



Let's Go Higher **DEVOTIONALS**

SERMON: "STRENGTH FOR THE BATTLE: BULLETPROOF & RIGHTEOUS"

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Day 1: Protected by His Righteousness

Devotional: In the spiritual battles we face daily, our hearts are prime targets for the enemy. Just as a police officer wouldn't enter a dangerous situation without protection, we shouldn't face our spiritual battles unprotected. God has provided us with powerful armor, and today we focus on the breastplate of righteousness. This breastplate isn't something we create ourselves. When we accept Christ, His perfect righteousness is transferred to us—covering our sins completely. This is what theologians call imputed righteousness. It's not earned; it's given freely through faith in Jesus. Think about that for a moment. The perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ now covers you. When God looks at you, He doesn't see your failures, mistakes, or sins. He sees His Son's righteousness. This isn't just a nice thought—it's a spiritual reality that changes everything about how we approach God and life itself. This gift of righteousness is our first line of defense against the enemy's attacks. When Satan tries to condemn us with our past or present failures, we can stand firm knowing we are covered by something far greater than our own efforts could ever achieve. We are covered by Christ Himself.

Bible Verse: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." - Romans 3:10-12

Reflection Question: How does understanding that Christ's righteousness covers you change how you view your past failures and current struggles with sin?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for covering me with your perfect righteousness. When I feel condemned by my failures, help me remember that I stand before God clothed in your righteousness, not my own. Help me to live today in the freedom and confidence that comes from this amazing gift. Amen.



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Day 2: Living Out Righteousness Daily

Devotional: Yesterday we explored how Christ's righteousness covers us completely when we believe in Him. This imputed righteousness is our foundation, but it's not the whole story. While we are declared righteous through Christ, we are also called to practice righteousness in our daily lives. This practiced righteousness doesn't earn our salvation—that's already secured. Instead, it's our response to what Christ has done. It's living out who we already are in Him. When we understand the magnitude of the gift we've received, our natural response should be to live in a way that honors that gift. Practicing righteousness means making daily decisions to obey God, to be honest in our dealings, to maintain integrity even when no one is watching. It means focusing on God's kingdom rather than our own comfort or desires. These daily choices aren't just about following rules—they're about aligning our lives with the character of Christ who lives within us. When we actively practice righteousness, we strengthen our spiritual armor. Each choice to obey God, to speak truth, to act with integrity, reinforces the breastplate that protects our hearts from the enemy's attacks.

Bible Verse: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." - Matthew 6:33

Reflection Question: What is one area of your life where you need to more actively practice righteousness through obedience, honesty, or integrity today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for not only declaring me righteous but also empowering me to live righteously. Help me to make choices today that reflect your character. Show me the areas where I need to grow in obedience and integrity. I want my life to honor the gift of righteousness you've given me. Amen.



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Day 3: Guarding Against the Enemy's Kill Shot

Devotional: We've explored how Christ covers us with His righteousness and how we're called to practice righteousness daily. Today, let's understand why this spiritual protection is so vital. In combat, soldiers protect their vital organs because they know a direct hit could be fatal. Similarly, in spiritual warfare, Satan targets our hearts—our emotional and spiritual center. He knows that if he can wound us there, he can potentially destroy our faith, our witness, and our effectiveness for God's kingdom. The enemy's weapons of choice are often guilt, shame, and accusation. He whispers that we're not really saved, that God can't use us, that we'll never be free from our past. These fiery darts aim straight for our hearts, attempting to paralyze us with doubt and condemnation. But here's the good news: when we're covered by Christ's righteousness and living in alignment with God's standards, these attacks cannot penetrate our spiritual armor. The accusations may come, but they ricochet off the breastplate of righteousness. We can stand firm, knowing that our identity and security are found in Christ, not in our performance or perfection.

Bible Verse: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28

Reflection Question: What accusations or shame has the enemy been using to target your heart, and how can you use the truth of your righteousness in Christ to counter these attacks?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for protecting my heart with your righteousness. When the enemy shoots his arrows of accusation and shame, help me remember that I am covered by Christ. Strengthen my faith to stand firm against these attacks. I declare that my identity is secure in you, not in my performance or past mistakes. Amen.



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Day 4: Limiting the Enemy's Access

Devotional: So far, we've explored how Christ's righteousness covers us, how we practice righteousness daily, and how this protects us from the enemy's attacks. Today, let's consider another powerful benefit: righteousness limits Satan's access to our lives. Think of righteousness as a spiritual boundary system. When we walk in obedience to God, we're essentially closing doors that the enemy might otherwise use to gain entry. Every act of obedience, every choice to walk in integrity, every decision to pursue purity—these all strengthen the boundaries around our hearts and lives. This doesn't mean we become perfect. We will still make mistakes and fall short. But when we commit to living righteously, we create fewer opportunities for the enemy to establish footholds in our lives. We're living under the covering of Jesus, and that covering provides powerful protection. When temptation comes, our commitment to righteousness helps us recognize it for what it is—an attempt by the enemy to breach our defenses. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can identify these attempts and stand firm in our commitment to Christ.

Bible Verse: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." - John 10:10

Reflection Question: What specific areas of compromise in your life might be giving the enemy access that could be closed through more consistent righteous living?

Prayer: Father God, show me any areas where I've been giving the enemy access through compromise or disobedience. I want to live fully under your covering, with my heart guarded by righteousness. Help me to recognize temptation when it comes and give me strength to choose obedience instead. Thank you for the abundant life you offer when I walk in your ways. Amen.



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Day 5: Putting on Your Breastplate Daily

Devotional: Throughout this week, we've explored the powerful protection that righteousness provides in our spiritual battles. Today, let's focus on how to practically put on this breastplate each day. Just as a police officer consciously puts on their bulletproof vest before each shift, we need to intentionally put on our spiritual armor daily. This isn't automatic—it requires deliberate action on our part. First, we must regularly confess our sins. When we stumble, we don't hide or wallow in guilt—we bring our failures immediately to God. His blood cleanses us completely, restoring our spiritual protection. Don't let sin linger, as it creates vulnerable gaps in your armor. Second, make conscious decisions about your actions, words, and attitudes each day. Before you speak, ask: "Is this truthful and uplifting?" Before you act, consider: "Does this honor God?" These moment-by-moment choices strengthen your breastplate. Finally, remember that righteousness is simply choosing to do what is right according to God's standards. It's not complicated, though it can be challenging. Each right choice reinforces your spiritual protection and limits the enemy's access to your heart. As we conclude this devotional series, commit to putting on your breastplate of righteousness daily, knowing that in Christ, you are fully equipped for every spiritual battle you face.

Bible Verse: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" - Hebrews 9:14

Reflection Question: What practical routine can you establish to help you consciously "put on" the breastplate of righteousness each morning before facing your day?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for providing the breastplate of righteousness to protect my heart. Help me to put it on consciously each day through confession, obedience, and right choices. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness and strengthen me to live in a way that honors you. I choose today to walk in the righteousness you've given me, guarding my heart and limiting the enemy's access to my life. Amen.