

to protect you against these fiery darts that were shot in those days, that had on the front of them highly inflammable material that was lit just before they fired the dart, and it would hit your clothes and set them afire. But with the shield it would stop and do no harm there in the front of the shield. So with this you are to be protected against the fiery darts of the Wicked One. Now in English of course it just says "of the wicked" but English a word like this, an adjective used as a substantive is a plural, but in Greek as in most languages it can be a singular and here it refers~~s~~ to the Wicked One, to Satan, and also of course to the world rules of this darkness, Satan's underlings that we are to be able to quench his darts by the shield of faith. Again it is Christ - Christ in whom we have faith.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. This is not the word logos. This is not Christ here. We have had Christ all through up to this point, but now the sword is not Christ. The sword is not the logos of God which is the common word for Word of God. It is the rehma of God. It is the utterance. It is the precise teaching. To accomplish in life for Christ we need the sword of the spirit which is the actual teachings that He gives us in the Book. It's not enough to stop with believing in Christ and wanting to serve Him and receiving the great truths. If you are to be effective for Him you must get the specific teachings of the Word. You must study it closely. Get the rehma. Yes the Logos is more important. Christ Himself is more important, but at this point we're speaking of the rehma. The sword of the spirit is that which the Spirit has given us in the teachings we find in the Bible. And then it ends with that which must clothe it all -- praying always with all prayer. Why say "always with all prayer"? Because prayer, true prayer, is not something that we do at stated occasions. That we do at the beginning of a meal, that we do at the beginning of a service, that we do at stated occasions. That's part of prayer. But we should always pray. Pray without ceasing. Your armour will not accomplish the purpose unless you are constantly in communion with God, constantly *looking* to Him, constantly seeking to find the weak points that need to be protected, constantly seeking to strengthen the faith, to increase the understanding, to build up the truth, to get these parts of the armour better so that you will be able to in the evil day to stand.