

Lesson 105 Answers and Comments

Lame	peace	place	afar
Feet	blood	perfect	nigh
Old	cross	peace	Greek
Age	enemies	mind	Jew
Diseased	walked	peace	Prince
Feet	course	joy	Peace
Bind	world	peace	hurt
Sandals	prince	hope	destroy
Shod	power	power	full
Preparation	walked	Ghost	LORD
Preparation	lived	peace	waters
Prepared	peace	himself	sea
Abundantly	of	peace	fullness
Masons	God	always	times
Iron	understanding	all	one
Cedar	keep	fruit	heaven
Gold	hearts	Spirit	earth
Silver	minds	peace	in
Brass	let	affection	him
Iron	peace	above	knowledge
Timber	of	peace	
Stone	God	both	
Workman	hearts	twain	
Gospel	give	new	
Peace	thee	man	
Peace	peace	peace	
God	bless	peace	

When we think of peace, the absence of turmoil and trouble, John 14:27 comes to mind. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

When we think about preparations for leaving – dying, we often make out a will. We leave things to others. As our Lord's crucifixion drew near He leaves His disciples with His peace.

Eternal, infinite, soul satisfying peace! And the result? Freedom from a troubled heart and fear.

Christ is aware of our sorrows and trouble and His desire is for us to have peace and not be overwhelmed.

Lesson 106 The Shield of Faith

Eph. 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith..." So far we have girt on our loins the truth. We have the breastplate of righteousness and our feet are shod with the gospel of peace.

Now we come to a piece of God's armor that we don't wear but that we take and use. It is the shield of faith. A literal physical shield is designed to: Ps. 5:12 "...with favor wilt thou _____ him as with a _____."

A shield is a moveable piece of armor that allows us to guard not only our front but all sides.

God wanted to be Israel's shield.

Gen. 15:1 "...Fear not, _____: _____ thy _____, and thy exceeding great reward."

II Sam. 22:1-3 vs. 3 "The God of my _____; in him will I trust: he is my _____, and the horn of my _____, my high _____ and my _____, my _____; thou savest me from violence."

Ps. 33:20 "Our soul waiteth for the LORD: _____ is our _____ and our _____."

Ps. 59:11 "...O LORD our _____."

One way the LORD was their shield was:

Ps. 91:4 "...his _____ shall be thy _____ and _____."

With God and His truth as a shield, Israel could be confident of complete safety, security and victory!

God as Israel's shield could expect to: Is. 43:2 "When thou passest through the _____, I will be _____ thee; and through the _____, they shall not _____ thee: when thou walkest through the _____, thou shalt not be _____, neither shall the _____ upon thee."

Israel refused God's provisions and chose rather to go her own way, independent from God. Israel fell into such apostasy that when Messiah came they crucified Him, refused to believe and rejected God's offer of the kingdom.

Acts 3:15 "And _____ the _____ of _____..."

Acts 28:28 "Be it known therefore unto you (Israel), that the _____ of God is sent unto the _____, and that _____ will hear it."

After the rapture, God will once again take up His program with Israel and will fulfil all His promises to them including being their shield as we read in Is. 43:2. Read Joel 3 to see God's coming victory for Israel, vs. 16 "...but the LORD _____ the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____ of _____."

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Handling a physical shield required skill. II Chron. 25:5 "...and found then three hundred thousand _____ men, _____ to go forth to _____, that could _____ spear and _____."

Jer. 46:9 "...the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that _____ the _____..."

In Nahum 2:3 we see that the shield of his mighty men is made _____. The shield came in direct contact with the enemy and became stained with blood as these mighty men faced fierce encounters. There were also shields that were used more for pomp and parade as in I Kings 10:17.

The warrior's shield was indeed a most important piece of his armor. It could protect on all sides it needed to be handled with skill, it was a great defense in the heat of battle, it encountered the most vicious attacks as it protected the soldier from harm.

Paul starts in Eph. 6:16 by saying _____. Above all, emphasizing the importance, the necessity of the shield. In addition to the armor that you wear on your loins, breast and feet, take up the shield also.

The shield is the all around, over all protector. Much like Paul says in Col. 3:12-14 "Put on ... bowels of _____, _____, _____ of _____, _____, vs. 13 _____ one another... vs. 14 And _____ these things, put on _____, which is the bond of perfectness."

If charity is on all the other things, mercy, kindness, humbleness, longsuffering, forgiveness will be activated for they all flow from charity! What is charity? But all these things! I Cor. 13:1-8

Likewise if our shield is engaged all the pieces of armor are going to function for they all flow from the shield! Why do I say that??

Because of what the shield is! Paul says in Eph. 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of _____."

Heb. 11:1 says, "Now _____ is the _____ of things _____ for, the _____ of things _____."

Read through this 11th chapter of Hebrews. Faith is not a blind leap in the dark, for the believer, it is believing every word of God. It has substance and evidence. How?

Rom. 10:17 "So then _____ cometh by _____, and _____ by the _____ of _____."

Faith has a foundation, a sure confidence born out of the word of God!

As we read Heb. Chapter 11 we see that Abel, Abraham, Moses, Rahab, etc. relied upon God whom they counted to be trustworthy enabling them to consider the future as though it were the present and the invisible things as though they were seen. How could they exercise such faith?? They had God's Word in which to find the substance and evidence and confidence! Abel is mentioned first. Abel and Cain both had God's word to instruct them regarding the sacrifice needed for sin. Abel demonstrated faith by relying on God's word to be faithful and true with respect to how God would accept him, through a blood sacrifice.

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Rom. 4:20 & 21 "He _____ at the _____ of _____ through _____, but was _____ in _____, giving glory to God; vs. 21 And being _____ that, what he had _____, he was able also to perform."

The shield of faith for the believer then is knowing what God's word says and having full reliance on it. Our faith should not stand in the _____ of _____ according to I Cor. 2:5 but in the _____ of _____. We know that the word of God is the power of God. Rom. 1:16, I Thes. 2:13, Heb. 4:12

It was extremely important for a soldier to know how to handle his shield in battle. It is also imperative for us to know what the Word of God says. It is the source of faith, our shield. Handling our shield of faith in a sloppy, erring manner can be costly.

II Tim. 2:18 "Who concerning the _____ have _____..." and _____ the _____ of some.

I Tim. 6:21 "Which some professing have _____ concerning the _____..."

Knowing the rightly divided word of God and putting our complete confidence and reliance in it will enable us to: Eph. 6:16 "...wherewith ye shall be _____ to _____ all the _____ of the _____."

When you and I are standing with the shield of faith the whole armor of God will be activated. For from faith flows all the doctrines of righteousness, truth and peace. Our full confidence and assurance in these precious doctrines will give us victory over any fiery dart that comes along.

Just as the soldiers shield encountered the fierce blows in the heat of the battle so the Word of God is able to go into the most treacherous situations and withstand the assault. Our Lord when tempted of the Devil in Luke 4:4 says to the devil, "And Jesus answered him, saying, _____..." vs. 8 ...Get thee behind me Satan: for _____..." vs. 10 For _____..." vs. 12 ...It is _____..."

The word of God will stand up to the heat of the battle!

Jer. 23:29 "Is not _____ like as a _____? saith the LORD; and like a _____ that _____ the _____ in _____?"

Moses quoted the Word of God to Pharaoh. Ex. 9:1 "...Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him _____ the _____..." Ex. 10:3 "And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus _____ the _____..."

In the midst of this frightening encounter all Moses needed was the Word of God.

We must not fall into the trap of forsaking the word of God in favor of what "our pastor says": or what "we think" or what "most people believe" or our own persuasiveness. No, the Word of God must be what we know and are fully persuaded of! Then we will have victory and be able to stand not only in the battlefield with the world but in the battle ground of our own minds and hearts where doubts and discouragements can enter.