

# The Evil Day

- *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand **in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:10-13*
- When everything that can go wrong does.
- God wants us prepared for the “*worst case scenario*.” His promise that we will never be tempted above what we can bear will not help us if we don’t prepare.
- Have we taken up the whole armor of God in preparation for the evil day?

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- Car engineers spend millions of dollars each year to get a good crash test rating.
- Some crash test dummies cost 500,000.
- Through these tests many changes have come to the cars we drive.
- Seatbelts, airbags, engines that fold under to lesson the force of the impact, etc.
- It is all for nothing if we don't put on our seatbelt.
- All that they do to prepare for the evil day will not make any difference if we are not prepared

# The Evil Day – Prepared -- Succeed

- *"Therefore **whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and **the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.** Matt 7:24-25*
- While the sun is shining all houses stand. When the evil day comes –rain descends –winds blow –beating the house – floods come – doesn't fall ... or it does:
- *"But everyone who **hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand ... **it fell. And great was its fall.**" Mt 7:26-27*
- Will our house stand in the evil day?

# Preparing for the Evil Day

- *Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:10-13***
- If we want to withstand the evil day ... we have to start preparing now... when it comes it is too late!

# Peter's Evil Day

- *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." Lk. 22:31-32*
- When you have **turned again**?
- How far did it go?
- How bad did it get?
- A terrible indictment of Peter! He had been warned the day was coming and he made no preparations.



# Peter's Fall on His Evil Day

- Ignored Jesus warning: hand / eye – cut it off. Jesus warned Peter he would stumble he went anyway.
- *Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." 71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" Mt 26:69-72*

# Peter Fall in His Evil Day

- Even after falling twice, he continued to put himself in harms way.
- Peter had not done all to stand
- *And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." 74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. Mt 26:73-75*

# Job's Evil Day

- Satan's determined method to destroy: an evil day .
- *Does Job fear God for nought ... he will curse you...*
- In a single day Job lost all possessions and children.
- How would we cope in such a day?
- On a 2<sup>nd</sup> evil day lost his health / his wife's support
- After his friends arrived they began to torment him with lies and half-truths. (False teachers) – *“you have not spoken of me what is right...”*
- We see his mind torn with doubt and questions ... the three “friends” continued to tear away at his conviction.
- Yet though he swayed and cracked, as a fortified bridge in n severe earthquake, He continued to stand.



# Counting the Cost ... Paying the Price

- The *panoply* (whole armor) of God is expensive in time and effort.
- We must learn to put it on and train ourselves in how to use it.
- Our king has provided armor for us.
- But we must “*give diligence to present yourself approved unto God.*” to fully put it on and use it.
- It takes diligence to *gird our waist with truth, put on the breastplate, shod our feet, Take up the shield, the helmet and the sword.* Only when we carefully and diligently in time and effort *take up the whole armor* can we *withstand in the evil day.*

# Evil Days in Doctrine

- *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Hos 4:6*
- *with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2Th 2:10-13*
- *Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Mt. 7:15-16*

# Evil Days in Life

- We may have enough to get through the present, but consider the mighty arsenal of Satan:
- persecution
- bereavement
- lust of flesh
- lust of eyes
- pride of life
- false teaching
- false brethren
- suffering
- Financial set backs
- covetousness

# Evil Days

- Eve's evil day began when she saw the tree differently
- Cain's evil day came while in worship.
- David's came while standing on the wall.
- Peter's evil day came while trying to be as close as possible to his Lord during his trial.
- Moses evil day came in the midst of performing a miracle for the Israel and struck the rock
- Solomon's when seeking to solidify his kingdom in marrying foreign wives.
- Balaam's when asked to come and curse Israel.
- We could go on, as a matter of fact we could go on and on and on. The evil day comes to everyone.

# The Whole Armor of God

- Lulled into a sense of security in our present circumstances we may be content.
- Not even aware of the dangers lurking ahead.
- Basic training designed to prepare soldiers for the evil day.
- Given weapons and armor money can buy.
- Trained and drilled for the rigors of war.
- Children are fascinated with armor and weapons
- A small child feels quite prepared for battle with his cardboard shield, plastic breast plate, and wooden sword. But if he had to go into battle he would soon perish. Of what quality are our own weapons?



# Counterfeit or Genuine?

- It does not take long to gain enough of the armor God offers to have the equivalent of the inferior weapons of a child.
- Everyone may admire our lifelike plastic shield painted with beautiful colors,
- Our plastic sword that we never learned to use.
- When the evil day of battle comes we will regret our lack of effort wishing we had paid the price for and learned to use the real thing.
- You can't *quench the fiery darts of the evil one* with a plastic shield! Nor do battle with a wooden sword.

# The Panoply (Whole Armor) of God

- Stand therefore, having **girded your waist with truth**, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having **shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; 16 above all, **taking the shield of faith** with which you will be able to **quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one**. 17 And take **the helmet of salvation**, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**; 18 **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints**  
Eph 6:14-18

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