

valuable pearls as useless toys and often we do the same with our promises of salvation.

- a) Ask God to show you salvation's promises as you study the Bible. (Psalms 119:18) "*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*"
- b) Spend time daily looking for God's promises. (Psalms 119:130) "*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*"

b. We must wear the helmet of salvation

- 1) I have a special belt to help support my back when I lift things. However, my belt does me no good if I don't wear it. The same is true of God's helmet.
- 2) God's helmet of salvation can only help you if you have it on. We must have the promises of salvation in our heart. Memorising those promises makes them the most effective. We need to have them with us all the time.
- 3) We must also teach God's promises to our children.
- 4) The devil wants to damage your **spiritual head**: **mind, emotions, morals, will, desires, reasoning, motives, and attitudes**. Don't let him. Wear God's helmet. God's salvation offers you victory in Jesus.
- 5) When you sin, promptly confess it and claim the promises God gives to those who are saved.
- 6) When Satan falsely accuses you, ponder the promises of salvation. Do not listen to his lies. Believe God's promises received at salvation.

Conclusion: Have you been wearing your helmet of salvation this week? If not, take time to reflect on all that God did for you when you got saved. Begin making a list of God's promises. Work at memorising those verses. Quote the verses and meditate on them when the Devil tries to hit you on the head.

Scripture is our Belt of Truth, our Breastplate of Righteousness, our Shoes of Peace, our Shield of Faith and our Helmet of Salvation. Like Jesus in the wilderness, quote the Bible when Satan tempts you.

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Helmet of Salvation

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Introduction: Every piece of God's armour has one thing in common – **the promises of God's Word**. God's promises of truth, righteousness, peace, and faith are our armour. Tonight we will discover the same about the helmet of salvation.

The last time we returned to Australia after a trip to the USA, we were reminded of the blessings of Australian citizenship. While non-citizens waited in long slow lines, we inserted our passports into a machine that took our photo. We then moved to a short line answered a couple of questions and were sent on our way.

Like citizenship, salvation includes many great promises that can help us every day. If Satan can get us to doubt our salvation or forget all the promises God gives to those who are saved, he will have little trouble defeating us. One of the first lies Satan ever told was "**hath God said?**" He got Eve to question God's promises. For this reason, God tells us to take the helmet of salvation.

Transition: To help us take the helmet of salvation there are three questions that we ought to first answer.

1. Of What Significance Was the Soldier's Helmet?

a. The description of a soldier's helmet

- 1) A Roman helmet was a hat made of brass or other metal.
 - a) It was lined with cloth or soft leather for comfort.
 - b) Many helmets covered the ears and some hung down over the neck and included a chinstrap.
- 2) It was usually crowned with a plume or crest
 - a) Some say the helmet had a large strip of dyed horse hair down the top centre. Different colours of this hair distinguished rank. Others claim that only the officers' helmets had a ridge on top on which was mounted plumage.
 - b) Some plumes were for ornament; other plumes were to strike terror in the enemy.

b. The purpose of the soldier's helmet

- 1) The soldier's head is essential for life and vulnerable to

attack due to its location on the body.

- 2) The helmet was to protect his head against blows from sword, war-club, or battle-axe.
- 3) It gave him confidence and courage.

2. How Does God Apply the Helmet to Spiritual Warfare?

a. God's helmet protects our spiritual head

- 1) In our physical head is our brain which directs every function of the body.
- 2) Our spiritual head is our inmost being often called our heart. It directs our spiritual functions. Our **spiritual head** includes our **mind, emotions, morals, will, desires, reasoning, motives, and attitudes.**
- 3) When Satan's club hits our head it threatens to harm our inmost being. He wants to disturb or damage our mind, emotions, morals, will, desires, reasoning, motives and attitudes.

b. At salvation, Christ rescued us from hell

- 1) He saved us from God's wrath. (Romans 5:9) "*Much more than, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*"
- 2) He brought us into God's family. (John 1:12) "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*"
- 3) He gave us new life. (2 Corinthians 5:17) "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*"

c. In 1 Thessalonians 5:8, God calls the **hope** of salvation our helmet

"*But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*" This salvation is NOT talking about getting saved because Paul wrote this to Christians. He is talking about the promises God gives every Christian at salvation.

- 1) Bible **hope** is a confident expectation.
- 2) The hope of salvation protects our **spiritual head**. It protects our mind, emotions, morals, will, desires, reasoning, motives, and attitudes. Promises given at

salvation give our spiritual head confident hope. Some of those promises are...

- a) Confident hope of eternal life (John 5:24) "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*"
- b) Confident hope in God's promise that our confessed sins will never be mentioned again (Psalms 103:12) "*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*"
- c) Confident hope of cleansing from all sin (1 John 1:7) "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*"
- d) Confident hope that Christ will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5) "*... he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*"
- e) Confident hope that Christ will keep us secure (1 Peter 1:5) "*Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*"
- f) Confident hope that Christ who lives in us and is greater than the devil (1 John 4:4) "*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*"
- g) Confident hope of ultimate victory (Romans 8:31) "*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:37) "*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*"

3. How Can We Put on the Helmet of Salvation?

a. We must take God's helmet of Salvation.

- 1) The word "**take**" means, to take with the hand, to accept.
- 2) A friend of mine in PNG told me of the giant clams he got in the ocean. I asked him if he ever found any round white round things in the clams. He said, "Oh yes, some large ones which the children used as marbles." He treated