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Defeating Satan with the Full Armor of God

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What a healing song! You hear that? God is my savior and my healer! You hear that Mr. Sasaki? You hear that? God is your healer. Amen! Alright, God is good!

Let's talk about whooping the devil!! No, No, No, "Defeating Satan with the full armor of God." Let's go to Ephesians 6. We covered this briefly in the Bible study, but we want to go deeper today. Can we go deeper everybody? (Yes) Amen! Let's go deep!

Let's look at Ephesians 6:11-18, and let's read together:

11- Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. 12- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13- Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14- Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15- And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16- Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17- And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18- Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Amen! Give God some glory for that word! This word has power, power.

Let's look on here; this is the Greek word here when it says 'put on'; it's the Greek word which means *enduro*, and I want to get into this first section right here. It is connected to the word *dunamis*, from *enduro* comes *dunamis*, and *dunamis* is the word for power; it is the word for might. It actually signifies a military army; it signifies the power of an army, like when the power of an army comes in and conquers a nation, that power is *enduro*, that's related to this word which says, "put on the armor of God," the whole armor, the *panoplia*, the whole armor of God. All the resources that you need in your battle, God provides. But it says it in the imperative form, "Put it on!"

There are so many believers who have the anointing, who have the weapons and the whole *panoplia* of the armor of God, but they are not putting it on. They have a line on the ground and

they wonder why, when the devil comes and beats them up, they don't know why they could not stand against the devil. Amen?

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So the Bible says here, "Put it on!" You have to make a decision to put on *enduro*, the *dunamis* power, the whole army power of God. And look at this 'that you may be able to stand against'. This word is the word *antistenai*, *stenai*, and *anti* is against; stand against. This denotes and connotes that you are not only standing your ground, and standing up straight, but you are standing against; you are pressing forward into.

If you know anything about wrestling- my boys are doing wrestling too- or if any of you guys do combat sports like that, when somebody is shooting at your legs, you put your whole body weight on and boom! This is called the sprawl; you are standing against them. Amen!

Their whole body weight is coming at you, but you are standing against them with all your weight and power. And this is what the whole word 'stand against' means. It does not mean that I am just going to stand still or stand and hold my position; it means I am going to stand against and press forward, and when the enemy attacks I am going to put all my weight on him. Amen!

Now look at this: it says, 'you stand against the wiles of the devil'. This word 'wiles' is the word *methodia* and it is a compound word of the word *metha* and *odia*. *Metha* means 'beyond' or it means 'greater than' or it means 'above and beyond', but then *odia* means 'a road', it means 'a journey, a travel', and it also means 'a road'.

So what we can learn about the *methodia* of the *diabolos* - remember the *diabolos*, everybody, the devil; it's the word *diabolos*- you remember what's that connotating with? It is connotating with casting nets over his pray. Remember *diabolos* is also beating you repeatedly, beating you, beating you repeatedly. These are the methods, the *methodia*, the well-travelled roads of the devil. He is not anew; he is not innovative, he is not creative. He does the same stupid thing over and over and over again.

Shame on humanity that keeps falling on those traps, because this is the same thing over and over! But the people of God, if we understand his wiles, and we understand that these paths are well trodden - he does this over and over and over again- we can see that he is a very weak opponent, and we can stand against him.

Look at this: it says, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood." This word "wrestle' is a fascinating word, because it is the word *palaio*, and when we think of wrestling, we think of two guys in leotard in the Olympics, sweating all over each other trying to pin somebody on the ground, right? That's what we usually think. The word *palaio* here in the ancient Greek context is a *palestrum*, that is a house of combat; it is a *dojo* of combat. It is the place where all the

warriors of the ancient world, the greatest and strongest warriors would gather.

They would gather to do three sports here: They would do wrestling, but it is not like the Olympic wrestling that you see; even though, if you've ever wrestled you know how brutal it is,

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even the Greco-Roman style. But in this style of wrestling you could choke, you could pull, you could grasp the throat, you could kill your opponent. So it is not like you are pinning the person and you have to stop; you could kill your opponent. This is the intensity of the *palestrum*, and of the combat that Paul is writing about here: "*we wrestle not against flesh and blood but we wrestle against,*" etc., etc...

There was also the second sport which was boxing; it was boxing! But when we think of boxing in the modern day, we are thinking red gloves, sixteen ounces, or maybe twelve ounces at the pro level. Ok? And those are small gloves; you get hit. Who has ever been pushed by a boxing glove? OK, whoever has done a little boxing, you guys know. Yes you can take a push. If you get hit off guard, you're going down if it was a nice hit, but you can hit; you can take a push, and you know how it feels.

This type of boxing is different because the fighters had leather wrapped around their arms, and it would come unto their knuckles, and on their knuckles were four knives, four blades. So this is not the regular boxing you are thinking about; this is not ESPN boxing Friday night. This is Wolverine Friday night, do you understand? This is where two guys come together with knives on their hands and they box each other to the death, to the death!

This is why on the ancient Greek vases that you may see in museums, when they depict a *palestrum* or a house of combat, you will see the boxers, and you will sometimes see them with no nose or no ear. How are you going to get that with twelve ounce gloves; you're not going to get that. You get it because there are knives attached to their hands, and as they are punching you they are cutting you, and limbs often fly in these bloody battles.

So if you'd survive the wrestling challenges and if you'd survive the Wolverine boxing matches, well then you would go to the ultimate fighting championship; you would then go for the highest level of a combat, and that is when you would take on weapons. So you now have proven yourself in wrestling and close quarter combat, in wrestling combat, you've now proven yourself at striking range combat, and now you're proving yourself with weapons combat. And this is where you see the gladiatorial games; you will see them fighting to the death. At this highest level of the *palestrum*, this is certain death. One man will die in this battle.

So when we hear the word '*wrestle not against flesh*', we are not talking about Olympic style wrestling, even though that is very intense; if you've ever wrestled or done grappling combat, you know how intense it is. We are talking about weaponized grappling, we are talking about

boxing with knives, and we are talking about the ultimate fighting combat where you come in with all your weapons and gear. Isn't that incredible?

So when he is saying, "*We are wrestling not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness,*" this is the intensity of

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the spiritual warfare that we are in, when we are standing on the truth and we are facing the devil!

The devil will not come to you in combat and try to give you flowers; he is out to destroy. He is as a roaring lion ready to maim, kill, and destroy you, and when you stand, if you don't understand his nature, Jesus even said that *he is a murderer* that *he is a murderer*; he is out to destroy and murder you. So when the people of God do not realize this, and we think that we can have a discussion with him to change his mind, you are falling right into the trap of the *diabolos*; right into it!

Now what's amazing here is that in this section verse 11, we see, "*we wrestle against, we fight, we do all those different types of combat against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of the world, spiritual wickedness.*"

This word 'principalities' is from the ancient word, *archos* or *archon*, and this is the root of the word *archaic*. It means the most ancient power, it means the old ancient serpent; it means the most archaic, the most occult ancient power. This is of course Satan himself, the principalities; they call him the prince or the ruler of the air, right? And so he is the prince, he is the Lord of the flies, right, Beelzebub. How many have heard of Beelzebub, the Lord of the flies? He is at the principalities' level.

This is a glimpse into the military formation of Satan's military, of his evil spirits that he then sets up in a military structure. This gives us an insight into who is at the top; it is principalities. It is the ancient evil power that is at the top that stands against the people of God.

Then the word here 'against powers', is the word *exusia* and this means 'delegated power'. It means this level of spirits receive their power from a delegated source, they receive it from Satan, from the principalities. They are not acting on their own authority; they are given, delegated that authority to work on behalf of Satan or the principalities, the *archos* and they are given that power, they are delegated that power, and they use that power to *diabolos*, cast the nets over the people.

You know what's fascinating about this is that, when he says the word against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, rulers here is the word *kosmokratoras*, and the word *kosmokratoras* is a compound word of the word *kosmos* and *kratoras*.

Now when we think of the cosmos, we think of outer space; but to the ancient Greeks, because they didn't know of an outer space, *kosmos* meant 'to organize'. This is the word from which you get 'cosmetics', when you organize, or when you beautify or adorn your make-up on your face, right? How many ladies have heard of cosmetics? That is from the word *kosmos* of the ancient Greek; isn't that interesting?

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Now in this compound word *kosmokratoras*, *kratoras* means 'raw power', unrefined, un-shaped raw power. So what *kosmokratoras* means, what that means is 'organized', or 'blended together, organized raw power;' the image here in *kosmokratoras* is of a military training camp, where the people are being trained. How many young people here were in the military? We know some people; you guys probably know some people in the military.

When the privates come into the military; what are the young people who come into the military? They symbolize the raw power of the military, right? But yet they are undisciplined when they come into the military. They are not disciplined; they are not structured, they don't understand consequences, and then through the military training they will be organized, they will be *kosmokratoras*. The raw power will be disciplined; it will be organized so that it can have effective power against the enemy.

You see how organized Satan gets? He gets very organized. That's why he is so skillful at destroying faith, because he hates the Gospel, he hates Christ; he hates the Messiah. So his main net is -as we talked about- is to get people to love themselves, because if you love yourself, you're going to start worshipping yourself, and if you worship yourself you are breaking the first and most important Commandment, not to take any idols before the Lord Thy God.

And when you break that first Commandment, you can break them all. When you break that first Commandment through self-worship, the devil's got you, because now you have to worship him. Because you are not worshipping God, you are breaking God's main Commandment, and if you worship yourself, and are pursuing godhood, you have to worship Satan, you must worship Satan, you have to; because you are breaking the primary Commandment from which all sins come, which is self-worship.

This is why the devil is so skillful. He will use media, he will use art, he will use all the different facilitators; he will use all the institutions of learning. He will do that to teach you what? You are God, you are divine, you can do it all, you are the greatest, there is nothing without you; it's all about you, baby doll! No, no, no, it isn't! Because when you live like that you actually live with so little power.

I know people who are into self- affirmations and things like that; they have to self-affirm themselves every single minute of the day, otherwise they get depressed and fall into total insecurity. They live in a constant perpetual nature of insecurity because they are secretly

worshiping themselves. Amen! That is not where real power comes from.

It's interesting; the New Hope Farms was bought by a meditation group and I've explored many different types of meditation, but many of the meditative forms pursue the light, what they call the supernatural light. If you reach full enlightenment you will be able to be in the light, you will be a Buddha, you will be a god. This is so attractive to people in the modern day

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because we are primed to want to worship ourselves, as the celebrities worship themselves, as the people that we are watching on TV worship themselves, etc...

But you know what's very interesting? You can tell the difference; you can tell what path is going where. When you see where that ends up; if that light ends up at self-worship you know it's the light of Lucifer. Remember that Lucifer, his name also means 'light bearer'. He is also full of light, but when you pursue the supernatural light of godhood, and try to reach it, you are not actually touching the light of God, which is as the Bible says, "like the sun that shone from His face." You are not touching the light of God; you are touching Lucifer's light, because that light will lead you to worship yourself, and to think that you are God. In fact if you are a Buddha, you are higher than God, you are greater than God; did you know that? There are six different realms, and you are the highest if you are a Buddha.

So, these things, we can see very clearly in the final conclusion if you are worshiping yourself or if you are with the Holy Spirit? If you are with the light of Christ, you will not be worshiping yourself, you'll be praising God; you'll be giving Him all the glory. You'll be basking in the power of His might, not of your weak might, not your human weakness. You'll be basking in the glory and the power and the *exusia*, the *dunamis* power of God, and that is where you have real anointing, and that is where you have real power. You don't have it from worshiping yourself!

This is what the body of Christ in all these modern countries fall prey to; they fall right into the dumb trap of the *diabolos*; so dumb! They fall right into it! The conclusion is the same; there are so many different ways but the conclusion is the same. It's always self-worship, always. The *diabolos* leads that; he sets up this whole structure, and when we understand this structure, we can see that it operates also in what we are seeing today.

We can see what's happening- we talked about this two weeks ago. Look at what Mother is doing. She is my mother and I don't want to talk about it, but I have to, because Father is the one who made me responsible as his substantial body of True Parents on this earth, so I cannot talk from just carnal things. It makes me feel bad, yes, but I have to speak with Principle, and I have to speak; even though it makes me sad, I have to do it! That's part of my job! And I don't know why the youngest has to do it, but that's the way it is.

We can see, we can see the changing of the Scriptures, 80% redacted of the Cheon Seong Gyeong, which Father said will be the eternal word of the Kingdom. We can see it with the Family Pledge, the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem, which was berthed of the dregs of hell in the torture chambers of Hungnam prison; that spirit of even though I am bleeding, even though I am being tortured, even though I am being electrocuted, even though I am dying, I am going to give You praise God, and I am going to say, 'This is the blessing of Your glory!' That's real power, folks! That's real power, and that's not self-worship!

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So, that whole spirit has been eradicated: The Family Pledge has been changed, the Blessing vows, the Covenant vows of the Lord have been changed. If Jesus came and he gave the Covenant vows under which you are to have eternal relationship with him, as his intimate partner, no Christian in their right mind would ever want to touch that because it symbolizes the Covenant between heaven and earth. That of course, we know, has been changed.

The change from monotheism to ditheism, the introduction of goddess worship, saying that Mother is equal to Father, when whoever lived near True Parents know that is never the case. Mother is the total object to Father, and even when Father says, "You must reach perfection until June 2013," he is not saying, you reach perfection as the subject; you reach perfection as the object. She has to reach the perfection of the object with is to totally live for the subject. And when she shows that kind of beauty, she gets blessed.

Because just like you and me, and just like all the first generation that entered, she too was from fallen lineage. Her Han tribe was! Your lineages were prepared too, that does not mean you are the Messiah, or that does not mean you have no original sin. It is because you met the Messiah that you have no original sin. It is because you are born through him that you have no original sin, that you became blessed, that you are a central blessed family!

This has been turned around, and we can see it is nothing other than the work of the *archos*, the principality, Satan himself, because he hates the Messiah, he hates the Gospel, he hates people appreciating and being thankful for the blood and the tortures that the Messiah had to shed so that we could come close to God. He hates it when people remember that. He hates it when people exult that, and respect that. He hates that!

This is why they had to exclude the Divine Principle from the false constitution, which of course is nothing other than a slavery document that centers everything around a little hill in Korea, and does not acknowledge the mighty, mighty power of the Holy Spirit of God who can touch every man, woman and child, and those who believe and stand in His anointing with power *enduro*, *dunamis* power, *dunamis* power.

She has left her position as a faithful obedient object- not the subject- proclaiming herself as God, messiah, only-begotten daughter, and you can see it, you can see it for your own self. She

is now sitting in the throne of Father. And I can see it; she is still very insecure. I can see it; she knows she is doing wrong.

But the people around her are creating the culture where she has to be God, and in her own mind she feels that she has to please them, and please her managers, and please her powers, because, look, the principalities under them are the powers. And the powers are delegated authority, and you will see the three hidden rulers behind her who have delegated responsibility from her, and they are going around the world saying, "I am the ambassador of Mother, and what Father could not do in fifty years she did it in three years!"

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That is the biggest insult and the most scathing heresy that these pitiful *exusia* delegated power devils are saying, and that's exactly what they are, because they have NO respect for the Messiah. They actually make Mother bow to their peer pressure; she has to please them so that she can be lathered with their praise, surrounded by men half her age telling her, "You are so amazing, you are a goddess, you are wonderful; but please send that check in the mail, please."

That's how pitiful these counterfeit, illegitimate leaders are and we know that, as you look at the actual structure of the military of Satan, you can see that it is in full operation in how he has usurped the throne, and how he has usurped and taken over the entire world church.

Of course now, everybody knows that when she came here, she had to say that we have to respect Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim and they are the only sons that you have to respect, because any living sons who stand for Father are totally arrogant and are totally evil, and they don't have any respect, and the only good son is a dead son which can be channeled by a Cheon Pyeong lady so they can tell you to give more donations to them.

So, enjoy the new donations that are coming out, and you all heard of them, \$210 for America, for Japan a hundred times more; again the same evil replicating. And in order to prepare all this and to legitimize all these heresies, what they were trying to do with my son before I had to take him out of that Palace of Malice, that place of the Lord of the Flies; I had to take him out because they were raising him to recite the heresies and to justify all the rebellion and all the stabbing of Father in the heart, all the betrayals. They were using my son whom Father anointed as the Third Generation Kingship, and they were trying to use him to justify these heresies.

When I saw that I thought, "I am not going to let this boy be used as a tool for the archangel, for the *diabolos*, for the *archos*, or the *exusia*, or the *kosmokratoras*. I will not let my child be used to desecrate his own *Wang-Appa* who appointed him as the Third Generation Kingship, to be used to desecrate him!"

So right now, because I took my son out, and there is no puppet there, unfortunately, now they are going to reach out into my older brother's family, and try to set up one of their children to

be called 'the heir'. Of course this is pure rebellion against Father and what he did. It's total heresy, because this poor little boy does not know anything, and he is a good little kid like every good little kid is.

But if you are in that environment of entitlement, if you are in that environment where people are worshiping you, I don't care who you are, you are going to start worshiping yourself; you're going to think you're God. And you're going to think you're great even though you did nothing, and you're going to be arrogant and you are going to be high-minded over people, and you will not know what it means to be an honorable man and a somebody with principles, because all you do is try to please the little coterie of the king's court, so that they may support you and they may give them your blessing.

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This is the reality, and because of all this we see that the church is collapsing. The Spirit has left, as Mother has left from her object position where she should have glorified Father, where she could just lift him up, where she could praise him and say, "Father has been victorious. I went through struggles in my life, but I know now that it was because of the great grace and love of God that He poured upon me, and now I am ready to live my life to my last breath until I die lifting Him up and praising His name."

If she gave that example, that would be done! The Kingdom would be coming, right now. People would be bowing at her feet, because that is the posture of a true queen. But because she left her position, committed a spiritual fall, committed a spiritual adultery with those pitiful rulers around her, and now is under their total dominion- she does not even know that she is under their dominion, but now she is- she has lost that position.

So through the Three Generations, that must be substantiated; through the generations that Father himself chose. And that is why two weeks ago, my wife in that position, standing as the true woman, she bowed before her own son- something that is hard for any Korean woman to do- but she surrendered herself to the will of the Father. And she bowed down to her son, not because she chose him, not because he deserved it, but because Father chose him, and expects him to be the Third Kingship.

Now in Cheon IL Guk history, we have a Cain and Abel, a Cain who does not try to kill his Abel, an Abel who tries to lift up his Cain, and does not stand over him in arrogance; we have a true and perfected Adam and we have a true woman that stood in that responsibility, who bowed to the will of Father!

Because, folks, that is when we have true power! You don't have true power when you do your little self-affirmations and your little meditations of how great you are and how you are now a Buddha and now you are, such a great person. I've done all those things! It is so pitifully weak; it shakes, it shakes, every day it shakes!

But when you are in the power of God, and when you are putting on the armor of God which comes from God, you have His power; you have the army of the Heavens behind you. You have all the power of Heaven, and the authority and the righteousness of Christ before you. But you have to put it on!

It said, "*Having your loins gird.*" What are your loins? Who knows what your loins are? Alright, don't point to your loins. You know what your loins are: they are your sexual organs; they are your reproductive organs. You have to have them gird, that is you have to wear *the belt of truth, the loin belt of truth*. And we're going to go through this quick.

We're actually going to go into each one of this in depth, but there is some incredible connection when you understand this armor's set. This was the standard set of armor. There were seven

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pieces to the Roman armor. You only see six pieces here, but that's because a lot of people don't see prayer and supplication as the last piece.

There are six pieces to the Roman armor, that when you'd become a soldier of the Roman Empire you would receive: you would receive your belt; people just think it's a little belt to hold your pants up. No, you've seen those guys; you've seen how they look. They wear no pants! They don't hold your pants up! This belt holds your whole system up; that's what it holds.

This belt, the loin belt holds up *your breast plate of righteousness*. Whoo, listen to that! *The belt of truth* holds up *the breast plate of righteousness*. Look at this: *the belt of truth* holds the sword as well. The belt holds the breast plate; it holds the sword. And when the Roman armies are marching their shield is hanging on their belt. Isn't that interesting? This whole armor system weighs anywhere from one hundred to one hundred and ten pounds, for the soldier to carry.

The helmet itself could weigh up to twenty five pounds; when you held a dump belt twenty five pounds; you know how heavy that is? Think about putting that on your head and then fighting with it. You understand? That's a heavy piece of equipment!

And Paul said, "*Put on the belt of truth; the loin belt of truth.*" He said, "*Put on the breast plate of righteousness.*" He said, "*Put on the helmet of salvation.*" He said, "*Put your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.*" He said, "*Take your shield of faith.*" He said, "*And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and all prayers and supplication!*" The lance, the final element was the lance.

Look at these: we are not going deep today, in this form, but look at these shoes. See, people think that the Roman army's shoes were little Greek sandals that you buy at Walmart or Payless. Those are not the type of sandals that the soldiers wore. The types of sandals that the soldiers wore had what are called hob nails on the bottoms of their feet. There were nails driven

between those pieces of leather, so that when you marched on the cobblestones with hundreds of men in your battalions, you would hear that stumping of the army coming towards you. You would hear the actual stumping; they would stomp on the stones, literally shattering the stones making their way in.

These are hob nails- because if you were stupid enough to stand in front of a battalion that was coming through your way, the front guys in the front would not stop for you; they are not going to say, "Oh, excuse me, can we pass by here?" They're going to come through and kick you, and they are going to drive those nails right through your chest, whether you are a woman, whether you're a child or whether you're a man. That is what the Roman soldiers did. They will kick right through you! They'll kick a hole right through you!

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And if you've ever been kicked by a skilled warrior in your chest, or your stomach, you know what I'm talking about, and now add some knives and the nails to that! These are the types of armor, of weaponry!

The feet were also connected to the greaves. The greaves were the shin guards that came up to your legs, and they were tied so tight. Look at that Scripture; it says, "*Take the feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.*" The word 'shod' here is the word to 'tie tight.' These shoes were not loose; these shoes were tied tightly, so that when they confronted the enemy and were pushed, they could drive in with their nails, and there would be no wiggle room. They would not slide in their shoes; they would be tightly bound for battle.

Here with '*the preparation of the Gospel of peace*', when we have '*the feet shod with the shoes of peace*,' this is not this kind of fake peace activism, "oh let's just have dialog and have peace," which of course is a tool that controllers have always used to gain control; it is not that kind of peace. This type of peace is a conquering peace; it is a peace that when you are in battle you are calm. The ancient samurai called this *mushin* or 'no-mind'. When you are in battle you stay calm. Amen?

When you see tremendous martial artists or fighters, you will see that they are calm in battle; they have peace in battle. That does not mean they're just saying, "Let's not fight and have just a dialogue"; they're battling but they are calm. They're at peace!

Because how many times have you had a dialogue with Satan and won? You will always lose! He's got 18,000 million years on you. You have to know that you are called to be a warrior of Christ. You are called to be a member of the army of God - Paul talks about '*the army of God, the soldiers of God*' - that then you have the attitude and the knowledge, that you are preparing for battle and spiritual warfare, not of flesh and blood, but of spiritual nature; that you will guaranteed- you will have to face the principalities, you will have to face one day the *exusia* powers, you will have to face the rulers of the darkness of this world, you will have to face

spiritual wickedness in high places.

That's the word *poneros* evil; you will have to face it. I don't care who you are, how much you run, how fast you think you are. You are going to face that one day in your life. And if you are not ready to receive a hit, you know those are the people that get knocked out. You have to know that this is a spiritual warfare.

There are so many philosophers. I remember studying in Buddhism different types of yoga talking about the non-dualistic state, the state of non-duality of supreme consciousness of the enlightened person; there's non-duality, it's not a Zoroastrian good versus evil, fighting, fighting, I want to transcend good and evil. I want to transcend to the state of non-duality, non dual consciousness.

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I've heard it all! It ends up exactly at self-worship, and you end up super weak. You end up not understanding that you have to be a warrior to fight Satan. You don't understand that you have to have spiritual power; you have to be imbued with the armor, you have to put it on to face your battles. Amen? And it makes you totally open, thinking that you have transcended good and evil.

Let me tell you who thought they transcended good and evil. His name is Satan; if you think you can transcend good and evil and you are in a non-dual state of consciousness of non duality, the supreme enlightened state, if you think that you transcended good and evil, you are a demon, because all demons think there is no morality. They think they can do whatever they want, when they want because they transcend good or evil. They think they don't have any laws bound on them.

This is why eventually I got sick of those philosophies, because they do not give you the implements; they do not arm you with the real power to be victorious against all odds even though you have nothing. They don't equip you with true spiritual power, and you have no anointing of the true Holy Spirit, which gives you real power to destroy Satan.

See, that's why they don't want us to believe and to know that we are warriors, that we are the protectors, that we are the maintainers of Father's tradition. We are holding up, standing for him. We are warriors, and we are not scared of battle, and we are not deluded to think that there is no battle. We know that we are standing against Satan, and we stand strong in the power of the *panoplia*, armor of God- that is why we stand strong.

That's why Satan tries to attack Mr. Sasaki as he is volunteering to paint that thing. The devil was trying to make him fall on his neck and kill him, but God put angels' wings behind him and He let him fall all the way down there and twist his ankle. I say, "Praise God for that! Mr. Sasaki's healing has come!"

Look at that: "*Have your loins girt with the belt of truth!*" Notice that truth, *the belt of truth*, truth, the word of God, holds up all the other aspects. It holds up your *breastplate of righteousness*; it's connected to your *feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel*, because the *loin belt* has tassels that fell down, down here to protect your midsection and your upper thighs, because if you've ever done weapons' combat, you know people will cut at your legs. They are not only going to cut - like in the movies - at your head, they're also going to cut at your legs, right? So they had those tassels that were metal that would also protect their upper thighs, which were then connected to the greaves, the lower protectors of the leg, which would then connect to the shoes.

And the shield of faith: '*taking on the shield of faith*', the leather was so brittle. Listen to this: the shield had to be anointed with oil every day. The shield of faith- your faith- has to be anointed daily. What is the oil? The Scripture talks about the oil of the Holy Spirit. You may have had a

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fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit, you may have had a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit a week ago, but you need one today-Amen?

You need one today because *your shield of faith* needs to be oiled. You don't have one today and you go to battle, it's brittle in the desert, and when your enemy attacks it- because it's covered with boards, and the middle is leather- when he attacks it, the thing breaks because it's brittle. So you have to anoint your shield.

Now listen to this: also before battle they would take the shield and dunk it, saturate it in water; isn't that interesting? They would saturate the shield in the water! So not only do you have to anoint it with the oil of the Holy Spirit, you also have to saturate it with the waters, in the Scriptures which is the wells of salvation, from which the living waters flow. You have to saturate it in the word of God so that it is wet in battle.

Now why is the shield wet in battle? This is the reason why it's wet: because the shield quenches the fiery darts of the enemy. When the Romans fought and their shields were dunked in water and they went into battle and fought, and when the bow and arrows of fire came towards them, when they blocked them with the shields, the arrows would go into the leather and since they were saturated in water, they would go out. The fiery darts would go out. Isn't that interesting? The fiery darts of the enemy would go out as you held your shield.

So your shield has to have your shield of faith; your faith has to have a regular anointing of the oil of the Spirit, the oil of gladness, and it has to also be saturated with the living waters of the Word. Amen?

And look at this, folks: why is it important that we come together? Because when those shields of faith come together, what is that? That is a moving wall; that is a human tank. You see that thing? That is a formation of the shield in battle. Because when you connected your shield with

the next guy's shield next to him, you would become something much mightier than any one of you could be. You would connect your shields and you would have protection from all around. Isn't that fascinating? Our shields come together- make sure they are well anointed, they're oiled and they are saturated- but when they come together it is a wall of defense against the enemy. Isn't that incredible?

And we '*take up the sword of truth*', the sword of truth which is the word of God. Oh! We're going to do a whole study on just this sword. But the sword of truth: when you are in a situation where you have to ask God, "What shall I do? This battle is so fierce, God, what should I do? The enemy Satan is attacking me so hard, God what should I do?" When you are asking for that word, which in Greek is called '*rhema*', when you're asking for that *rhema* word from God, guess what?

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What was the sword? The sword was not a long-range weapon: the Greek sword is very short. Look how short that it; it's like a dagger, it's a short sword- two feet, two and a half feet long. It's not like the *katana* blades, which are sometimes are four feet long. They had four different types of swords which we will get into another day. But anyways, this sword was for close combat fighting.

Notice that, when you are asking for a word from God in your life, you have to realize you are already in close combat with the devil. You're already standing right in front of him; you can see him eye to eye, he is in your face, he is banging on your shield. He is very close. When you take out your sword, he has already passed through the far-range weapons of the lance.

And the lance in this Scriptures is the prayers, the supplications; we can attack the enemy with prayer; we can push him away by prayer. But that's when he is far away. If he presses close, and we have to take out the sword of truth, that means we are close in combat. When we are standing in the Spirit, that means actually, God is preparing us, arming us for close face to face, and eye to eye fight combat with Satan, with the different principalities, powers, with the rulers of the darkness of this world.

So, when we understand these things and we understand that the full armor of God is a power that comes directly from God; it's like if you can visualize it, from the sun that shines, it's like a holy armor comes out of that sun. It comes out of that sun and it equips us with the power that we need to stand against the military of Satan, against the untruth of Satan.

Even though we don't have all the riches of the words, even though we don't have all the glory, even though we are mocked and scorned and cursed for being un-filial or whatever it is, we stand in the anointing of Spirit and in truth; we stand with the *dunamis* power, of the panoply of the full armor of God, and we stand in protecting our King for all eternity, as the holy children, the holy warriors, that exult our King. And we'll let nobody, nobody desecrate him!

Umma, you want to say something. There's a warrior right here. Father said she is a general!

Yeon-Ah Nim:

Thank you so much Appa! Wasn't it a wonderful speech? It was amazing; it was amazing, thank you! And the amazing thing is that God gave us the armor of God with no payment, right? He gave us for free, right? It's total grace; it's total grace!

You know when I was in Korea; we had a very nice, devout Christian friend. She was actually from a very well known family; her husband was a congressman, and their family had a newspaper company. We somehow got to know each other and we became good friend. One

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day she invited us over for dinner, and there we met her daughter; her husband passed away and she lives with her daughter's family.

Over the dinner table the topic was how the daughter got saved by Christ. She testified, "I had everything; my family's wealthy, everybody knows me." She is well educated, her husband is a doctor, and she has a daughter. Her daughter, she was around my age -she was pretty young - still she was so happy that she was saved. She was testifying about that; and she was saying that the following week she was going to Japan to evangelize, and she was talking about all that.

And you know what? I don't remember her face, because it was five or six years ago, that it happened, but I still remember the joy in her face, and how happy she was to be saved by Christ.

We know that when it's true we have to believe that this is true, because when we hear it we know that it's true. Nobody has to force upon us, "This is true; you must believe it!" Or people don't have to mobilize a whole army to threaten us, "You'd better believe it, otherwise we are going to kick you out of this house, "right? When we hear it, we know it's true. That's why our first generation, when they joined the church, they heard Father and they knew it was true and it was undeniable truth, plus that there were amazing spiritual phenomena.

You know beyond all the power, all the fame, and all the wealth that people can have, if we don't have a Christ-centered life, then it means nothing. And we experience that; we experience the Holy Spirit, and we experience the truth of Christ's teaching and the story of his life.

That's why when Father spoke, whether the people were Russian, American or Japanese, - they are all very proud people right? Their race is the best race in their perspective- but what did they do? They submitted totally in front of Father, because when they met him, they knew who

he was. Father was Christ; he was The Returned Christ.

When Peter denied Jesus in Jerusalem before the crucifixion, and he found that the tomb was empty and he encountered the spiritual resurrected body of Jesus Christ, it was an amazing experience. Three weeks before he denied Jesus, but three weeks later he is testifying to Jesus, "I met Jesus, and listen to this!" If he wanted to create some kind of a myth about Jesus Christ, "Oh I'd better redeem my integrity in Jerusalem" then he would have made a church in a different place, but think about it: he built a church in the middle of Jerusalem where all people saw Jesus was crucified.

Not only him, but the twelve disciples, how did they die? They all died by testifying to Christ, and five hundred plus people testified about Jesus Christ, "He was who he was. He saved us by crucifixion, and then he rose from the dead. "

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Did we experience that with Father? Father totally made us naturally subjugated in front of him; we were sinners, we never wanted to admit that he was the Messiah, but miraculously when the Holy Spirit touched our heart, we just chose to live a Christ-centered life.

Brothers and sisters, last week it was an amazing performance by our young adults; wasn't it amazing? Let us give one more, big round of applause for those young people! You know many people said they were so inspired; they were so touched; but why? Were they the greatest singers in the world? In my opinion, it was; there is not argument, period. But some people might argue that.

But the reason we were so inspired by them was not because they were the greatest singers or the greatest performers, no! What they showed us was a Christ-centered life, a Christ-centered culture. It was not about them; it was about what Christ has done, in my life and in the world. That was the reason we were so touched and we were so inspired.

Brothers and sisters, let us live a Christ-centered life; let us live in truth and in the spirit that Father taught us, Christ taught us, and when we live in the Christ-centered life we can bring the joy of salvation from the everlasting fountain, brothers and sisters, and we will live life to glorify his name. Aju! Amen!

Pastor Hyung-Jin Nim:

Aju! Whoo! Amen, amen! That is a powerful woman, a powerful general! Father made her a general. Amen!

Alright, let's look at Cheon Seong Gyeong 150; let's reads together:

“Our main belief is in the coming of the Messiah or Savior. The Savior does not just save people but also liberates God. He is the one who punishes evil. The Savior is overall in charge of setting God free and terminating evil.”

He liberates God, he is the punisher, and the terminator all in one. He is the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega! Amen! Whoo!

You all hug your neighbor and bless them; bless them say, “Put on the armor of God, Warrior!”
Amen!