

November 2019 Newsletter - True Faith

19. Faith exercised in sickness.

Sickness is always one of the more difficult things to handle, because it affects us directly and how we feel. But we are to handle sickness by faith also. This includes diseases, injury, convalescence and recovery. First of all, sometimes sickness can be gotten rid of by the exercise of faith in God's Word. Many a believer has gotten off their sick bed, by an intense and sometimes prolonged time of prayer, faith and the Word. But sometimes the recovery is not so quick, not so "miraculous", but long term. And it is faith in the Word, which will carry them through it. For the exercising of faith in the Word strengthens the spirit; it gives him hope for the future; it brightens his day; improves his disposition; and figures in very prominently in his recovery. And sometimes sickness is used by God to give us wisdom, so faith plays very prominently in that.

20. Faith exercised in the sickness of those close to us.

This is also very difficult for Christians to go through, because it still touches us, only differently. We often feel so helpless, so inadequate, so frustrated, and even guilty at times, especially if we're involved with them over a long period of time, while they're in recovery, or convalescence. It may be a parent, a spouse, a child, but we don't know what to do. What doctors? What form of treatment? Are we doing the right thing? Are we doing enough? Our pain over their suffering, our insecurities, our fears. The demands they make on us; our inabilities and frustrations. All make it very hard on us.

But faith in the Lord is not only very helpful, but is the thing that solves the problems: in finding the right doctors and treatment; in our prayers for God to give the doctors the skill and ability in their problem; in the knowledge that they are in the Lord's hands; in strengthening us as we go through the stress and ordeal; in all the little details and decisions that must be made. The exercising of faith in God's Word gives us hope, strength, courage; and as we possess these spiritual qualities, we will be able to pass them on to our loved ones, so as to encourage them.

Whether in our own sickness, or in those close to us, or those we have to take care of, that we have the added burden of taking care of, faith plays an important part. **First of all**, in our own mental dynamic faith can take us from night to day. From fear, discouragement, despair, inadequacy, guilt, frustration, grief, worry, etc.; to peace, joy, hope, optimism, confidence, a relaxed mental attitude, and rest for the soul. **Secondly**, faith clarifies issues and guides the believer to make the right decisions, to follow the best course, etc.. **Thirdly**, faith acts a stabilizer of the mental attitude through all this. And is beneficial to the body as well. **Fourthly**, faith, when accompanying our prayers, calls the grace and power of God into action on our behalf.

21. Living by faith in a degenerate society.

Living in a time of apostasy, or under national judgment, becomes very difficult for a Christian to handle spiritually; and one that calls for living by faith in the Word of God every day. In fact, **the exercising of faith and concentration on the Word of God will become intensified and disciplined during this time.**

Because of the condition of the people, the social phenomenon in society, and God's hand of discipline and judgment, there will be several factors that the believer will have to deal with in the exercising of

his faith. **First of all**, there will be the continual pull by the negative volition crowd around him, who, having departed into apostasy, to join in with them. He will really have to occupy himself with faith in the Word to keep from being pulled away along with the others. **Secondly**, is the vexation, (torment), of the soul from being continually surrounded by: negative, proud, arrogant, selfish, bragging, mean, violent, hateful, hedonistic, coveting, greedy, materialistic people! He will really have to keep his eyes on the Lord (faith in the Word), and lead a separated life, to keep from being tormented by it all, or reacting to it with bitterness and anger. **Thirdly**, is the fear of personal safety. When threats, violence, lawsuits, a people and government gone amok into moral and immoral degeneracy, the believer can easily lapse into fear concerning himself, his family, business and personal possessions. This is where he will really have to claim the promises of God concerning the protection of God for himself and his family, as God protected Abraham and his family, even against the Pharaoh, who was the anti-Christ on earth at that time. **Fourthly**, is the fear of judgment. When one sees all this going on around him, he too can be prone to fear that he could be swept away in the judgment of God. But this is where faith and the doctrine that he has learned really comes in. He walks with God. God has a plan for his life. God will be leading him, and watching over him, etc.. He will have confidence in judgment, because he has made the right decisions concerning God and the things of the Lord. He knows that God will keep him alive and sustain him, and enable him to go on and finish the work that God has for him to do here on earth.

22. The source of faith.

The **Arminiasts**, those who say that man has free will and the ability to believe on Christ apart from God's intervention and divine grace, say, that all men have the ability to believe within them. That is, the faith necessary to be saved, is inherent in all human beings. While the **Calvinists** say, that though all men have the ability to believe all sorts of things, they do not inherently have the ability to believe in Christ with the faith that is necessary for salvation. **That this kind of faith, that this trust, is given to them from God, and is a gift of his grace.** The **Arminiist** would say, "I owe my election to my faith." While the **Calvinist** would say, "I owe my faith to my election."

Perhaps the difference would be best stated as **common faith versus saving faith**. Where **common faith** would be that aspect of human nature that is able to accept things as true, as fact, by believing them. "The water is safe to drink". "I'll be home in half an hour". "The bridge is safe to cross.", etc.. While **saving faith** looks beyond that to getting the sinner to the place where he actually lets go of all that he is hanging on to and trusting in, and now fully trusts Christ as his Savior.

Now the big question is, "**Is man able to believe on Christ apart from God?**" Or, "**Is God the one who divinely enables man to trust in Christ as his Savior?**" Rather than answering this question by debate, or human reasoning, we find our answer simply stated in the Word of God. In [John 3:37-65](#) we see that the subject is: Christ's sheep, himself, his Father, their salvation, resurrection and how all that will come to be.

The **first** thing that we see is that **the sheep of Christ have been given to him by his Father, v.37.** "*All that the Father giveth to me, will come to me. And the one that cometh to me, I will in no way cast out.*" And, that no one can come to Christ, unless it has been granted to him by the Father.

The **second** thing that we notice this act is, that **those people that God has given to his son do come to him!** It's not that they might come to him, or that they have the potential of coming to him, or that they have been invited to him, or that they will have an opportunity to come to him, but that they will come to him. This leaves no doubt concerning this act. **Every person that the Father has given to the**

Son will come to him and be saved!

The **third** thing we see concerning this act, is that **the Lord will not reject any of them**, regardless of good or despicable they have been in life. **He will save and receive everyone that the Father has given to him.**

The **fourth** thing we see about this, **that the Lord will not lose any of them.** Not one will be lost, but everyone will be saved and raised up on the Last Day. And the reason for his is because it is the Father's will.

The **fifth** thing we see about this is that **people would never come to Christ, unless the Father initiated the action**, (v.44). The Father draws to Christ the one that he has given to Christ. This **drawing**, *helkuo*, to draw or to drag; was used of: the hauling of fish in a net; the pull of a river; the drawing of a magnet. It speaks of a supernatural and irresistible force, **whereby God draws, attracts to Jesus Christ, all those he has given to Christ.**

The **sixth** thing about this act of God giving a people to Christ, is that **they will all be taught by the Father**, (v.45). They listen to the Father; they learn from him; and they come to Christ in saving faith.

In fact, we have most, if not all, of the **five points of Calvinism taught here**: 1) they are unable to come to Christ, unless God draws them; their **total depravity**; 2) they have been chosen by God to give to Christ, **unconditional election**; 3) Christ died for and would raise them up; **limited atonement**; 4) the supernatural and irresistible drawing by God to bring these people to Christ; **irresistible grace**; 5) these people get saved and stay saved; **the preservation of the saints**. It goes back to the idea, **can man come to Christ of his own accord, or does God have to draw him to Christ?** If God did not draw a man to Christ, would he and could he come of his own accord? **Christ said, that no man can come to him, unless the Father draws him.**

23. Saving faith.

Now that we have seen the electing hand of God; the drawing hand of God; the instructing hand of God, whereby the elect are taught about Jesus Christ, (Isaiah 50:4,5; 54:13); **now we turn our attention to the matter of how God enables the believer to believe on Jesus Christ with a faith that saves.** Not to just believe that he existed as an historical person, but to have that saving faith, where he trusts him as his savior. Remember, that if God gives people to Christ to be saved, for his own purposes, and if they can only be saved by believing on Christ; then God would also have to enable them to believe on Christ. Romans 10:9-16 has as its subject the salvation of sinners, and it deals with the matter of how they are saved. And it tells us that they are saved by faith in Christ.

So we've arrived back at that subject of faith in Christ all over again. But we go back to the Arminian-Calvinism debate. **Does man, alone, apart from any action of God, have the ability to exercise the kind of faith sufficient to salvation, which we call "saving faith"? Or does God himself have to enable us, individually, to trust in Christ in true faith, resulting in our salvation?** One of the answers is found in Romans 10:17, "*Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard from the Word of Christ*".

It starts out with **the faith**, with the definite article. This tells us **that we are dealing with the kind of faith necessary for salvation.** The saving faith, where one trusts in Christ

Secondly, we have the phrase, *ex'akoes*, **out of hearing**, which gives us **the origin of saving faith**. The preposition *ek* tells us that something had its origin in something else, and had proceeded, or come out of it. Now the subject is, **the faith** that saves. So where does it come from? What is its origin? Out of man? An act of the will? Out of the heart? Out of the flesh? If any of these, the scriptures would have recorded it with *ek*. But as it is, it says that the faith to get saved, **comes out of the hearing of the message**.

Thirdly, we see that it goes on and becomes more specific, that it is the message heard through the Word of Christ, *dia rhematos Christou*. *Rhematos* deals with a specific subject, or category of the Word. *Logos* would speak of the whole Bible, but *rhematos* would deal with a specific teaching of the Bible. And there are many. The Word of Christ is a genitive of reference, **and refers to that specific teaching in the Bible that deals with Jesus Christ**. It is the Word, the teaching; the message concerning Christ.

So, faith does not originate in us. We exercise faith in Jesus Christ, and it comes from us at the moment of salvation, but it does not come from us originally. **The ability to believe on Christ, with the faith necessary for salvation, comes to us from God, as the ultimate source, through the teaching of his Word, as the immediate source. It is a gift of God's grace.**

God draws with a supernatural and irresistible force all that he has given to Christ. But the drawing is not what saves them! They still must believe on Christ. And so God teaches them about Christ; who he is; what he has done for them; why he had to do it; why they need him; about his great love for them; and how they are to receive all this grace by believing on him, and calling out to him in faith for salvation. For he has said, "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" Romans 10:13. So we see here, the source of faith the kind necessary to us for salvation, comes to us from the Word of God. Nothing has been left to chance, or the weakness of man, for God has supplied it all in his grace.

24. True faith is supplied to us by God's grace.

Paul wrote that **we have been saved by grace**. He emphasizes that it is not by faith, that we have been saved, but by grace. He puts the credit, where the credit is due. It is not that we have been saved by faith; nor saved ourselves by our faith, but that he has saved us, and that by his grace. The sinner does not save himself by his faith, but is saved totally by God's marvelous grace, through faith, which God supplies.

Can we not see that God is the one who brought us to our salvation? That we did nothing. That we supplied nothing. That he literally took us to the place, where we trusted in Christ as our savior! Even David understood how closely and intimately God worked with him, even before he knew one thing about God! "*Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you at my mother's breast*", Psalms 22:9.

In God saving us by his grace, he supplied to us the very faith necessary for salvation. He states that we were no different than the rest of the people on earth, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, he saved us by grace. Ephesians 2:3-5. We also see that this grace of God is elective; that it has chosen whom it will save. Romans 11:5. And this too, is out of the purpose of God. 2 Tim.1:9.

To be saved, one has to place his faith or trust in Christ. He has to place his faith in the Word of God. And thus, God has supplied both to us: the Word of God, and faith. And both of them have been

supplied to us out of his grace, the unmerited, undeserved, unearned favor of God. Would a man come to Christ of his own accord? The scriptures indicate that he wouldn't. **In fact, the scriptures show that unsaved man has neither the desire, nor the ability to come to Christ. He is both unable, and unwilling.** But it also shows, that it is God who draws these elected ones to Christ, convicting them, teaching them, and then causing them to trust in Christ for salvation. With the result, that God really is the one who saves them. As Romans 3:11 says, *"There is no one who understands, no one who seeks after God."*

25. Faith and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

This is one of the harder things for Christians to do, and that is to trust in the Lord, and follow his leading in their lives. *"Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God."* Romans 8:14. Paul wrote **the Holy Spirit leads the sons of God. And if he is the one who is doing the leading of us, then all we have to do is follow him by faith.** But it seems so hard to do at times. Partly because of our own insecurities, and partly because of our own covetousness and materialism. Sometimes we wonder if he's leading at all; and if he does, how will we recognize it. We doubt, "Will he really open up away and provide all that we need?"

But the Holy Spirit really does lead the children of God, and faith is the key in following him, (obedience also). But there are some things that we can hold on to that will reassure our faith.

One, is the concept that God has a plan for our lives, a perfect plan, and we, as sons, are to execute it. But it is the Holy Spirit, who will lead us in it, revealing it to us as we go on in life, as he did the Lord. All we have to do is follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Two, is the concept that it was the Holy Spirit, who led us to Jesus, even in our unsaved state! God the Father gave us to his Son; drew us to his Son, and it was the Holy Spirit, who was the active agency in drawing us to Christ. This is also called the sanctifying ministry of the Holy Spirit, whereby we were set apart from the World System and Satan's dominion and brought to Christ, by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. By the way, it's incorrect to say that we lead people to Christ, or have led someone to Christ. We may tell people about Christ, but it is the Holy Spirit that leads people to Christ.

Three, now if the Holy Spirit brought us to Christ, even while we were in the state of rebellion against God; and an act that was perfect, wonderful and undeserved, and totally successful on God's part, for we got saved; cannot he be trusted to continue to lead us in God's perfect and wonderful plan? Obviously he can, so all we need to do is trust him completely and follow his leading in our lives by faith!

26. Faith and the renewal of the new nature.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day", 2 Corinthians 4:16. We have also seen that we are to be *"transformed, (an inward phenomenon and process), by the renewing of our minds".* Romans 12:2. And we have seen, *"that we have put on the new man, which is being renewed by means of knowledge (epignosis) in the image of its Creator."* Col. 3:10.

Now the word **renew** is *anakainoo*, which means to renew, to refresh, to invigorate; to liven up again the life that is already there. **It doesn't mean to create life all over again, but to invigorate; to bring**

back the life that is already there to a fresh quality, as if it's brand new all over again. When we bring fresh air into a room, we don't create air all over again, but change the air, freshen the air with new, clean air. When a person is tired and weary, we don't create a new person all over again, but give him rest, food, sleep; and when he awakens, he will feel like a new man. The food and rest have infused new strength in him; he is refreshed, renewed, invigorated. Sometimes a person will feel like collapsing in our summer heat, especially when he is working hard and under a lot of pressure. But let him sit down, get a little rest, some liquids in him, food, and then cool off in the swimming pool, and in no time at all, he will be totally refreshed. He says' "I feel like a new man. I can go on all day". **He hasn't been recreated, he's been refreshed, renewed.** And this is what the concept of the renewal of the new man is all about. Its where the new man is brought back to that state of refreshment, where all the cares, worries and burdens of the day are lifted off, and the believer feels refreshed, new, all over again! **The new man is not created all over again; it is renewed.** New life is poured into it. Just as, food and nutrition are converted into energy, thus infusing strength into the body, infusing "life" into it, so it is with the new man.

Now it says that the new man is continually being **renewed**, day by day, by means of *epignosis*. *Epignosis* (*knowledge*) is the means, (instrument), by which the new natures of Christians are renewed. *Epignosis* is the word for **the Word of God that has been changed, transformed into spiritual energy, spiritual phenomenon, and brought into the new man. And the mechanics of how this is done is by faith!** As the believer believes the Word of God, the promises of God, the doctrines of God, he changes them into spiritual phenomenon, into *epignosis*, which is what renews the new nature.

Hopefully, the believer can see how important this is! Each day he wakes up to a new day. The angelic conflict is still raging on; Satan is still warring against Christ and his Church; the World System and all it's evil is still there; his old sin nature is still there; his pressures are still there, maybe even new ones: and his body of flesh, with all it's decaying is still there. Discouragement, sadness, grief, depression, guilt, fear, worry; all hang on the edge, or are attacking the soul, maybe even crushing it. What does he do? How does he handle it? How does he get out of it, or change things?

The key lies in the renewal of the new man. He can do very little, or anything at all, about what's going on around him in life. But he can transform his entire being by the renewing of his new nature, thus giving him the strength to successfully withstand and overcome all the pressures of life. And this is where faith in the Word comes in once again; totally transforming his spiritual state, through the inner renewal, **which takes place as one believes God's Word.**

One of the aspects that many Christians overlook, even Pastors: and something that many Christians do not know anything about, is the new nature. It is one of the things that make us so different from the people of the World. And because of it, our priorities in life need to be completely changed; where we put the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the things of Christ first and foremost over all the things of the World, and the things of life. It's not so much a matter of commitment, or a personal testimony as a Christian, as it is one of self-preservation! The new nature, which is spirit in nature, needs daily the spiritual strength that comes from *epignosis*; faith in the Word and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Now God has given to us, and preserved on earth for us for almost 2,000 years in the Church Age, his Word, for this very purpose; **to feed and strengthen these new natures that he has created.** And this is where the local church comes in. So many Christians have gotten their eyes on new buildings, expansion programs, creating "show cases" in their communities, on programs, entertainment, outreaches, choirs, saving the country, singing, things that are fun and entertaining, things that make them feel good and their emotions, that they have forgotten about, or maybe they never knew, **what the**

real purpose of the local church is! It is to teach God's Word, so that the new natures of these believers can be renewed, strengthened, edified, encouraged and grow!

That is the main function of the Pastor-Teacher gift, to study and to teach God's Word, so that believers will have something to put their faith in. And if he does that, then he has fulfilled his duty before Christ. If he doesn't, then nothing else matters, regardless of how great these other things seem to be. (Great in the eyes of man, but not God). And the main purpose of the believer going to Church, is for the renewal of their new natures! It's to learn the Word of God, to grow, to be trained, to learn the many facets of the Christian life, and to be renewed in their new natures! **It is these new natures that make us so different, and why we have to have doctrinal teaching.**

This renewal of the new man, as we have seen, is accomplished when the believer takes his faith and believes God's Word. Faith in the Word, whether it is its teachings, or promises, is what produces *epignosis*; and *epignosis* is what renews the new man; all accomplished, of course, the filling of the Holy Spirit. So we can see again how important faith is, only this time in the renewing of the new man. Now when exercising faith in this area two things come into mind: **one**, in the area of the local church, where we assemble under the teachings of God's Word; **two**, in the area of our own priesthood function at home.

In the area of the Church, certain disciplines enter in: 1) one must be mentally prepared to study the Word, which would entail the confessing of sins if necessary; 2) Bibles, notebooks, etc., are mandatory; 3) good manners, no fidgeting, talking, looking around, doing things that would be distracting to others; 4) concentration on the message; 5) keeping one's thoughts from drifting; 6) believing what is taught.

In the area outside the Church: 1) confession of one's sins; 2) making up Bible promise sheets; 3) prayer; 4) dealing with Satan; 5) repetition of the promises; 6) concentration on the promises; 7) intense concentration on the promises in certain events; 8) believing the promises. When under intense pressure, all these functions will probably have to be intensified; and it may go on over a long period of time. One may also have to call in others for support.

Spiritual renewal, the renewal of the new man, takes place, as the Christian places his faith in the Word of God. He says in effect, "I believe it's true." He does it while he is in the church, and while he is outside the church. Actually in both places. Just because you go to class at certain times each week, don't think that is all you have to do. You still need to retain your own independent priesthood function outside the Church. And just because you do it outside the church: tapes, notes, personal study, etc., don't think you don't need to assemble in a local church, under the authority of a Pastor-Teacher teaching the Word of God. You still need to assemble, as much as possible, with other believers under your right Pastor.

27. Faith as a Title Deed.

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the substance of things not seen", Hebrews 11:1. One of the problems that we have with faith, is that it seems so "iffy", so airy; something that has no substance; it can't be counted on. We look around in life, and there we can see many things, that seemingly we can count upon; things that have substance to us: the cars we drive, the chairs we sit in, the ground under our feet, water in the rivers, the sea standing stopped at the sea shore, our families, our jobs, the government, etc.. **But faith? It doesn't seem to have any substance to it at all! Or does it? Maybe faith has more substance to it than anything we can see in this life. And because it does, we can**

build on it things that have lasting values; things that will endure for eternity.

The Bible says that, "*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the certainty of things not seen*", Hebrews 11:1. In the original, faith is thought of, or referred to, as **a title deed, or a guarantee**. Whenever someone bought a piece of property, it was not enough that he just took possession of it, (which was usually at some point in time in the future, and could be the distant future); he also wanted to possess the title deed to the property, which was his guarantee that the property was his! If he was living on the property and someone came along to question it, he could also produce the deed, as **legal proof** the property was his. For many years, we have recorded our title deeds in the County Court House as legal, public proof, that the property was ours, then keep our deeds in a safe place; safes, or safety deposit boxes. If the individual was living off the property, maybe a long ways away in a distant town, **the title deed to the property was his guarantee that the property was his**. And so we can see, that faith in God's Word, actually becomes the guarantee that we will receive these things from God.

28. Faith as a shield.

"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Ephesians 6:16. Here we see that faith is spoken of as a shield, because of its **protective qualities**. The Holy Spirit is telling us that **we can, and are to protect ourselves from the attack of the evil one, the devil and his entire army, by the exercising of our faith in the Word of God**.

Sometimes we wonder why God allows these adverse situations to come upon us. But I think that it's pretty clear that the reason why, is that they prompt us to exercise faith, and that is what the Lord wants from us - **faith!** When Christ spoke to his disciples, he had seen that Satan was demanding permission from God, to attack Christ's disciples. Christ put it as, "*to sift them as wheat*". Now Christ did not protect the disciples by refusing to let Satan "have his day"; nor did he protect them by personally intervening to stop Satan. What Christ did was pray that their faith would not fail! Because **he knew that this simple matter of faith was enough to defeat the most powerful created being in the Universe!**

By Christ handling this situation in this manner, he was showing all Church Age believers forever, that faith could handle the job anytime that the devil attacked them. This not only gives us a tactical victory over Satan, but gives God a tactical victory in the Angelic Conflict. It glorifies God, as well as defeats the devil. **If we can handle the most difficult problem we will ever encounter in life, an attack by Satan, we can handle anything that life can throw at us.**

If we go back to the metaphor of a shield, we see that the sole purpose of a shield was to protect the individual from the attacks of his enemy, although it was used for other purposes. A shield could be used as an offensive weapon, such as striking someone with it, but that was not its actual function and purpose. It could also be decorated in various manners to show rank, the division one belonged to, or the Clan or House one belonged to. But that was not what its purpose was either. The sole purpose of the shield was to protect the body, the person, from the attacks of the enemy. Whether they were from a sword, spear, ax or arrows. Here, we have the idea of arrows.

It was much easier to protect one's self from a sword, because, as he hacked, or thrust at you, all you had to do was place the shield there to intercept the blows. But the enemy's arrows were much more difficult to defend against, especially if they were on fire. They traveled very quickly; they were very

small; and often there were thousands of them filling the air. And all it took was one little arrow getting through, to inflict injury, or to kill. So arrows were quite a problem.

And, as the shield protected the soldier's body against the thousands of incoming arrows, **so does faith protect us as a shield from the thousands of attacks from the devil.** Attacks against our bodies; attacks against our souls; attacks against our health; attacks against our thought life, against our peace, against our families and against our church. Christ is a shield for us against God's wrath; and faith is our shield against Satan's wrath.

And faith is thoroughly sufficient to protect us from all these attacks. Even Jesus Christ himself has put his approval on it. He would be neither fair, nor loving, if he would have let Satan attack his disciples to be decimated by his attack, if faith did not work. But faith does work! It crushes, defeats and repels the attack of the devil. **It is our shield that protects us from Satan.** And is used all the more effectively, if all the believers in a local church take their stand on the front line of battle and use it!

29. Faith in a 20th century shield metaphor.

For thousands of years the shield played prominently in the theater of war as the weapon or instrument that protected the soldier in combat. Although today, soldiers do not use them; they are quite ineffective against live ammunition. Though some police do use them in riot control.

But there are many other tactical concepts today that serve us as shields. For example, air cover overhead acts as a shield to give protection to the foot soldier on the ground. In other cases, airplanes using electromagnetic warfare are used to confuse and disturb the enemy's radar and communication systems, so that the enemy is forced to operate in the blind. And now, electromagnetic warfare has become so advanced, that they are able to erect an electromagnetic dome over an entire theater of war, acting as a shield to protect the troops from electromagnetic warfare. Even in the realm of Science Fiction in the Star War movies, the Enterprise had an electronic defense shield to protect the hull of the Enterprise from attack.

The shield changes in nature in correspondence to the type of weapon one is being attacked by. Primitive arrows and spears could be effectively stopped by a wooden shield, or one with extra thick rawhide. A bronze sword could be stopped by a bronze or wooden shield. But something stronger would be needed for an iron or steel sword.

When rifled artillery shells were developed, then they had to move on to armor plate to protect the hulls of ships. And the bigger the shells, the heavier the armor plate had to be. But when depleted uranium armor piercing shells were developed, then they had to develop reactive armor.

And when we go into the era of electromagnetic warfare, certain advances into electronic counter measures (ECM) were needed to serve as an effective shield. So the shield, or protection had to vary based upon what weapon the enemy was using. And in the Angelic Conflict, the perfect weapon for our protection against the attacks of the devil is **faith!**