

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

September 19, 2021

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #143 This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 77:1-15

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #650 O for a Heart to Praise My God

HYMN #309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer  
(Children - ages 9 to 12 - will be dismissed to Junior Church.)

HYMN #640 Sweet Hour of Prayer

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #305 Jesus Paid It All

### CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*  
*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*  
*Junior Church - Ages 9 to 12*

### Announcements

**Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees' Meeting** - Saturday, September 25.

**Business Meeting** - Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.

## Requirements of a Good Soldier - Ephesians 6:10-20 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Four specific things are required to be a good soldier: 1) Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; 2) Put on the whole armor of God; 3) Pray always in the Spirit; and 4) Speak boldly about God.

**1. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might** (verse 10). A good soldier needs to be strong. A good soldier is invigorated by the holding power of God's might and by tapping into Him for strength.

**2. Put on the whole armor of God** (verses 11-17). The armor of God enables us to stand and be prepared against the attacks of the devil that will come (verse 11).

What is the armor of God? (verses 14-17). God's armor is figurative and not physical.

- Belt of truth: A belt worn around the waist that is often used as a place to hang equipment where other pieces may be connected, held, or kept together. A main attack from the devil is to deceive. John 8:44 says he is the father of lies. Truth is exhibited through a life of integrity and held together by the character of one's spirit.

- Breastplate of righteousness: A breastplate covers the vital organs, such as the heart. A soldier must guard his heart (Proverbs 4:23).

- Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: Solid footing, not just physical strength, makes all the difference when in the heat of the battle. At times, believers can choose to walk a slippery path. Do not willfully put yourself into dangerous places.

- Shield of faith: In ancient times, soldiers carried heavy wooden or metal shields covered with leather that had been soaked in water to quench fiery arrows. The fiery darts of the devil cannot touch us if we stand behind the shield of faith.

- Helmet of salvation: Helmets protect our most valuable asset, which is our brain. Minds that are clouded, dazed, and confused become easy prey to the devil. (Psalm 119:9-11, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16)

- Sword of the Spirit: God's Word is our greatest offensive weapon. It reveals the will of God, shows us how to live, and provides us with wisdom to deal with the flesh, the world, and the devil (Hebrews 4:12).

**3. Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit** (verse 18). We are to pray in connection with the Spirit (Romans 8:26). It is not the words we utter, but the relationship we have with God. Sin in our hearts interferes with God hearing our prayers (Psalm 66:18).

**4. Speak boldly** (verses 19-20). Examples of speaking boldly about God are found in Acts 8:1-4, Romans 1:16, Hebrews 11:13-16, 23-29.

Review the four requirements to becoming a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Are we willing to take a position for God and put on His whole armor that He might be glorified?