

***“The Shield of Faith:
Part V”***

Ephesians 6:10-20

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Defining “Faith”

1. Both the Hebrew & Greek words for “faith” essentially mean “trust.”
2. Faith is trust in the faithfulness of God.
3. The Word of God is essential to faith.

On the Shield of Faith

1. The shield of faith is a defensive piece of the armor but it's not passive.
2. The devil is throwing flaming darts at us from close range and therefore we must learn to wield the shield in the direction of his present attacks.

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

“¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

Psalm 145:3

*“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.”*

Isaiah 64:4

“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.”

Jeremiah 32:27

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

On the Shield of Faith

1. The shield of faith is a defensive piece of the armor but it's not a passive piece.
2. The devil is throwing flaming darts at us from close range and therefore we must learn to wield the shield in the direction of his present attacks.
3. The way to wield the shield of faith is to wield the Word of God.

The Promise of Eph 6:16

If we'll learn to wield this shield well, if we'll learn the art of believing in the Word of God as it relates to the particular attacks we're facing, we'll be able to extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

A Summary thus Far...

1. Faith is trust in the faithfulness of God.
2. Faith is like a shield that must be wielded in the direction of our enemy's attacks.
3. The promise of the Word of God is that if we'll learn to wield it well we'll be able to extinguish every single flaming dart of the evil one.

**Please turn to
Hebrews 11:32-40**

The Lesson of Heb 11:32-40

Some are called to put their faith in the faithfulness of God and accomplish great and even impossible things through him; others are called to put their faith in the faithfulness of God and endure though they suffer and perhaps even die.

Daniel 3:16-18

“O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

2 Chronicles 24:20-22

“Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people and said to them, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Why do you break the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has forsaken you.”””

The Common Thread

The common thread that binds those who conquer by faith and those who endure by faith is that their all consuming passion is to see the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea—in their minds, their life is not about them.

Hebrews 11:39-40

“³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.”