

## ARMOR OF GOD -- SHIELD OF FAITH

8/18/21

\* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study  
\* On 7/28 -- I began a series about the "Armor of God"  
\* Tonight -- Part 4 -- Shield of Faith

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\* Part 1 -- Belt of Truth  
\* Part 2 -- Breastplate of Righteousness  
\* Part 3 -- Gospel of Peace  
\* Part 4 -- Shield of Faith

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Eph. 6:10 strong in the Lord -- in the power of His might  
11 put on the whole armor of God -- that you may  
be able to stand against wiles of devil  
13 put on the whole armor of God -- that you may  
be able to withstand evil  
16 above all -- shield of faith

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\* What is faith?

Rom. 4:19 not being weak in faith, he did not consider his  
own body (about 100 years old) and the deadness of Sarah's womb  
20 he did not waver at the promise of God -- due  
to unbelief -- but was strengthened in faith  
-- giving glory to God  
21 being fully convinced that what He had promised  
He was also able to perform  
Gen. 17:1-2 Abram was 99 years old --  
I am Almighty God  
Walk before Me and be blameless  
I will make My covenant between Me & you  
I will multiply you exceedingly  
4-8 God continued

\* My covenant is with you  
\* You shall be a father of many nations  
\* Your name shall no longer be Abram -- Name shall be Abraham  
\* I have made you a father of many nations  
\* I will make you exceedingly fruitful  
\* I will make nations of you -- Kings shall come from you  
\* I will establish My covenant between Me and you  
\* I will establish My covenant between Me and your descendants  
after you (in their generations)

\* I will establish an everlasting covenant to be God to you & your descendants after you

Gen. 19:9-14 God gave the covenant of circumcision  
15 your wife -- no longer Sarai -- Sarah  
16 I will bless her -- she shall be a mother of many nations -- kings of people shall be from her  
17 Abraham laughed  
18 Why not provide the promise through Ishmael?  
19-21 God answered

\* Sarah shall provide you a son -- name shall be Isaac -- I will establish My covenant with him -- an everlasting covenant

\* As for Ishmael, I have heard you -- I have blessed him & will make him fruitful -- 12 princes -- a great nation

\* But I will establish My covenant with Isaac -- whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year

Gen. 17:23-27 the men were circumcised

Gen. 18:1-2 3 guests approached  
3-5 Abraham washed their feet and offered them food  
6-8 Sarah made cakes -- Abraham prepared a calf  
9 they asked where Sarah was  
10 "Sarah will have a son" -- (she heard)  
11 Abraham & Sarah were too old for that  
12 Sarah laughed within herself  
13 God asked Abraham -- "did Sarah laugh?"  
14 God -- "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"  
15 Sarah denied laughing

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\* Here are 2 reasons for a lack of faith

1. Misinterpreting a promise

Mark 11:22 have faith in God  
23 does not doubt in his heart -- believes -- "will have whatever he wants"

24 "whatever things you ask" -- "believe that you receive them, and you will have them"

2. Confusing faith and hope

Acts 24:14 believing all things written in law & prophets  
15 I have hope in God

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1. I believe that God (as a perfect Father) will supply our needs -- because He is trustworthy and because He loves us

2. I believe that God will often give us the desires of our heart  
-- because He loves us
3. I believe that God sometimes says "no" to our requests (often  
some desires of our heart) -- because He loves us