

Victory Through Strength

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New Strength to Gain, for Battles Yet to Be

There are battles yet to be.

There will be days when our faith is tested, when we are discouraged, when temptation comes, when fear speaks louder than faith, and when the adversary sends his fiery darts.

But God has not left us defenseless.

He says, **"Put on the whole armor of God."**

He gives us truth when the enemy brings deception.

He gives us righteousness when temptation comes.

He gives us the gospel of peace when there is contention.

He gives us faith when we cannot see what is ahead.

He gives us salvation when the enemy tries to make us forget who we are.

He gives us His Word when we need something with which to answer the enemy.

And He gives us prayer so that we can continually draw strength from Him.

The Book of Mormon teaches us that the adversary's fiery darts do not have to overpower us. It teaches us to give heed to the Word of God. It teaches us to build our foundation upon Christ. It teaches us that when the storms come, the foundation can hold.

And sometimes, when we ask God to remove the battle, He gives us something greater:

new strength to stand in the battle.

The burden may still be there.

The storm may still be blowing.

The fiery darts may still be coming.

But we are no longer standing in our own strength.

We are standing in **His strength**.

So perhaps the prayer we need to pray is not always:

"Lord, take away my battle."

Perhaps sometimes it is:

"Lord, give me the strength I need for the battle that is yet to be."

And then, having done all—

we stand.

ONE-PAGE ARMOR OF GOD WORKSHEET

My plan for the battles yet to be

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” — Ephesians 6:13

ARMOR	MY PERSONAL PLAN
TRUTH	What truth from God do I need to remember?
RIGHTEOUSNESS	What righteous choice or repentance will strengthen my heart?
GOSPEL OF PEACE	Where can I choose peace instead of contention?
SHIELD OF FAITH	What am I trusting God with?
HELMET OF SALVATION	What do I need to remember about who I am and whose I am?
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT	What scripture or word from God will I use when attacked?
PRAYER	What will I ask God for each day?

My “New Strength” Commitment

This week I will strengthen my _____ by:

My prayer: “Lord, give me new strength for the battles yet to be. Help me to put on Your whole armor, hold fast to Your Word, and stand upon Christ, my sure foundation.”

BATTLE → ARMOR → STRENGTH → STAND