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Lesson: BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

We are currently studying the first four pieces of the Full Armor of God that **protect the vulnerability** of believer engage in Spiritual Warfare with the Devil and his evil forces (6:12).

We have learned that these four pieces of Armor all work off the main verb, **stand firm** (histemi/ aorist. a.impv.2pl/ **6:14**).

We have also learned that these four pieces of Armor are all aorist participles. The second piece of Armor is subject of today's lesson – "*Having put on (enduo/ a.m.ptc.nplm) the breastplate (ton thorax) of righteousness (tes dikaiosune).*"

Every CAB (church age believer) is commanded to "Stand Firm" as well as the responsibility of "Having put on the breastplate of righteousness."

The **Breastplate** was to protect neck to navel of the combat soldier. *The Greek name of breastplate was thorax like English (John 7:38-39/ koilia).*

This lesson will study **FOUR aspects** of CAB putting on the Breastplate of Righteousness to protect his vulnerability in Spiritual Warfare with the Devil.

1. The breastplate was common Armor of the ancient soldiers of the Bible.

Goliath (9.75ft) wore one made of bronze. "*He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze.*" (1 Sam. 17:5 footnote says about 125pds)

King Saul wore similar armor but not as much (1 Sam. 17:38-39).

The breastplate was the most difficult piece to put on and to wear to fight. It required strength and combat training for warfare. Saul was badly wounded in combat by a Philistine soldier's arrow and commanded his armor-bearer to kill him but he wouldn't so Saul fell on his own sword (1 Sam. 31:3-13).

2. Breastplate of righteousness helps us understand why it is the absolute righteousness of God and the **second important weapon** in spiritual warfare of A/C (angelic conflict).

Absolute righteousness will be identified by the symbol (+R) in our study. It is the Greek word, **dikaio**sune****.

Note the suffix (sune/ English/ ness), it refers to **special quality** attached to dikaios or absolute righteousness (+R). It means that God will always see you to the end of a Scriptural matter.

David understood this in fighting Goliath in **1 Sam.17:47** – “*And that all the assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the **Battle is the Lord’s** and He will give you into our hands.*”

3. **Spiritual training** is required in spiritual armor for spiritual warfare (Eph.6:10-20). This doctrinal principle applies to all armor for spiritual warfare.

“All Scripture is inspired (God breathed/ **inhale and exhale**) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, **for training in righteousness**; so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped** for every good work.” (2 Tim.3:16-17)

VICTORY IS IMOPRTANT IN TIME AND ETERNITY. **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: (colon) in the future there is laid up for me the Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”** (2 Tim.4:7-8)

4. Breastplate of +R protects the vulnerabilities of the spiritual advancing CAB against the attacks of devil’s schemes of unrighteousness (-R).

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” (Rom.1:18/ 1:18-32/ detail of the spiritual warfare). **Wrath and Ungodliness and unrighteousness** are 3 of 13 judicial charges of AOS (pamphlet).

“The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8/ 3:4-12)

“And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.” (Phil.3:9/ Rom.2:8; 3:9-18; Matt.5:20; 2 Cor.6:14-18)