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Put On the Armor of Light – You Are A Light October 17, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

Romans 13.12 NASB

¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and **put on the armor of light.**

John 1.4-5 NASB

⁴**In Him [Christ Jesus] was life, and the life was the Light of men.**

⁵**The Light shines in the darkness,** and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Armor is any covering that is worn as a defense against weapons. Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the FULL armor of God. We are to be covered and filled with the light of God. Jesus is Light. Christ in us the hope of glory is light. Christ in us is a reservoir of light and life that we can access and release into Detroit and into the earth. We are not to hide the light that is in us, but we are to allow the light of God to shine through us, dispelling darkness and revealing the way to go. We are to be mantled in light on the inside and outside.

John 8.12 NASB

¹²Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, **“I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”**

1 John 1.5 NASB

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

Genesis 1.1-4 NASB

¹**In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³Then **God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.** ⁴God saw that **the light was good;** and **God separated the light from the darkness.**

- Prophetic picture of the earth being clothed in God’s armor of light.
- Every day when the sun comes up and light invades and breaks up the darkness it is a reminder that the earth – Detroit – has been clothed in an armor of light.
- From the very beginning, God provided for light as a defensive shield that protected against darkness and the wiles of darkness.
 - Wiles are devious and cunning strategies used to manipulate and control people.
 - This is the domain of darkness and where Satan operates.
 - The armor of God’s light is protection. Put on the protection of God that has been provided.

Genesis 1.16 NASB

¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater **light to govern** the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.

- The armor of light that we put on contains the government of God.
- It has structure, rule and dominion.

Isaiah 5.20 NASB

²⁰ **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;**

Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;

Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

- Woe is defined as grief and pain – it is filled with darkness. It is a place of depression because hopelessness abounds; there is no future.
- The armor of light is like a life jacket in the water. It provides buoyancy for the soul and heart.
- This is the place that hopelessness is dispelled by hope and life overtakes death.
- This is the picture of being protected by the armor of light that God has provided.
- There are voices in the earth today calling evil good and good evil. This is the voice of darkness that is trying to remove the armor of light that is in the hearts of believers and in creation itself.
- Through the rising of the sun, the Heavens themselves testify to the weaponry of the armor of light – think of Hans Solo and his lightsaber.

Philippians 2.12-16 NASB

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling;** ¹³ **for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.**

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God **above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,** ¹⁶ **holding fast the word of life,** so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

Isaiah 60.1-3 NASB

¹ **“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.** ² **“For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you.** ³ **“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”**

- War has broken out. Our borders are open with no regard for who comes in. Corruption in our institutions abounds. Do not hide the light of Christ in you. Stand for truth. Stand for righteousness. Speak life. Arise and shine the light of the gospel. Declare His glory – the harvest is ripe. Now is the time to let the light of Christ shine boldly through you by your actions and by what you speak.

Proverbs 4.18 NASB

¹⁸ But **the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn** that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We proclaim the excellencies of our God! We declare Your glory and Your dominion over the earth in this day! We declare that You are the source of life and light for all people! Your words are eternal, and all power and authority are in You. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of life.” We lift up the name of Jesus over Detroit and over Michigan – the Light of the world – so that He can draw all people to Himself. We pray for repentance to fall on the hearts of mankind.

We are living in dark times, but the darkness will not prevail. We speak the name of Jesus – the Light of the world – into today and declare that today when you hear His voice do not harden your heart as you have in days past. Today is the day of salvation, Detroit! We open the gates of Detroit to the Light of Life, and we welcome the Light into every community and every realm of influence in the City. If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. The wicked are denied their light, and their upright arm is broken by God. We shine the spotlight of Truth into Detroit this day! The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble and bow at His feet! We pray this in the Mighty Name of Jesus!