

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

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Ephesians 6:13-41

“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREAST-PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ...”



Satan is the great hypocrite. He is the advocate of unrighteousness incarnate and when we have failed to live up to the righteous standard for which we have been called, Satan is the first to accuse us before God. Day and night he accuses men before God, but not just any men – the saints themselves. How is it that the prince of unrighteousness can accuse the righteous before God, day and night? The Scriptures make clear the assault of Satan is not only against the righteous (saints) but is also attacking righteousness. That is why the breastplate of righteousness is so essential to the Christian's armor.

When we sin, Satan is quick to accuse us because that is his nature. Our defense against such accusation is found in the breastplate of righteousness. It is in Christ's righteousness that we stand. In John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, little Christian meets Satan shortly after receiving his armor. In the enemy's attack on Christian, Satan hurls his accusations reminding Christian of his failures to live up to his name. He reminds him of his wickedness, how he fell into the Slough of Despond and how he left his roll behind him when he rested too long. Bunyan understood how well Satan attacks the Christian. It is our sins that condemn us and it is Christ's righteousness that saves us. Even when the evil one accuses us, it is only the imputed righteousness we have in Jesus Christ that allows us to stand.

Satan looks for points of weakness where he can capitalize. The devil recognized the attitude of Peter regarding suffering and prompted him to rebuke the Lord Jesus and try to turn Him from the way of the cross. Satan recognized David's pride and led him to count the number of the Israelites that were his to command. He took advantage of Judas's greed and frustration to gain power to control his life as an unbeliever. And the adversary recognized the tainted motivation of Ananias and Saphira that filled their hearts so as to lie to the Holy Spirit. From the most righteous to the wicked, we all are attacked at our weakest point.

Our enemy watches for any sign of weakness and then capitalizes on it. To give into sin through the weaknesses of the flesh is to give Satan an inroad into our spiritual lives. While sin causes a gap in our armor, Righteousness provides no openings for Satan, no handles for him to get a grip on our lives to pull us back. Righteousness is a part of our defense because the best defense is a good offense. By the filling of the Holy Spirit, we have the ability to press forward in righteousness against the unrighteous charges of the evil one.

Sunrise Community Church
Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst
EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 2013						
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The Hymns We Sing

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Dwelling In Beulah Land

"You will be called Hepzibah, and your land Beulah,"
Isaiah 62:4

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/d/w/e/dwellbeu.htm>

Words & Music: C. Austin Miles, 1911.

Far away the noise of
strife upon my ear is
falling.
Then I know the sins of
earth beset on ev-
ery hand.
Doubt and fear and
things of earth in
vain to me are call-
ing.



C. Austin Miles, 1868-1956

None of these shall move me from Beulah Land.

Refrain

I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless
sky.
I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry.
O yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful
supply,
For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

Far below the storm of doubt upon the world is
beating.

Sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand.
Safe am I within the castle of God's Word re-
treating.

Nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land.

Refrain

Let the stormy breezes blow, their cry cannot
alarm me;
I am safely sheltered here, protected by God's
hand.
Here the sun is always shining, here there's
naught can harm me.
I am safe forever in Beulah Land.

Refrain

Viewing here the works of God, I sink in con-
templation.

Hearing now His blessed voice, I see the way
He planned.

Dwelling in the Spirit here I learn of full salva-
tion.

Gladly I will tarry in Beulah Land.

Refrain

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE September 2013

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| Sept. 1 | 8:45 a.m. | Ephesians 6:14
<i>The Armor of Righteousness</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Sept. 2 | | Labor Day |
| Sept. 4 | | Temple City Schools Resume |
| Sept. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Game Night |
| Sept. 8 | 8:45 a.m. | Ephesians 6:15
<i>The Armor of the Gospel of Peace</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Sept. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Friday Night Fellowship |
| Sept. 15 | 8:45 a.m. | Ephesians 6:16
<i>The Armor of the Shield of Faith</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Sept. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Game Night |
| Sept. 22 | 8:45 a.m. | Ephesians 6:17
<i>The Armor of the Helmet of Salvation</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Sept. 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study resumes in Ephesians
at the Kikkert's |
| Sept. 27 | 6:30 p.m. | Friday Night Fellowship |
| Sept. 29 | 8:45 a.m. | Ephesians 6:17 The Armor of the
Word of God |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Oct. 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study in Ephesians |

The Cost of Discipleship –

Police storm German homeschool, take children by force

FROM WORLD NET DAILY—WND.COM

Four German children, ages 7 to 14, have been forcibly taken from their Darmstadt, Germany, home by police armed with a battering ram, and their parents have been told they won't see them again soon, all over the issue of homeschooling, according to a stunning new report from the Home School Legal Defense Association.

HSLDA, the world's premiere advocate for homeschoolers, said the family of Dirk and Petra Wunderlich has battled for several years Germany's World War II-era requirement that all children submit to the indoctrination programs in the nation's public schools.

This case demonstrates conclusively why the Romeike asylum case in the U.S. is important, Michael Farris, HSLDA founder, said. "Families in Germany need a safe place where they can educate their children in peace."

The Romeike case has been submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2010, an immigration judge granted asylum in the U.S. to the family, which fled Germany because their children were forced to go to public schools.

The Obama administration, unhappy with the outcome, appealed and obtained an order from a higher court that the family must return to Germany. The Obama administration has argued in court parents essentially have no right to determine how and what their children are taught, leaving the authority with the government.