

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

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"Put on **salvation** as your helmet..."

Ephesians 6:17

Of all the different areas in our lives, the one the Enemy seems to target most often is **our minds**. Their strategies seem to center around sowing seeds of doubt, division, and deception among our thoughts, hoping to reap a harvest of destruction in the future. Thank the Lord we are not left <u>defenseless!</u> God has granted us *His salvation* as a helmet to guard and keep **our thoughts** pure.

This salvation not only justifies us before God, rescuing us from hell and making us righteous in His eyes, but also offers us continued deliverance from sin in the day to day and a hope of future glorification in a time and place where sin does not exist! Because of this, God's salvation is the perfect helm to protect our vulnerable minds by offering us:

1. SECURITY (Philippians 4:7)

- a. NOTE: Satan loves to attack our identity as well as the character of the God we serve, seeking to twist and pervert our thoughts on both subjects in order to see our actions follow suit. Life comes at us quickly and the Enemy will seek to use every bump in the road, every dip in the trail, to try and pull us off course and derail our peace of mind. The key to inward serenity, though, is focusing on the truth of who we are as a result of our **salvation** and fixating on the *loving nature* of our heavenly father. Like a ship tossed about in a violent storm, what we need is a fixed reference point to keep us steady. (Philippians 4:8, Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:2)
 - i. For Ex. "Lord God, thank You for saving us in Your grace and mercy. Thank You for making us right with You and for making us new creations. Remind us. Lord. of what Your salvation says of who You are and who we are in You. Remind us of the love it reveals and of the security it promises. Fix our eyes to the cross, Lord, so that even in the most turbulent of times we can remain **steadfast**."
 - 1. **REMEMBER:** Stability comes as we hear and obey God's word. (Luke 6:47-48)

2. STRENGTH (2 Timothy 1:7)

a. **NOTE:** Mental **toughness**, or *resilience*, is the ability to keep going despite **opposition**. This type of supernatural endurance comes as we hold tightly to the hope of a **future** glory, clinging to the promise of a day and time when sin is removed in its entirety and we are free to **love** and **live** with God without any interference. But that day is <u>not today</u>. This day is still **dark** and this life is still *a warzone*. We <u>must</u> grow in **resilience** through prayer and we do so by asking God to consistently remind us of the purpose behind our salvation—for we were surely saved for more than what this life has to offer.

(Romans 5:3-5; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:18-25)

- i. For Ex. "Father God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Thank You for being the one thing we can always rely on to come through. Remind us of our promised future, of the hope we have in heaven. In our darkest days and most trying times, remind us that this life is not all there is. Guard our minds from every attack of discouragement and disappointment, granting us resilience and covering our heads in Your eternal salvation."
 - 1. **REMEMBER:** Endurance is **developed** through *trials*. (<u>James 1:2-4</u>)

3. SANCTIFICATION (Hebrews 10:14)

- a. NOTE: Salvation encompasses so much more than a simple escape from hell and a ticket to heaven. Its power is at work here and now, granting us deliverance in our daily struggle against sin. This process of becoming more like our holy Savior is known as "sanctification" and is an essential component to growing in the faith and experiencing the abundant life. One of the most vital parts of this process is learning to think from the "mind of Christ" we receive upon our rebirth. Learning to see, think, and understand like He who saved us is the key to all that the helmet of salvation has to offer. (1 Corinthians 2:16; Matthew 16:23)
 - i. For Ex. "Dear Lord, thank You for rescuing and redeeming us from the cost of our sin. Our eternal security and right standing with You is worth every ounce of praise we can muster. But we are also so grateful that You did not stop there. Thank You for choosing to live in and through us, day by day, minute by minute. Thank You for giving us Your mind, for granting us a window into Your thoughts. Teach us, Lord, to see, think, and understand as You do so that we might then speak, live, and act as You would."
 - 1. **REMEMBER:** Pride is the greatest **limitation** to our *sanctification*. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Questions for Reflection:

- Do you find yourself "unsteady", too easily shaken by the storms of life?
 - Ask God to search you and point out <u>any disobedience</u>. The word of God serves only as a stumbling block when we *refuse to respond* to it.
- Are you in the midst of a trial, floundering for air or stuck in the fiercest part of a battle?
 - Take heart, God wants to use this for your **good** and your **growth**. One day this *test* will be <u>a testimony</u> to His power at work in your life.
- What pride, arrogance, or entitlement is preventing you from seeing things God's way?
 - Please, <u>humble yourself</u> and **let go** of those thoughts. Surrender and submit them to God and ask Him to give you <u>His perspective</u>.