of my mouth—it won't return to me empty. Instead, it will accomplish what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Weapons for Attacking the Enemy.

Scriptures used in The Weapon of Prayer.

Eph 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times with every kind of prayer and request. Likewise, be alert with your most diligent efforts and pray for all the saints.

Col 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer. Be alert and thankful when you pray.

Act 12:1 About that time, Herod arrested some people who belonged to the church and mistreated them.

Act 12:2 He even had James the brother of John killed with a sword.

Act 12:3 When he saw how this was agreeable to the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter, too. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

Act 12:4 When he arrested Peter, Herod put him in prison and turned him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, planning to bring him out to the people after Passover season.

Act 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer to God for him was being offered by the assembly.

Act 12:6 That very night, before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, and guards in front of the door were watching the prisoners.

Luk 18:7 **Won't God grant his chosen people justice when they cry out to him day and night? Is he slow to help them?**

Dan 10:12 "Don't be afraid, Daniel," he told me, "because from the first day that you committed yourself to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. I've come in answer to your prayers.

Act 12:8 Then the angel told him, "Tuck in your shirt and put on your sandals!" He did this. Then the angel told him, "Put on your coat and follow me!"

Heb 1:14 All of them are spirits on a divine mission, sent to serve those who are about to inherit salvation, aren't they?

Scriptures Used in the Weapon of Praise.

Psa 22:3 You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Isa 6:3 They kept on calling to each other: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of the Heavenly Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!"

Rev 4:8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and were full of eyes inside and out. Without stopping day or night they were saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming."

Heb 13:15 Therefore, through him let us always bring God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that confess his name.

Psa 8:2 Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have established strength on account of your adversaries, in order to silence the enemy and vengeful foe.

Mat 21:15 But when the high priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he had done and the children shouting in the Temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became furious

Mat 21:16 and asked him, "Do you hear what these people are saying?" Jesus told them, "**Yes! Haven't you ever read, 'From the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have created praise'?**"

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three disgusting spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs. They go to the kings of the whole earth and gather them for the war of the great Day of God Almighty.

Psa 149:6 Let high praises to God be heard in their throats, while they wield two-edged swords in their hands

Psa 149:7 as they bring retribution to nations and punishment to peoples,

Psa 149:8 binding their kings with chains, their officials with iron bands,

Psa 149:9 and executing the judgment written against them.
This is honor for all the ones he loves. Hallelujah!

Scriptures used in Preaching the Gospel.

- Act 19:8** He went into the synagogue and spoke there boldly for three months, holding discussions and persuading those who heard him about the kingdom of God.
- Act 19:9** But when some people became stubborn, refused to believe, and slandered the Way in front of the people, Paul left them, taking his disciples away with him, and held daily discussions in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.
- Act 19:10** This went on for two years, so that all who lived in Asia, Jews and Greeks alike, heard the word of the Lord.
- Act 19:11** God continued to do extraordinary miracles through Paul.
- Act 19:12** When handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched his skin were taken to the sick, their diseases left them and evil spirits went out of them.
- Act 19:17** When this became known to everyone living in Ephesus, Jews and Greeks alike, they all became terrified, and the name of the Lord Jesus began to be held in high honor.
- Act 19:18** Many who became believers kept coming to confess and talk about what they had been doing.
- Act 19:19** Moreover, many people who had practiced occult arts gathered their books and burned them in front of everybody. They estimated their value and found them to have been worth 50,000 silver coins.
- Act 19:20** In that way the word of the Lord kept spreading and triumphing.
- Act 20:20** I never shrank from telling you anything that would help you nor from teaching you publicly and from house to house.
- Act 20:26** I therefore declare to you today that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you,
- Act 20:27** for I never shrank from telling you the whole plan of God.

Personal Notes.