

STANDING ARMED WITH TRUTH Ephesians 6:14a

I. The Explanation of the Weapon.

2 Samuel 20:8: When they were at the large stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. Now **Joab was dressed in battle armor; on it was a belt with a sword fastened in its sheath at his hips;** and as he was going forward, it fell out.

Exodus 12:11: And thus you shall eat it: **with a belt on your waist**, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

2 Kings 1:8: So they answered him, "A hairy man **wearing a leather belt around his waist.**" And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

II. The Explanation of the Truth.

A. God's nature is truth.

John 17:3: And this is eternal life, that they may know You, **the only true God**, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Hebrews 6:18: that by two immutable things, **in which it is impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

B. Jesus' nature is truth.

John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 18:37: Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, **that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

C. God's Word is truth.

2 Samuel 7:28: And now, O Lord God, You are God, and **Your words are true**, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.

Psalms 119:142: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **Your law is truth.**

John 17:17: Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.**

2 Timothy 3:16: **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness.

III. The Application of the Truth.

A. Know the truth.

Psalm 119:4-7: **You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently.** Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments. I will praise You with uprightness of heart, **when I learn Your righteous judgments.**

B. Speak the truth.

Ephesians 4:15: **but, speaking the truth in love,** may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.

C. Live the truth.

James 1:22: But **be doers of the word,** and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.