

# 24-0428a - Detailed Summary

## 24-0428a - *The Whole Armor of God*, Tom Freed

**Bible Readers:** John Nousek and Roger Raines

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## The Whole Armor of God

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 42:03)

### Scripture Readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:03 - 1:01), John Nousek

##### Ephesians 6:10-12

- The morning reading is from Ephesians 6:10-12, encouraging the congregation to be strong in the Lord.
- **Armor of God:** Encourages putting on the whole armor of God to stand against the devil's schemes, emphasizing the spiritual nature of the battle against unseen forces.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (1:06 - 2:24), Roger Raines

##### Ephesians 6:13-18

- Further instructions on using the full armor for resistance in spiritual warfare, detailing each piece like the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and shield of faith.
- Stresses the importance of prayer at all times and being vigilant in spiritual battles.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Tom Freed

### (2:30 - 3:16) Personal Reflection

- The speaker discusses the challenge of sermon preparation, mentioning a conversation with Scott and his struggle with creativity, asking for prayers from the congregation.

### (3:19 - 3:46) Sermon Introduction

- **Spiritual Warfare Theme:**
  - Introduces the sermon focusing on the spiritual nature of the battle, not physical, as described in Ephesians 6:12.

- **Nature of the Battle:**

- Clarifies that spiritual warfare involves influencing culture and saving souls, not physical combat.

### **(3:47 - 6:51) Discussion on the Devil's Influence**

- **Deceptive Power:**

- Describes the devil's deceptive nature and the spiritual battle's complexity.

- **Cultural Shift:**

- Notes the increasing secularization and the difficulty in changing societal views back to God-centric.

- **Biblical References:**

- Uses scripture to illustrate the devil's power and deceit, referencing Ephesians 2:2, Revelation 12:9, and Romans 3:23 to show his influence and the universal sinfulness.

### **(6:52 - 8:48) Choices in Spiritual Warfare**

- **Sin and Separation:**

- Explains how sin separates individuals from God, inadvertently aligning them with the devil.

- **Choosing Sides:**

- Urges the congregation to choose actively to fight for Christ or remain on the side of evil by default, emphasizing repentance.

### **(8:49 - 10:08) Continuous Attacks by the Devil**

- **Nature of Attacks:**

- Details the various forms of temptation and trials believers face.

- **Example of Job:**

- Uses Job's story to illustrate the extent of the devil's power within God's limits.

### **(10:10 - 12:06) Preparation for Spiritual Battle**

- **Need for Armor:**

- Highlights the necessity of spiritual armor to combat such a formidable opponent like the devil.

- **Description of Armor:**

- Reiterates Ephesians 6:13-18, explaining how each piece of armor equips believers for battle, advocating for readiness and vigilance.

## **(15:18 - 15:54) Belt of Truth**

- **Biblical Parallels and Function:**

- Cites Isaiah and Luke to describe the girding of loins as readiness for battle, emphasizing truth and faithfulness as essential components of this readiness.

## **(15:55 - 18:42) Breastplate of Righteousness**

- **Comparison with Messiah:**

- Describes the breastplate of righteousness, likening it to the armor of the Messiah, but notes that vengeance is God's alone.

- **Righteousness and Love:**

- Explains that the breastplate symbolizes righteousness and love, protecting vital organs and symbolizing inner faith and outward love.

## **(18:42 - 20:29) Footwear of the Gospel of Peace**

- **Preparation and Firm Footing:**

- Discusses the importance of having firm, prepared footing in spiritual warfare, likening it to the nails in Roman sandals for better grip.

- **Paradox of Peace:**

- Highlights the paradox of peace being part of the armor, providing steadiness amidst spiritual battles.

## **(20:30 - 24:50) Shield of Faith**

- **Function and Importance:**

- The shield of faith is described as the primary defense that covers all, protecting from all directions, and is vital in combatting temptations and attacks from the enemy.

- **Biblical References:**

- Uses scripture to underline that faith is the victory that overcomes the world, rendering a Christian safe and secure in battle.

## **(25:05 - 27:55) Helmet of Salvation**

- **Defense for the Mind:**

- The helmet represents hope of salvation, crucial for protecting the mind from false doctrine and despair.

- **Lifting of the Head:**

- Quotes Psalms and Luke to illustrate how this hope gives courage and vigilance to believers.

## **(27:56 - 31:05) Sword of the Spirit**

- **The Word of God:**

- Describes the sword as the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, capable of both conversion and condemnation.

- **Biblical Imagery:**

- References multiple scriptures showcasing the sword's power to judge, rule, and execute divine justice, symbolizing both defense and offense in spiritual warfare.

## **(31:08 - 32:16) Sword of the Spirit - Jesus' Example**

- Jesus in the desert temptation is used as the model for using the Word of God (the Bible) as a weapon against Satan, quoting Matthew 4 to show how Christ directly used scripture to rebuke the devil.

## **(32:19 - 33:09) The Power of the Word**

- Emphasizes that the Word of God is the most powerful weapon, more potent than any earthly weapon, capable of both creation and destruction, urging believers to read and utilize it.

## **(33:09 - 34:16) Courage and Boldness in Spiritual Battle**

- Encourages Christians to stand firm with God, likening believers to lions in courage, and referencing Joshua for divine assurance. Highlights there's no armor for the back, symbolizing no retreat in spiritual warfare.

## **(34:16 - 35:14) Consequences of Turning from God**

- Warns of the dire consequences for the cowardly and faithless, using scripture to underline the spiritual dangers of turning away from God, and the need for believers to stand their ground.

## **(35:15 - 36:16) Resisting the Devil**

- Discusses the necessity of constant resistance against the devil, who must flee when resisted in the name of God, reinforcing this with scripture from 1 Peter and James.

## **(36:17 - 37:06) Fully Equipped by God**

- States that Christians are fully equipped for all good works through scripture, eliminating any excuse for not following God's will or being afraid.

## **(37:07 - 37:50) Emulating Early Apostles**

- Inspires believers to preach boldly like the early apostles, despite potential persecution, and not to fear earthly consequences.

### **(37:52 - 40:26) Divine Assurance and Victory**

- Reiterates that with God, one is never alone, and that victory is assured through Christ. References several scriptures to bolster this confidence, and compares the modern believer's advantages to those of the apostles.

### **(40:29 - 42:03) Call to Action**

- Concludes by urging Christians to actively engage in spreading the gospel, using all available modern tools, and to fight the good fight of faith, inviting non-believers to come forward for conversion.