

## Heavenly Artillery

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ", 2 Corinthians 2:14-17.

Paul, the Apostle, as a Pharisee, as one born free with a Roman heritage, and as a prisoner, was well conversant with the attire of the Roman soldiers.

The Holy Spirit enabled Paul to translate what he saw physically into what God could use Spiritually.

Many read and see this passage, Ephesians 6:13-17, as a 'personal protection passage'.

It is, and it is undeniable. However, it is not applicable to the title, 'Heavenly Artillery'. That comes in the following verse, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints", Ephesians 6:18.

Soldiers go into battle attired in protective clothing. But for a soldier to go into battle expecting to emerge as a victorious combatant, he can only do so unless he has a complete trust in his Commanding Officer. Therefore, to rely solely on the armour of God as written by Paul, yet without faith that God will not be there with us, the christian soldier has no hope.

What faith do we need in God at this time? That He will answer prayer, for our prayers are what will activate the Heaven artillery.

Both Testaments of our Bibles point us to this fact, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not", Jeremiah 33:3, and "But there shall not an hair of your head perish", Luke 21:18.

Prayer. Is there known a greater force? Christians, this is your trigger to the most powerful force against an enemy.

Nothing in the universe - save a lack of faith - can stop you from using this trigger.

It is the power that will protect and strengthen us in any battle. It is the direction we seek God to aim His Artillery.

Jesus commanded us to 'Follow Him'. In the Gospels, there are at least twenty-seven noted occurrences of Jesus praying, or having prayed, to His Father.

If Jesus needed to keep in contact with His Father, how much greater is our need to do the same?

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus sought His Father for the use of Heavenly Artillery.

It gave Him added strength. With the extra strength Jesus also had a greater determination.

The firepower of the Heavenly artillery gave of strength and determination and CRUSHED SATAN.

That same firepower, prayer directed to our Heavenly Father, will enable us to remove Satan - and his evil desires - from our lives.

And here is the written guarantee, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him", 1 John 5:14-15.