

The Armor of God: *The Shield of Faith (Part 1)*

In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to **extinguish** all the **flaming** arrows of the evil one (Eph. 6:16).

Opening Scene of Gladiator:

Maximus Decimus Meridius

"Unleash Hell..."

- *Flaming arrows*
- *Ballistae Launched Fiery Javelins*
- *Catapulted Pots of oil & fire*



More than just arrows meant to penetrate the soldier's armor; the real, catastrophic damage is accomplished by the spreading fire.

Our enemy rains down "flaming arrows" that Paul says our Shield of Faith can "extinguish".

James 3:5-6

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of *our* life, and is set on fire by hell.

John 8:44

He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Lies That Set Your Life, Your Relationships, Your Peace, Your Confidence, Your Joy on Fire....and leave only the ashes of shame, guilt, fear, and anxiety.

- **Abuse** and **Abandonment** of a child that leaves them searching for worth the rest of their life.
- **Rejection** that leads a woman into continual abusive relationships to find false acceptance.
- The **Lack of a Father's Affirmation** that keeps a young man trapped in an endless cycle of performance.
- **Loss** or **Fear** of it that keeps one gathering more and more in fear of not having enough.
- **Mistakes** that lock a person into **Shame** and **Guilt** as an identity that can never improve.
- Believing **Control** and **Power** will keep one safe that instead destroys security and relationships.

I see people who carry these lies:

- Full of Deep Hurt
- Full of Anger and Rage
- Full of Blame and Accusation
- Full of Victimhood & Self-Pity
- It Spills Out on Others Around Them

But Only Faith Can Extinguish These Lies!

1 John 5:4-5

Every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

_____ Knocked;

Faith _____;

There Was _____ There!



Next Week:

- Belt of Truth
- Body Armor of Righteousness
- Shoes of Peace & Good News
- **Shield of Faith**
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Air Cover of Prayer