**Ephesians 6:10-24 The Armor of God**

**VS 10-12**

* Be strong in the power of HIS might (not our own).
* Put on the WHOLE armor of God so you can stand against the schemes of the Devil.
* For our battle is not against flesh and blood but against
	+ Principalities
	+ Powers
	+ Rulers
	+ Spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.

**Daniel 10: 1-21**

* Daniels was fasting and praying for understanding.
* The angelic messenger was thwarted by the Prince of Persia (Principality in heavenly places).
* Michael, the chief prince of Israel came to deal with the interference.
* Daniel received revelation of future events in chapter 11 and 12.
* When the messenger left, they had to contend with the Prince of Greece.
* Daniel was unaware of this spiritual battle.

**Four Titles for Satan**

* The Prince of this World (John 12:31)
* The Prince of the Power of the Air (Ephesians 2:2)
* Head of World Rulers of Darkness (Ephesians 6:1)
* The God of this Age (2 Cor 4:4)

**2 Kings 6:8-17 – Elisha and the Armies of God (Spiritual).**

**Baptismal Covenant Book of Common Prayer**

1. Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
2. Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
3. Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God

**VS 13 – 18 – The Whole Armor of God**

1. The Belt of Truth
	1. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6)
	2. His word is truth (John 17:17 – 19)
	3. His truth will set you free (John 8:32)
2. Breastplate of Righteousness
	1. The heart is the center of our being.
	2. The breastplate covers the heart.
	3. Romans 10:8-11.
	4. Matthew 12:34 – out of the heart the mouth speaks
	5. Matthew 6:21 – where your treasure is there your heart will be also.
3. Preparation of the Gospel of Peace as Shoes
	1. Our walk in the world is watched by others.
	2. For many, we are the only bible some people will read.
	3. St. Francis said, “preach the gospel and if necessary, speak”
4. Shield of Faith it Stop All the Fiery Darts of the Evil One.
	1. Romans 10:17 – faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
	2. 2 Corinthians 5:17 – we walk by faith not by sight.
5. Helmet of Salvation to protect your thoughts
	1. We are to renew our minds – Romans 12:1-4
	2. We are to guard and manage our thoughts – 2 Corinthians 10:5
6. Sword of the Spirit to fight and resist the enemy
	1. How did Jesus overcome Satan in the wilderness – “it is written”.
	2. Hebrews 4:12
7. Prayer

**The Activities of Satan**

* Ezekiel 28: 15 Satan is the originator of Sin
* Genesis 3 Satan introduces disobedience into humanity.
* Acts 10:38 Satan oppresses people and causes suffering.
* Hebrews 2:14 Satan has the power of death
* 1 Thes 3:5 Allures us into evil, tempts us away from godliness.
* 2 Tim 2:16 Ensnares people in sin
* John 13:2 Puts evil into people’s heart (Judas)
* 2 Cor 4:4 Blinds the eyes of the unbelieving so they cannot see the truth
* Mark 4:15 He steals the Word of God immediately
* Matt 13:25, 38, 39 Sows tares among the wheat.
* 1 Thes 2:13 Opposes God’s servants
* Luke 22:32 Shift us as wheat
* Rev 12:9-10 Accuses us before God.