Put on the Armor of Light

Brent Moody · Romans 13:11–14

INTRODUCTION

- It's an appropriate conclusion to Paul's section of exhortation that began at the beginning of chapter 12.
- And so now this is sort of this exhortation or speech before you go into battle.
- He's using this concept of kingdom. That God's people form a kingdom. We are citizens of his kingdom, and his son is king.

1 Identity Matters When You're in War

Romans 6:13; 1 John 3; Ephesians 5

- Now, the whole idea of what Paul's getting at here is the armor you put on is about your identity.
- You're weapons for righteousness. You're not weapons for unrighteousness.
- When you gave yourself to Jesus Christ, when you died with him, when you became part of his kingdom, and now you're walking a new life, now you bear the armor of your king and his kingdom.
- We are certainly in the middle of a spiritual warfare. There is light and darkness.
- You're either part of the kingdom of light or you're part of the kingdom of darkness.
- And so by implication, the point here is you have to choose. Where are you going to end up? Who are you going to fight for?

2 We Arm Ourselves Through Thought and Action

1 Thessalonians 5; Romans 12; Romans 8:5–8

- It is tied to the way we think and the way that we act. So we arm ourselves through thought and action.
- This is what it doesn't look like. It doesn't look like excessive partying.
- If we're fighting each other, we don't have time to actually be fighting darkness.
- So those who are clothing themselves with the armor of light are not the kind of people who quarrel and fight with each other.
- For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace.
- All of that is fleshly, and it's taking you away from the fight that actually matters.

3 The Hour Has Already Come

Romans 13:11; Isaiah 60:1–2; 1 Thessalonians 5

- Paul's mentioning future salvation. It's for the purpose of emphasizing behavior now.
- So that little phrase there has come in Greek, it's the word ade, which means already. It's already here.

- But he's saying the hour has already struck. Battle is on, the war is happening. And now it's time to arm yourself and be ready to fight.
- The most important battle is the battle you're in the middle of.
- Wake up. Be alert. It's not the time to sleep.
- If we are on the side of light, we will shine. And we will shine now.

THE CHALLENGE

It might be this morning that decision is you want to be on the right side. You want to be in the light. You don't want to serve the dark side anymore.

MY NOTES