Contemporary Comments

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Text: Ephesians 6:14-18; 2 Corinthians 6:7; Ephesians 5:9; Romans 10:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Mark 14:38.

This week’s Sabbath school lesson looks at taking up the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:13). Personal armor is used by more than soldiers today. Notice this definition from Wiki:

"Personal armor is the whole of protecting clothing, designed to absorb and/or deflect slashing, bludgeoning, and penetrating attacks. They were historically used to protect soldiers, whereas today, they are also used to protect police forces, private citizens and private security guards or bodyguards. Two types exist: regular non-plated personal armor (used by the people mentioned above, except combat soldiers) and hard-plate reinforced personal armor, which is used by combat soldiers, police tactical units and hostage rescue teams."¹

One of the challenges of full body armor is the cumbersome thickness that makes maneuverability challenging. Scientists at MIT have recently created a better system for testing materials that reduces the time it takes to set up and shoot projectiles at different types of materials. They anticipate being able to more quickly discover a polymer that could be paper-thin and still protect people.²

On the “soldier” front, Time Magazine is praising better fitting female body armor for women soldiers as among the “Best Inventions of the Year 2012.” The new innovation will help female soldiers be safer and more comfortable. “The new armor was designed to offer better protection and to prevent bruised hip bones that women experienced when wearing IOTVs meant to fit smaller men”. One woman being interviewed during testing at Fort Campbell said, “Oh my goodness,
I need this right now. Can I have this? I could wear this all day. It fits so well!” The woman was actually hugging the vest.

Body armor levels are ranked by type with higher types giving greater protection. What level of armor do you need against the devil? Ballistic and military testing will not give you the safety you need against Satan’s weapons. Even the best fitting Type IV rated armor which protects against AP (armor-piercing) bullets at a velocity of 2,880 feet per second will not stand up against our worst enemy.

The finest and most protective armor is described by Paul in Ephesians where he encourages us, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:13). Don’t leave home without it!

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Touching story on body armor saving a police officer (5:37):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwkQCqW4h-A