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Helmet of Salvation & Sword of the Spirit

Matthew 26:36-39

Dressed for War

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Helmet of Salvation: Prepared by Hope

1 Thess. 5:8 ...the hope of salvation...

- Jesus entered the Garden wearing the helmet of hope.
- His mind was set on the “God of hope” (Rom. 15:13).

Ps 71:5-6 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. 6 Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you

- One of Satan’s tactics is to use life’s many valleys to tempt us with a sense of hopelessness.

Ps 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God

The Sword of the Spirit: Prepared by the Word of God

- This is the soldier's *offensive* weapon.

Josh 5:13-14 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a Man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in His hand. Joshua went up to Him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" 14 "Neither," He replied, "but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come

- As the pre-Incarnate Son entered the battle with His sword drawn against the strong hold of Jericho, so also the Incarnate Son entered the Garden with the Sword drawn against the stronghold of His people's disobedience.
- The *Divine Word of God* (John 1:1) enters the Garden as the *Incarnate Word of God* (John 1:14) to do battle, armed with *the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God*.

Peter 1:23 ...the living and abiding Word of God...

- Jesus was armed with the sword of the knowledge of God's will (Psalm 119:11).
- Jesus was able to cut through the temptation to withdraw from the fight.

- He entered the battle ground of Gethsemane as the Victor over the works of the devil (1 John 3:8b).
- Jesus grew up nourished and trained by the Word throughout his life.

Luke 2:52 *Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man*

- Jesus began his ministry by defeating the power of Satan with the sword of the Word (Matt. 4:1-10), and he will end his ministry in the same way.
- Jesus is now ready for the greatest battle of his ministry—to *fight the good fight of faith* for the will of God.