



HIGHER GROUND  
CALVARY CHAPEL

# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

Class Five:

The Armor Of God  
(Spiritual Warfare)

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Tonight we are going to go to  
Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp  
In a Boot Camp you are trained to  
the peak of condition  
You are also taught how to use the  
weapons and equipment that you  
will use in battle  
Tonight we are going to teach you  
how to use the Whole Armor of God

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Ephesians 6:11:  
“Put on the whole armor of God,  
that you may be able to stand  
against the wiles of the devil.”

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The purpose of this armor is to help us withstand the attacks of Satan

NOTE: It is impossible to withstand that attacks of Satan on your own

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We are not strong enough to resist the enemy on our own  
One of Satan's lies will be, "You don't need God."  
"You can handle this on your own."  
We try, and we fail.

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I John 4:4:  
"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He who is in you, than he that is in the world."

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God is stronger than Satan  
You are not stronger than Satan  
It is God who is in you who is  
stronger than Satan

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Philippians 4:13:  
“I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me.”

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Satan will tell you to focus on the  
first half of this verse:  
“I can do all things...”  
He keeps your minds off of the  
last half  
“...Through Christ who strengthens  
me.”

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Last class we introduced the First Rule of Spiritual Warfare:  
Never try to encounter the enemy on your own  
No one is that good

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We fight the enemy through God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.  
We confront Satan while wearing the Whole Armor of God

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## Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians  
6:10-12



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Ephesians 6:12:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

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If you think that it is you against the world, you are mistaken  
You are taking on all the forces of Satan

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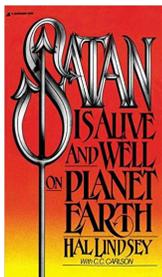
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To quote Hal Lindsey:  
“Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth”



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During the Jesus People Movement of the 1960's and 1970's Keith Green wrote a song:

“No One Believes in Me Anymore”  
(Satan's Boast)

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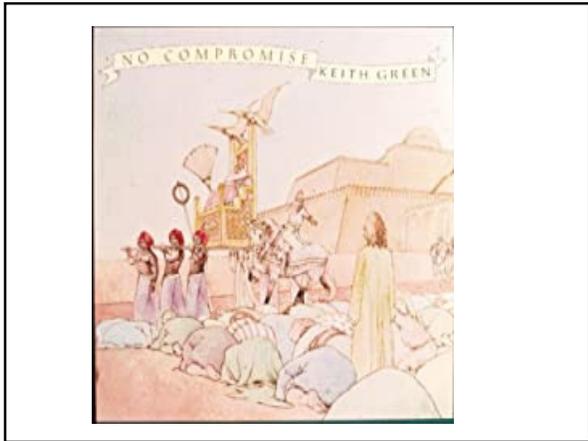
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Satan's greatest strategy is to convince us that he is not here  
If we do not believe in him and his forces  
Then we will never confront him and his forces  
He will be free to operate without resistance

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Satan is real  
Fallen Angels are real  
Demons are real  
Spiritual warfare is real  
And you and your family are right  
in the middle of the battlefield  
Your home is Ground Zero

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As I grew up, I grew up in an area  
that was thick with supernatural  
forces  
I would say that I grew up in a  
haunted house, only it was brand  
new when my parents bought it  
So no one could be around to  
haunt it

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There were manifestations in my  
parents' house  
But I discovered that there were  
manifestation throughout the  
neighborhood  
There were manifestations  
throughout the city

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Several years ago I returned to a  
neighboring city on business  
I discovered supernatural forces  
fighting even in the neighboring  
communities

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Now I determined last class not to  
make this a collection of Ghost  
Stories  
Glorifying Satan and his forces is  
not how to teach a class on  
Spiritual Warfare  
It lifts up Satan and weak people  
can be drawn in by this practice

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But I needed to comment on this to let you know that I am very familiar with Spiritual Warfare and dealing with the supernatural  
These are things I learned the hard way  
I had to discover what worked and what did not

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I had mentioned that my path into this occult world was the path of UFOs  
The problem with UFOs is that they only come at certain times and places.  
Ghosts, on the other hand, are in specific areas you can search

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Now I am sharing all of this not to give you goose bumps  
I do not like speak directly of Satan and things he has done  
When we do this, we open ourselves to his influence

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The reason I am sharing this now  
is to make a point  
That point is how to fight a  
spiritual war  
When I was in the occult, there  
were many resources on how to  
deal with Ghosts and  
supernatural events

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You would burn this  
Anoint that  
Recite this  
Draw that  
Wear/Carry this  
These were drawn from sources  
other than the Bible  
They were illusions the enemy  
used to deceive us

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This is what I learned...  
These other tactics have no  
guarantee of victory  
Some tried it and it worked  
It does not work every time  
And these are illusions to make  
you think that you have power  
over them

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You do not  
You never will  
It is an illusion they create to lure  
you in

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I am going to teach you the true  
power in Spiritual Warfare  
These are tactics that carry a  
guarantee to work  
These tactics are tactics God has  
recorded in His Word

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You may have tactics you want to  
share with me  
If they are not based on Scripture  
and taught by the Bible I will not  
accept them  
We face the enemy in TRUTH  
Not in illusion

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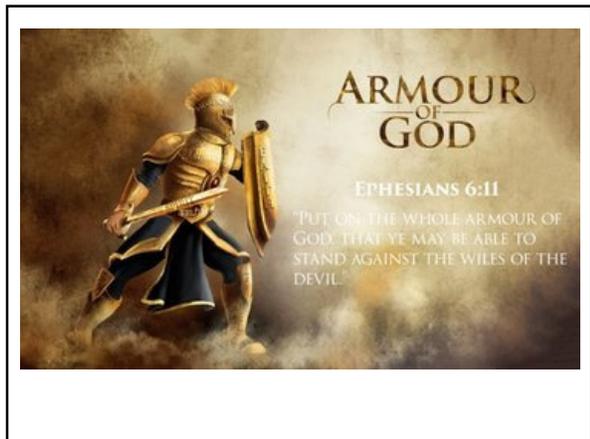
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Ephesians 6:13:  
"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

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This armor is available to all believers  
It is not available to unbelievers  
This is something God has prepared just for us

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Whenever someone reads this passage in Ephesians, they point out that Paul is describing the armor of a Roman soldier  
 He was familiar with this armor as he was under arrest in Rome at the time

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He described each piece of this armor  
 Ephesians 6:14:  
 "Stand therefore, having your loins [wrapped] about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;"

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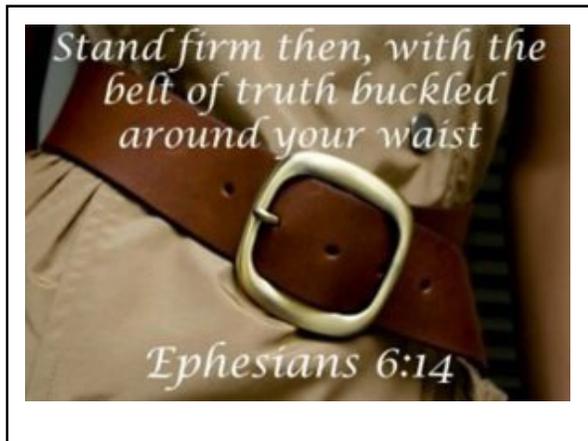
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Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"  
Jesus had two answers for this...  
John 14:6:  
"Jesus said unto him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.'"

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In His prayer to the Father as He prayed for His Disciples, Jesus identified another definition for truth:  
John 17:17:  
"Sanctify them through Your truth: Your word is truth."

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Jesus is the TRUTH  
The Bible is the TRUTH  
Jesus declared that Satan was a  
liar and the Father of Lies  
His greatest weapon is deception

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The way that we fight and defeat  
lies and deception is with the  
TRUTH  
This is why we study the Bible  
We need to know what it says  
We need to know what Jesus  
taught

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This becomes the way that we  
can recognize the lies of Satan  
This is how we expose the  
deception  
People need to know the TRUTH  
so that they can make correct  
decisions

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This is how Satan creates the chaos he thrives in  
He gives you misinformation  
He deceives you into accepting information that is false  
And you then make the wrong decision regarding your life

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He did this in the Garden  
He got Eve to question the rule that God set in place  
He gave her false information

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“You shall not die”  
“You shall be like God”  
She made the wrong decision  
And sin and death entered the world

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Truth – God’s TRUTH – is the belt  
that holds everything together  
It provides what you need when  
you need it  
The belt of a police officer or  
soldier does more than hold up  
their pants

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The belt of police officers holds:  
Guns  
Ammunition  
Handcuffs  
Mace  
Tazer  
Radio/Communications

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The belt of a soldier holds:  
Sword/gun  
Ammunition  
Grenades  
Other tools necessary to perform  
the work for which they are called

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In the same way, God's TRUTH holds what we need so it is available when we need it  
The Bible gives us training in prayer  
The Bible gives us prophecy so we know what God is going to do  
It gives us TRUTH to test the lies of Satan

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Once we are Saved, we begin the Sanctification process  
Salvation is when we are saved, it is our status before God  
It is immediate  
It is permanent  
We are saved

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But Sanctification is how we mature  
Salvation is our spiritual birth  
Sanctification is our spiritual growth

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We are growing up as a believer  
We are becoming mature in our  
faith  
God's Word [the Bible] is how we  
mature in our faith

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The belt that holds everything  
together is Jesus and God's  
Word.  
It makes us secure.  
It holds things together.

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Truth is the core of our beliefs  
We know the truth  
We trust the truth  
We fight our battles from the  
knowledge of truth

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It is fitting that Paul selected the Belt of Truth as the first piece of armor in the Armor of God

Unless we know the truth, the other pieces of armor are useless to us

We know the truth

And the truth will make us free

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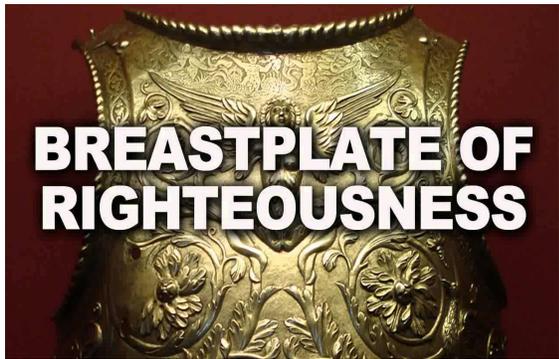
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**BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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There are a couple points we need to pay attention to when discussing the Breastplate of Righteousness

First of all, it is not our righteousness

It is the righteousness of Christ

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Romans 3:10:

“As it is written, ‘There is none righteous, no, not one’”

Isaiah 64:6:

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags...”

Rags will not stop any weapon

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We cannot stand before the enemy in our righteousness.

It is not about our good works

It is about the work of Jesus in our lives

He is making us righteous

We are clothed in His Righteousness

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The second point is that the Breastplate protects our vital organs.

King Solomon had this to say about our vital organs

Proverbs 4:23:

“Keep [protect] your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

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Be careful what you allow yourself to fall in love with

What you love becomes your treasure

Jesus warned us in Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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Satan will try to get you to love the things of this world

He wants us strongly connected to this world

The Righteousness of Jesus will teach us to love the things of God.

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...feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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Shoes were vital to the Roman soldiers

The soles of the shoes were designed to grip the ground

A warrior knows a strong stance allows them to withstand an attack meant to throw you off your feet

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The foundation for our stance in battle is God's Gospel of Peace

The more we know of God's Plan of Salvation, the more secure we will be in coming against the enemy

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Isaiah 52:7:

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace; who brings good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; who says unto Zion, ‘Your God reign!’”

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Romans 10:14 – 15:

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

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Romans 10:14 – 15:

“...And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!’”

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How strong is your foundation?

How well do you understand  
God's Plan of Salvation?

The Plan of Salvation is God's  
proof of His love for us

The more you understand the love  
of God, the stronger you will be in  
your faith

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Ephesians 6:16:

"Above all, taking the shield of  
faith, wherewith you shall be able  
to quench all the fiery darts of the  
wicked."

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I've had days like this...  
One spiritual attack after another  
Sometimes they come faster than  
I can pray  
But faith is what protects me

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It is my faith in God  
It is my faith in Jesus  
It is my faith in the Holy Spirit  
It is my faith in the Bible  
It is never my faith in myself

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Now there is an important aspect  
of faith  
Faith is accepting God's Will for  
your life  
Faith is not a club that we use to  
beat God into submission  
Faith is surrendering to God  
completely

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Ephesians 6:17:  
"And take the helmet of  
salvation, and the sword of the  
Spirit, which is the word of  
God:"

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The Helmet of Salvation protects  
your mind.  
It protects your thoughts  
Satan will come against you with  
all kinds of accusations...

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“God doesn’t love you”

“You’ve blown it”

“How can God love someone like you?”

“If God knew you were going to do that, He never would have saved you”

“Why would God love you?”

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Salvation is our protection

John 6:37:

“All that the Father gives me shall come to me; and he/she who comes to me I will in no wise cast out.”

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Romans 11:29:

“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”

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“The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God...”



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Hebrews 4:12:

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

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God’s Word is a two-edged sword

What does that mean?

It means you can use it to attack

And you can use it to defend

The better you know your Bible,  
the stronger you will be in battle

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**When you put on the full armour of God, you're telling the Devil that he has to go through Christ to get to you.**

Ephesians 6:11-18 (KJV)



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Next week...  
**THE FORGOTTEN WEAPON**

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**QUESTIONS**



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