

Ephesians 6 Whole Armour of God

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- 10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*
- 11 *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- 12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- 13 *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.*
- 14 *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*
- 15 *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
- 16 *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
- 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, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*
- 19 *And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians* pp 335-353 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1540, 1560 and note these verses for Ephesians 6:10-19.

"For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke" Isaiah 59:17.

"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" 1 Thessalonians 5:8.

1. **Ephesians 6:10.** Conditions for today's believer's fulfilment of Ephesians 6:10 are outlined by King David, the prophets Isaiah and Zechariah and Paul himself with respect to:
 - **Seeking the Lord's face, as with Moses** **"And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend"** Exodus 33:11 *i.e. His presence as Paul exhorts* **"...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"** Hebrews 11:6. **"Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually...Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore"** 1 Chronicles 16:11, Psalm 105:4.
 - **Declaring the Lord's righteousness.** **"I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only"** Psalm 71:16.
 - **Waiting upon the Lord's renewing of strength.** **"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"** Isaiah 40:31.
 - **Bearing testimony to the Lord's name.** **"And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD"** Zechariah 10:12.
 - **Trusting in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ.** **"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"** Philippians 4:13.

Fulfilment of those conditions is intended to help today's believer to fulfil an over-arching ministry scripture – noting that the context is cheerful giving - 2 Corinthians 9:8 **“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”**

2. **Ephesians 6:11-13.** Ephesians 6:11-13 may be taken together with respect to deployment of **“the whole armour of God”** Ephesians 6:11, 13 against **“the princes of this world”** 1 Corinthians 2:6, 8 with Ephesians 6:12. See the attached studies **Job 1 – Summary Thoughts** and **SATAN THE DEVIL** for guidance on today's believer's application of Ephesians 6:11-13, Job being a commendable example of deployment of **“the whole armour of God”** against **“the princes of this world”** as James testifies. **“Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy”** James 5:1.

Note that **“the evil day”** Ephesians 6:13 is *devotionally* any day or time when today's believer must apply James 4:7 **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”** clad *spiritually* in **“the whole armour of God”** according to personal application of Zechariah 2:5 **“For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her”** insofar as Paul exhorts **“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”** 2 Corinthians 11:2.

3. **Ephesians 6:14.** Note again Isaiah 59:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:8 and see attached study **“STAND FIRM, YE BOYS FROM MAINE”** for a historical illustration for today's believer's application of Ephesians 6:14. Faithfully standing firm i.e. **“having your loins girt about with truth”** as **“He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart”** Psalm 15:2 is the outworking of charity in today's believer as Paul and Peter declare.

“Charity...Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth” 1 Corinthians 13:4-6.

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” 1 Timothy 4:12.

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins” 1 Peter 4:8.

4. **Ephesians 6:15.** Insofar as **“the gospel of peace”** is the gospel of *reconciliation* Ephesians 6:15 is a vivid description of today's believer applying 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 **“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”**
5. **Ephesians 6:16.** **“all the fiery darts of the wicked”** are darts of *doubt* as in **“Yea, hath God said...?”** Genesis 3:1 **“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell”** James 3:6. Abraham admirably exemplifies deployment of **“the shield of faith”** for today's believer. **“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform”** Romans 4:20-21.
6. **Ephesians 6:17.** **“the helmet of salvation”** for today's believer is the present and everlasting reality that **“we have the mind of Christ”** 1 Corinthians 2:16.

“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” is that which today's believer wields whereby when the sword goes in the dirt comes out as in Judges 3:21-22 **“And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out”**. See attached study **Revival – A Seven-Point**

Plan for the dislodging of dirt by “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” according to Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

7. **Ephesians 6:18-19.** Ephesians 6:18-19 is exemplified for today’s believer at both corporate and individual level with or without miraculous “signs and wonders” that shake physical foundations by Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

Conclusion

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ)” 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.



Job 1 – Summary Thoughts

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp xii-xxx, 1-18, 440-446 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 16-17, 119, 571, 729-731, 753, 759 for particular information and detailed comment. See also Dr Ruckman's commentary *Volume I of the Book of Psalms* pp 13-14 with respect to the word "**Selah**" 2 Kings 14:7, Psalm 3:2, 4, 8 etc. 75 times, Sela Petra, the rock city of Edom:

Introduction

The Book of Job is the oldest book of the Bible and the first real book ever written, dating from about 1780 B.C., almost 600 years after Noah's flood, 2348 B.C., Job 14:11, 22:16, 28:4 and almost 300 years before the exodus from Egypt, 1491 B.C.

The author of Job is "**Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram**" Job 32:2. Elihu identifies himself as the book's author. "**They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion**" Job 32:15-17.

How does Elihu fit into the Book of Job? It is possible that, as an evidently mature young man, Elihu was betrothed to Job's eldest daughter Jemima, Job 42:14, noting Job 42:15 "**And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job...**" If so, then the author of the Book of Job wrote from a position of anguish similar to that of the subject of the Book. Elihu would have lost both his beloved fiancée and his upcoming brothers and sisters-in-laws, probably his closest friends, so that like Job he lost ten of his nearest and dearest in one day, Job 1:19. If this is so, then, noting the reaction of Job's friends, Job 2:12, and that "**they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights**" Job 2:13, Elihu, with "**his own sore and his own grief**" 2 Chronicles 6:29 is like Ezekiel – who lost his wife, Ezekiel 24:16-18 – "**and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days**" Ezekiel 3:15. Moreover, Elihu is like "**the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...**" Hebrews 3:1, 12:2. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ is an author. He is the Author of "**the scripture of truth**" Daniel 10:21 "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ "**sat where they sat**" in that like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ endured sorrow as Isaiah says "**He is...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief**" Isaiah 53:3. As Paul says "**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**" Hebrews 4:15. Therefore, as Isaiah says further "**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed**" Isaiah 53:4-5. That should always be kept in mind when reading the scriptures. The Author understands *all* that the reader goes through in "**this present evil world**" Galatians 1:4 and has overcome it for us as the Lord Jesus Christ said "**In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**" John 16:33.

The Book of Job of course focuses on the question of suffering, especially the *righteous* suffering in that "**Job...was perfect and upright**" Job 1:1. Job asks that question by asking "**Why?**" 13 times; Job 3:11, 12, 23, 7:20, 21, 9:29, 19:22, 28, 21:4, 24:1, 27:12. The answer is the way *up* to *enduring and overcoming suffering with God* is the way *down*, *repenting of self as Job did*, "**For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of**" 2 Corinthians 7:10: "**I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes**" Job 42:5-6. See Philippians 3:8-9 below.

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I...Selah" Psalm 61:2, 4



Sela Petra

"a rose-red city half as old as time"
– John William Burgon

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Job – “great tribulation,” 1st and 2nd Advent Prophecy

Dr Ruckman states that besides addressing the righteous suffering, the Book of Job is one of the most detailed Books of scripture on the suffering of *the nation of Israel* during the “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 *after the rapture of the Church*, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. The Lord Jesus Christ is “**the King of the Jews**”^{*} Matthew 27:11, 37, Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26, Luke 23:3, 37, 38, John 18:33, 39, 19:19, 21 *i.e. the nation of Israel as distinct from the Church* “**And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end**” Luke 1:33 but “**there shall be great distress...and wrath upon this people**” Luke 21:23. ^{*}The Lord Jesus Christ is always “**the King of the Jews**” with a big K except during mockery, Luke 23:37. The Book of Job depicts and foretells the “**great distress...and wrath upon this people**”:

- Job means *one persecuted* as Israel will be during “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21.
- Job is in “**Edom...the land of Uz**” Lamentations 4:21, where Sela Petra is, the rock city.
- Israel will flee from persecution to Sela Petra “**a place of refuge**” Isaiah 4:6. See graphic.
- Satan, “**leviathan**” Job 41, persecutes Job, Job 1:9-19, 2:7-8 and Israel, Revelation 12:13-17.
- Job is on the ground 7 days and 7 nights, depicting Daniel’s 70th week, Daniel 9:27.
- The Book of Job has 42 chapters, for the 42 months of the Antichrist’s rule, Revelation 13:5.
- “**The LORD turned the captivity of Job**” Job 42:10 “**And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first**” Jeremiah 33:7. See attached study **Satan The Devil** for further insight into the adversary, 1 Peter 5:8.

In addition to revealing Job *the man*, see subtitles below, Job’s sufferings depict:

- The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; Job 3:24, Psalm 22:14, John 19:28.
- The torment of the lost man in hell; Job 30:20, 26-31, Matthew 13:41-43, Luke 16:23-25.
- The peril of trusting in self righteousness *not God’s*; Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, Romans 10:3.

Job the Perfect Man, Job 1:1, 8

“**There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil**” Job 1:1 with Job 1:8. Job was “**perfect**” in *doing* right, *living* right, *worshipping* right and *hating* evil as God and the Bible testify. To be “**perfect**” back then was to walk *with* God, *before* God and *in obedience* to God, Genesis 6:9, 17:1 as Job did, Job 1:1, 8. Yet note, though “**perfect**,” Job only offered sacrifice for others *not himself*. That was *self* i.e. “**perfect**” does *not* mean *sinless*! Never interpret a Bible term by popular usage. Always compare scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13. “**Blameless**” NKJV, NIVs is *not* correct because to be “**blameless**” then was to walk rightly before *men*, Genesis 44:10.

Job the Particular Man, Job 1:8

Psalm 37:37 says “**Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.**” Job was a particular i.e. *marked* man. God *marked him*, for a purpose and Job’s end was peace, though his way was wearisome Job 5:23, 24, 7:3. So it is for believers, John 16:33.

Job the Persecuted Man, Job 1:14-19, 2:7-8

Though via Satan* God persecuted Job: “**thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause**” Job 2:3. *Satan obeyed God *instantly* so note Matthew 21:6. Note Satan “**had the power of death**” Hebrews 2:14, Jesus has “**the keys of hell and of death**” Revelation 1:18 *now*.

Job the Patient Man, Job 1:22

“**In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly**”. Believers, note 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Job the Purified Man, Job 42:5-6

Job was *self-righteous*, Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, *until he saw God*. “**...but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes**” Job 42:5-6, like Isaiah, Isaiah 6:5, like Peter, Luke 5:8. In each case, repentance brought restoration, “**thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged**” Isaiah 6:7 with Job 42:12, John 21:15-17, 19, 22. Paul, who also saw “**Jesus Christ our Lord**” 1 Corinthians 9:1 with Acts 9:3-6, states for *now* what Job foresaw *then*. “**I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith**” Philippians 3:8-9.

SATAN THE DEVIL

“...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8



“Someone in the trench said, “THE DEVIL’S COMING!””

– German soldier, September 15th 1916, the battle of the Somme

Introduction – “The Devil’s Coming!”

Tanks were first used in action at the battle of the Somme¹ on September 15th 1916, by the British against the Germans. A German soldier spoke of his shock at the sight of the metal monsters.

“One stared and stared as if one had lost the power of one’s limbs. The monsters approached, slowly, hobbling, rolling and swaying but they approached. Nothing impeded them. A supernatural force seemed to impel them on. Someone in the trench said, “The Devil’s coming!” and the word was passed along the line like wildfire.”

Only Satan the Devil was terrible enough for these men to voice their fear. They were not wrong. God says of the Devil in Job 41:9 ***“shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?”*** Yes, one would be. So the Christian should know about the Devil as Paul warns in 2 Corinthians 2:11 ***“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** The answers to some key questions should help believers not to be ignorant of Satan and his devices.

The Devil – Who is He?

Satan the Devil is the Christian’s main enemy as 1 Peter 5:8 calls him ***“your adversary the devil:”*** Satan is the Devil as Revelation 12:9 says ***“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.”*** Those terms reveal the Devil as he is now². He is ***“the great dragon,” “a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”*** Revelation 12:3. He is ***“that old serpent”*** of Genesis 3:1 and ***“leviathan”*** of Job 41:1-34 ***“a king over all the children of pride”*** and so he has ***“seven crowns upon his heads.”*** That’s why ‘gay pride’ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gay_pride is among ***“the works of the devil”*** 1 John 3:8. Isaiah 27:1 says he is ***“leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea,”*** “the sea” being ***“the waters...above the firmament”*** Genesis 1:7. ***“The sea”*** is Satan’s main domain now, though he isn’t confined there. Satan was ***“Lucifer, son of the morning”*** Isaiah 14:12 and ***“the anointed cherub...perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God”*** God said in Ezekiel 28:14-16 and He did.

The Devil is a *created* being but *not* a fallen angel, he's a cast-out cherub, so only four cherubs are around the throne in Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:6-7. The fifth cherub representing the aquatic and reptile creatures is missing. That's Lucifer. Ezekiel 1:10, 10:14 show that the essential face of a cherub is that of an ox, so the Devil is shown with split hooves, horns and a serpentine tail.

2 Corinthians 11:14 warns however that ***"Satan...is transformed into an angel of light"***, having been Lucifer, *Lux-fero* or light bearer. Eve was not ***"cast down...at the sight of him"*** in Genesis 3:2 because she didn't see him as he really is. Only ***"the holy scriptures"*** 2 Timothy 3:15 do.

The Devil – What Does He Do?

"The devil...deceiveth the whole world" Revelation 12:9. He does so by *questioning* what God said, subtly *changing* what God said and luring the deceived ***"taken captive by him at his will"*** 2 Timothy 2:26 to *doubt* and then *depart* from what God said so that ***"they that are unlearned and unstable wrest...the...scriptures, unto their own destruction"*** 2 Peter 3:16.

Genesis 3:1 states ***"the serpent...said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"*** The question is pitched with a positive ***"Yea"*** contrary to God's ten-fold negative ***"Thou shalt not"*** Exodus 20:4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 in the Ten Commandments against ***"wicked ways"*** and ***"corrupt doings"*** Ezekiel 20:44 and as though doubting God is itself ***"to be desired to make one wise"*** Genesis 3:6 instead of damnable because doubt ***"is not of faith"*** Romans 14:23. The Devil then says ***"Ye"*** plural instead of ***"thou"*** singular which is what God *actually* said because ***"the man and his wife...shall be one flesh"*** Genesis 2:24-25. Genesis 3:2-3 show that ***"the woman being deceived was in the transgression"*** 1 Timothy 2:14. She used the plural ***"We"*** and ***"Ye"*** showing the Devil had driven a wedge between her and her husband that ends in a separation between man and God Who ***"drove out the man...from the garden of Eden"*** Genesis 3:23-24. The modern feminist³ movement, ***"sin in the flesh"*** Romans 8:3 and the ***"many, which corrupt the word of God"*** 2 Corinthians 2:17 all start in Genesis 3:1-3 and all are satanic. The purpose of the Devil's deceit is death. He achieved it in Eden.

That is why Paul states ***"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"*** Romans 5:12.

The Devil – What is His Fate?

"...the devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" Revelation 20:10. ***"Amen; Alleluia"*** Revelation 19:4.

The Devil – What Can Defeat Him?

James 4:7 states ***"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*** Submission to God means submission to all that God said. *Refusal* to submit to God led to defeat in Eden but *willingness* to submit to God gained the Lord *victory over the Devil in the wilderness*. ***"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"*** Luke 4:4. Luke 4:13 warns ***"And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season"*** but the Lord drove him off that time and He did each time. So can the Christian. The reason is that the Devil must do what God tells him.

Note Job 1:12, 2:7 ***"So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD"*** and the contexts where Satan is permitted to afflict Job. He does exactly what God tells him and no more. Noting that the Devil is ***"a king over all the children of pride"*** Job 41:34, note Psalm 105:14-15 ***"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."*** Every Christian is God's anointed. ***"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God"*** 2 Corinthians 1:21. *The Devil must still obey the command* ***"Touch not mine anointed."*** Use it, and defeat the Devil.

“STAND FIRM, YE BOYS FROM MAINE”

Testimony of Brigadier General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain



**“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong”
1 Corinthians 16:13**

Introduction

A fascinating leader to emerge from the Ken Burns series *The Civil War*⁴ was Brigadier General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain⁵ 1828-1914, an academic and theologian from Bowdoin College, Maine. Aged 34, he was appointed to command the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry in 1862 and served with distinction at Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg and Five Forks. General Ulysses S. Grant⁶, commander of the Union armies, selected Chamberlain to receive the surrender of the Southern army at Appomattox Court House on April 12th 1865. Here Chamberlain made the unforgettable and honourable gesture of a parade ground salute to the defeated enemy, returned by General John B. Gordon, the Confederate commander, who remembered Chamberlain as “*one of the knightliest soldiers of the Federal Army.*” Chamberlain was awarded the Medal of Honour in 1893 for service at Gettysburg. He was diligent and thereby served his nation loyally, as Christian men should.

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men” Proverbs 22:29.

Chamberlain’s biography *In the Hands of Providence* by Alice Rains Trulock focuses on his war service and subsequent career but Trulock reveals that Chamberlain was a committed Christian with a resilient faith that sustained him through the worst of the Civil War. Chamberlain’s life and testimony show that God’s promise to Isaiah still holds good today.

“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee” Isaiah 43:2.

“Stand firm, ye boys from Maine”

Chamberlain led the vital and victorious defence of the Round Tops at Gettysburg on July 2nd 1863. The battle raged throughout the glaring heat of the July afternoon “*with exhaustion and terrible losses...taking a great toll on both sides,*” Trulock pp 146-147. One of the 20th Maine’s men, Private later Rev. Theodore Gerrish⁷, later testified of the conflict “*...not once in a century are men permitted to bear such responsibilities for freedom and justice, for God and humanity, as are now placed upon you...Stand firm, ye boys from Maine.*” See graphic. That was really Chamberlain’s testimony and the Christian has a like exhortation. **“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong”** 1 Corinthians 16:13.

“Safety is of the LORD”

Chamberlain, disdainful of personal danger, stood conspicuously on top of a large boulder so that he could oversee the action. Trulock writes “*A Confederate from the Fifteenth Alabama...drew bead on Chamberlain...but something - a strange feeling - caused him to stop. Puzzled and impatient with himself, he tried again to squeeze the trigger but could not. Finally, he gave it up, and this perilous moment in Chamberlain’s life passed, all unknown to him.*” As Solomon observed **“The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD”** Proverbs 21:31. That is an encouragement for today’s believer.

“Jesus Christ is my all-sufficient savior. I go to him”

Chamberlain was severely wounded in the battle of Petersburg, Virginia, June 18th 1864, Trulock, pp 214-215. He was taken to the division hospital, already choked with wounded. A private of the 143rd Pennsylvania lay on an operating table awaiting amputation of his leg. “*He heard Chamberlain ask to be laid to one side, saying that he was all right and they should take care of his boys.*” Instead, the surgeons gave priority to Chamberlain but they thought he would not survive. The bullet “*had torn through his whole body from right thigh to left hip, severing blood vessels, nicking the urethra and bladder, and crushing bone before it stopped.*” Nevertheless, the surgeons worked on Chamberlain all night, though stopping at one point because of his terrible pain. He urged them to continue but in the cold light of dawn, believing death was near, he pencilled a short note to his wife and children:

“My darling wife I am lying mortally wounded the doctors think but my mind & heart are at peace Jesus Christ is my all-sufficient savior. I go to him. God bless & keep & comfort you, precious one, you have been a precious wife to me. To know & love you makes life & death beautiful. Cherish the darlings & give my love to all the dear ones. Do not grieve too much for me. We shall all soon meet Live for the children Give my dearest love to Father, mother & Sally and John Oh how happy to feel yourself forgiven God bless you evermore precious, precious one Ever yours Lawrence” It was not, however, **“the day of death”** Ecclesiastes 8:8 for Chamberlain. That is God’s decision, as every believer should note.

“*Jesus Christ is my all-sufficient savior*” is nevertheless the essential testimony for every individual, as Peter declared. **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”** Acts 4:12.

“I have finished my course”

After the war, Chamberlain pursued a long and distinguished career in public life and was elected State Governor for Maine four times. Though still plagued by his wound, he lived to the age of 85. His final testimony was as Paul’s and as the Christian’s should be. **“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”** 2 Timothy 4:7.

Revival – A Seven-Point Plan

Introduction

Jack Chick has addressed the most important issue for the church today. See:

www.chick.com/reading/tracts/1069/1069_01.asp.

What follows is therefore a seven-point plan in the light of Bro. Chick's observations for revival. *Genuine* spiritual revival depends upon *fidelity* to **"the book of the law of the LORD"** 2 Chronicles 17:9, now **"the law of Christ"** Galatians 6:2 - the 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible, the *King's Holy Bible*. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 584, 586, 671-672 and note how revival came about in Josiah's time.



"And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers" 2 Chronicles 34:31-33.

Pulling down and casting out according to **"the book of the law of the LORD"** had to go before **"perfecting holiness in the fear of God"** 2 Corinthians 7:1, 10:4, 5. So it is now as then.

Seven-Point Plan

1. Junk Vatican Versions

All modern versions are *Vatican* versions straight from **"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"** Revelation 17:5. See *Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible?* by David W. Daniels www.chick.com/catalog/bibleversions.asp and *Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, NASB are the new "Vatican Versions" and The NKJV is a Poor Substitute for the True Bible* by Will Kinney brandplucked.webs.com/kjbarticles.htm. No modern i.e. Vatican version has ever brought revival or ever will. **"They are even the dross of silver"** Ezekiel 22:18. Vatican versionism should be *confessed* and *forsaken* for revival. **"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy"** Proverbs 28:13.

2. Junk 'Originals-Onlyism'

By definition, no 'originals-onlyist' has any *book in existence now* that is 'God's word' as the Lord Jesus Christ called it. **"But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it"** Luke 11:28.

No 'originals-onlyist' can **"keep"** what he doesn't have i.e. 'the originals.' It follows that the 'originals-onlyist' perceives that any book that he *calls 'God's word'* has *lost information in transmission*. It has therefore *degenerated*. The 'originals-onlyist' therefore *cannot even have salvation because it too must have degenerated because salvation is predicated upon* **"the word of God."** **"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"** 1 Peter 1:23, except the originals-onlyist' says it doesn't.

Moreover, the 'originals-onlyist' **"hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace"** Hebrews 10:29 in that he has *denied* Psalm 12:6-7: **"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."** 'Originals-onlyism' should be *confessed* and *forsaken* for revival.

3. **Junk Hebrew/Greekiolatry**

Fundamentalists often cite 'the Hebrew' and 'the Greek' for what God 'really' said. However, 'the Hebrew' and 'the Greek' so-called *never* reveal anything *authoritative* and instead *mislead*. See for example the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1425 on John 21:15-17 for debunking *agape* and *phileo* as superior and inferior forms of *love*. See John 21:15, 16 for "**lovest**" *agape* twice and John 21:17 "**lovest**" *phileo* "**the third time.**" See Matthew 23:6/Luke 11:43 *phileo/agape*, John 5:20, 11:3, 16:27 *phileo* each time, 2 Timothy 4:10 *agape*, 2 Peter 2:15 *agape*, 1 John 2:15 *agape* each time. Moreover, New Testament Greek is a *dead* language as Gail Riplinger, *In Awe of Thy Word* p 956, states. **There existed a true original Greek...It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on the planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it.** Hebrew/Greekiolatry should be *confessed* and *forsaken* for revival.

4. **Junk 5-Point Calvinism**

5-Point Calvinism is heresy. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/errors-of-calvinism/. The scripture sums up 5-Point Calvinism as follows. David in despotic mode acts as Calvin's God, arbitrarily selecting saved and lost. "**And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive...**" 2 Samuel 8:2. 5-Point Calvinism should be *confessed* and *forsaken* for revival.

5. **Junk anti- Israelism**

God is *not* all through with the nation of Israel. Paul says that you are conceited and ignorant if you think otherwise. "**For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob**" Romans 11:25-26. Anti-Israelism should be *confessed* and *forsaken* for revival.

6. **Focus on "the mysteries of God" 1 Corinthians 4:1**

See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1513-1514. "**The mysteries of God**" are seven; the Incarnation of Christ, 1 Timothy 3:16, the indwelling Christ, Colossians 1:27, the body of Christ, Ephesians 5:32, the Blindness of Israel, Romans 11:25, the Incarnation of Satan, 2 Thessalonians 2:7, the Rapture, 1 Corinthians 15:51, Babylon the Great, Revelation 17:5. "**The ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God**" 1 Corinthians 4:1 must faithfully *preach* them for revival.

7. **Submit to "the king's word" 2 Samuel 24:4, the King's 1611 Holy Bible**

King James translator Dr Miles Smith gives the crowning exhortation for revival. See www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm. *Ye are brought unto fountains of living water which ye digged not; do not cast earth into them with the Philistines [Genesis 26:15], neither prefer broken pits before them with the wicked Jews [Jeremiah 2:13]. Others have laboured, and you may enter into their labours; O receive not so great things in vain, O despise not so great salvation!...a blessed thing it is, and will bring us to everlasting blessedness in the end, when God speaketh unto us, to hearken; when he setteth his word before us, to read it; when he stretcheth out his hand and calleth, to answer, Here am I, here we are to do thy will, O God. The Lord work a care and conscience in us to know him and serve him, that we may be acknowledged of him at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the holy Ghost, be all praise and thanksgiving. Amen. The King's Bible is "the book of the law of the LORD" 2 Chronicles 17:9 for *revival*. "**Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?**" Ecclesiastes 8:4.*

Conclusion

The above seven points must be in place for revival. Otherwise prayer for revival is a waste of time and time is not there to waste, as Paul warns "**See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil**" Ephesians 5:15-16.

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