

Part One Series on Prayer

COVERING TO PRAY

ARMOR

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First let us establish who our enemies are. Ephesians 6:12 gives us the answer.

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12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

So our enemy is not people, it is no part of creation on this earth. Our battle is with the forces of evil that have possessed this planet taken from Adam and Eve. To be a warrior for the Lord we must have on protection from these evil powers of darkness.

All covering ultimately comes from God. Your armor for instance, that protects you from the dark side of the invisible realm, was prepared through God and is distributed to humanity as they request it. In other words, it's available to all God's family, they can choose to use it or not. In Ephesians 6:11 Paul advises us to put this armor on though, so we can stand against the enemy.

Ephesians 6:11

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the

wiles of the devil.

We need the armor covering us to successfully assault the demonic forces of hell through the battle ground of prayer, to teach, preach and promote the Kingdom. We must aggressively hold these forces back for the Kingdom to advance and birth the day of the church triumphant.

Ephesians 6:14-17

14 Stand therefore, having **girded your waist with truth**, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**,

15 and having **shod your feet** with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**

16 above all, taking **the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench **all the fiery darts of the wicked one**.

17 And take **the helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God;

God protects and covers the individual families that make up the universal household of God through the husband as head of the home. His authority against the enemy flows through the father allowing him to stand between the powers of darkness and his wife and children. If the family is to do anything of importance to assist in the Lord's work, without this covering all would be exposed and vulnerable to Satanic attack.

Ephesians 5:23 says:

23 For the **husband is head of the wife**, as also **Christ is head of the church**;

and He is **the Savior of the body.**

Notice, Savior of the body. This is God's appointment of men to accept the responsibility as head of the household to guard and protect the wife from the powers of darkness. If we look back in history to Genesis 6 we will find vulnerable women attacked by angels that rebelliously left heaven with the intent to marry the daughters of man. The covering could not have been there or this event would not have happened and there would have been no need for the flood.

Genesis 6:1-2

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that **the sons of God** (angels) saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and **they took wives for themselves of all** whom they **chose.**

Notice, all they chose. They were not covered. Let us read on in verses five through seven.

Genesis 6:5-7

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 So the LORD said, "**I will destroy man** whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for **I am sorry**

that I have made them.”

Noah, a righteous man, found grace in the eyes of the Lord however and as head of his household, he and his wife, their three sons and their wives, were protected through the destruction. Eight people were saved from one man's obedience. We read nowhere that Noah's wife or his daughters in law were molested by the fallen angels either. They were covered by the head of the family and must have been submissive to his leadership to have been saved through the flood. The rest of humanity perished. What I'm trying to point out is, God guards, protects and leads to safety through the husband and wives must be submissive to this fact to be covered by them. A wife does not want to do things of a supernatural nature independent of her husband.

It is also the responsibility of the father to see to the spiritual condition of his family. He must make sure that they have every opportunity to be all they can be for the Lord, and fight the enemy on their behalf that would try to stop them, through prayer. The individual family roles are intended to be a perfect picture of the church and Christ.

Ephesians 5:24-32

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 that He might Present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

32 **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

So wives must see and submit to the role God has placed on their husbands thus allowing them to operate according to the word on their behalf.

It is the same situation with the church. God chooses leadership. He does not see gender as in the home. He just uses vessels, male or female does not matter as it is Him, the Father, the greater Husband, through them. Here again, His wife, His Bride, must see Him through these vessels or they will not be protected and covered. Here is a fact. Women uncovered will experience devastation and defeat if the enemy so chooses. This is why God says in the Word that the widows and orphans are to be taken under the wing of the church. They must see it and want this covering however to receive its protection. They will experience much more warfare than if they were under the umbrella of God, especially the covering that comes through the fivefold offices. Exodus chapter fourteen verses thirteen through sixteen is a good example of God working through leadership.

Exodus 14:13-16

13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

14 “The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

15 And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

16 “But **lift up your rod**, and **stretch out your hand** over the sea and divide it. And **the children of Israel shall go on dry ground** through the midst of the sea.

If Israel had been disobedient and ignored Moses as their leader, the outcome of this disastrous situation would have been much different! Another example of God being with His leaders is found in the account of the prophetess Deborah, who ruled Israel for forty years. Let us read

Judges 4:4-8

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth (she was covered), was judging Israel (she was the head covering for Israel) at that time.

5 And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;

7 and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?"

8 And **Barak said to her**, "**if you will go with me**, then **I will go** but **if you will not go with me, I will not go!**"

Barak knew God would be with Deborah. She was His chosen leader. Now let us read a little of the victory song sung after the battle.

Judges 5: 12-13

12 "**Awake, awake, Deborah!** Awake, awake, **sing a song!** Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away, O son of Abinoam!

13 "Then the survivors came down, the people against the nobles; **The LORD came down for me against the mighty.**

In closing, Barak was not weak. He was the commander of the armies of Israel. In fact, he is mentioned in Hebrews 11:32 as a man of faith. He had faith in God's leadership.

Hebrews 11:30-32

30 By **faith the walls of Jericho fell down** after **they were encircled for seven days** (led by the leadership of Joshua).

31 By **faith the harlot Rahab did not perish** with those who did not believe, when **she had received the spies with peace.**

32 And what more shall I say? For the **time would fail me to tell of Gideon** and

Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

Next month's blast will discuss the universal covering of God's Fivefold Ministers to guard and protect God's flock from the unseen powers of darkness.

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