

The Helmet Of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17

The Roman soldier's helmet was a fascinating and beautiful part of his armor. In fact it looked more like a piece of artwork than a helmet. It had all kinds of beautiful engravings on it. It would be very hard to walk past one of these soldiers without noticing him.

Gods Most Gorgeous Gift

Why would the Holy Spirit compare a piece of weaponry like this to salvation? Because your salvation is the most gorgeous, most intricate, most elaborate, and most ornate gift God ever gave you!

So why does a Roman soldier need a helmet? Have you ever heard of a battle axe? If a soldier didn't have his helmet on when he went out to fight he could be sure that he would most likely lose his head!

The Devil will try to get you to lose your head in the midst of a battle and try to tell you that healing, deliverance, and a sound mind are not really a part of Jesus' redemptive work on the cross.

So how is the devil going to attack you? How is he going to try to wage war against you? How is he going to try to do you in? By attacking your mind!!!

Satan knows that your mind is the control center for your life. He knows that if he gets control of your thought life, he can then extend his influence to other areas.

From this position of control he will try to manipulate your emotions, send sickness and disease to attack your body.

The fact that Paul compared salvation to a helmet means that we must learn about our salvation and find out what all that includes, inside and out! It's like having an iPhone and only using it as a phone and ignoring all of the capabilities that it has.

What is A Stronghold?

2 Corinthians 10:4,5 “For the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of this world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets its self-up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Paul said spiritual weapons are effective for pulling down strongholds. The word stronghold is used to describe a fortress or prison. So this verse could be translated, “To the pulling down of fortresses, or pulling down prisons.”

What is a fortress? IT has exceptionally thick and impregnable walls. TO keep people out they built the walls very high. A prison did just the opposite. Instead of keeping people out, a prison keeps insiders from getting out!

So what does all of this mean? Glad you asked! The fact that the word “stronghold” can be translated as both a fortress and prison tells us some important things about strongholds.

First it means that when a person has a mental or emotional stronghold in their life, he has walls around him that are so thick, others cannot seem to break through that barrier to help them. Those walls keep outsiders from getting in.

This is a trick of the devil to keep people isolated and far removed from those who could help bring freedom to their lives and their minds.

These Lies Do Not Pop Up Overnight.

Suppose a person permits wrong thinking and wrong believing to go unchallenged hour after hour and day after day.

The devil will begin to use those lies, insinuations, and unrealistic fears to build thick, impregnable walls around that individual’s life.

So What Needs TO Be Done?

We must rebuke the devil in the name of Jesus to release his claim on your mind and emotions.

Secondly, recognize your responsibility in the matter. We need to repent. Until we do, nothing else can happen.

What Is A Transformed Mind?

Romans 12:2 – “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

It all starts with the renewing of your minds!! But God is not going to force a renewed mind on you. You have to receive this helmet of salvation.

How do you do this? By knowing what the Bible says about salvation. Do you see how everything comes back to the Word? Have you gotten that in the last five weeks?

As you faithfully meditate on the Word of God and allow it to work in your thought life, your mind will be renewed!!! You will become so convinced of your salvation that your mind will be able to rest in God, no longer capable of being overcome with doubt and unbelief.