

Ephesians 6:11~ Put on the complete suit of armor from God, that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations¹ of the Devil.

Footnote: Or, crafty acts Greek, *me·tho·di'as*; Latin, *in·si'di·as*

1· Paul now launches into an illustration, showing how we can become strong spiritual warriors in our Christian fight against the desires of the fallen flesh, through our love of the spirit of God.

[Question] What illustration does Paul now give, and what does it show us?

2· Like warriors in battle, we must have a complete suit of armor, otherwise our opponents will see the weaknesses in our armor, and strike in a weak spot. Since our adversary in this battle is both within us, through the desires of our fallen flesh, and also external, through the person of Satan the Devil, we need to make a spirited defense.

[Question] What must warriors in any battle have as protection?

[Question] What do opponents always look for when attacking us?

[Question] What enemies, internal and external, are we fighting against as anointed Christians?

3· The night is well along, the day has drawn near. Let us therefore put off the works belonging to darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light. (Romans 13:12)

[Question] What works should anointed Christians put behind them, and what weapons should they fight the fine fight with?

4· So the Devil, having concluded all the temptation, retired from him until another convenient time. (Luke 4:13)

[Question] Where did Satan the Devil retire to, after unsuccessfully tempting Jesus Christ?

5· For we are overturning reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God. We are bringing every thought into captivity, to make it obedient to the Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

[Question] What things are anointed Christians overturning, through their preaching works among mankind?

[Question] What do they aim to make obedient to the teachings of Christ?

- 6· **That we may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs. (2 Corinthians 2:11)**

[Question] Why should anointed Christians not be overreached by Satan the Devil, for what do they know ahead of time?

- 7· **By truthful speech, by God's power, through the weapons of righteousness, on the right hand and on the left. (2 Corinthians 6:7)**

[Question] How do anointed Christians defend themselves spiritually?

- 8· **Subject yourselves, therefore, to God, but oppose the Devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)**

[Question] Who will flee from anointed Christians, if we stand against him, for what power is with us, that he fears?

- 9· **But take your stand against him, solid in the faith, knowing that the same things in the way of sufferings, are being accomplished in the entire association of your brothers in the world. (1 Peter 5:9)**

[Question] Why should we be strengthened to know, that many others are undergoing the same things we are suffering through?

- 10· **Beloved ones, though I was making every effort to write you about the salvation we hold in common, I found it necessary to write you to exhort you, to put up a hard fight for the faith, that was once for all time delivered to the holy ones. (Jude 1:3)**

[Question] What did Jude write to the brothers, to put up a hard fight for?