

The Full Armor of God 1

Read Ephesians 6:10-17

Father, in this evil world we must struggle with evil –
evil that threatens us from outside and
tempts us from within.

Whether this evil approaches us subtly or brazenly,
its purpose is always the same.

Jesus said it always comes
to steal and kill and destroy. (John 10:10, NASB)

When Jesus came into this world,
He came armed with the Spirit of God:

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

*Righteousness will be the belt about His loins,
And faithfulness the belt about His waist.* (Isaiah 11:3, 5, NASB)

This same Spirit arms us as well.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but
against the rulers, against the powers,
against the world forces of this darkness,
against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places.*
(Ephesians 6:12, NASB)

Though Jesus was as human as we are,
He overcame evil in this world completely, and
He arms us to overcome it completely as well.

He urges us to be strong
in Him and
in His power,
not our own.

We must put on the full armor He has provided.

Hymn: [Soldiers of Christ, Arise](#)