

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "SPIRITUAL ARMOR" TEACHING SERIES

Introduction: "Breastplate of Righteousness"

The spiritual significance of the breastplate of righteousness is that it securely protects and guards your heart and emotions against all the otherwise disabling blows from the devil. Satan, in his attempt to penetrate your breastplate, will lie to you about the promises of God while getting you to rationalize the counsel of the written Word. When you allow this to happen, your confidence in God starts to wane. Then discouragement, which is one of the greatest antagonisms of the enemy, sets in. You then dwell negatively on sins of the past, your own shortcomings and your own weaknesses and those of others. Even the future begins to look bleak. All of this is designed to take your eyes off the Lord, the very One who is the solution to your problem.

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS STUDY NOTES

Righteousness =

1) the quality of being right or just

2) an attribute of God

3) the life resulting in salvation through Jesus Christ

Christ is our righteousness. All who believe in Jesus are brought into a right relationship with God.

GOD = RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 97:2

Psalm 119:137, 142, 144

Psalm 145:17

Jeremiah 23:5-6 - "Jehovah - Tsidkenu"

CHRIST = OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 3:10-23

Romans 10:3-4, 10

I Corinthians 1:30

II Corinthians 5:21

Philippians 3:9

I Peter 3:18

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS

Hosea 10:12

Romans 6:16-19

Ephesians 4:24

Philippians 1:11 - **by** Jesus Christ

I Timothy 6:11-12

Revelation 19:7-8

God is righteousness - parental judgments distort our image of God.

"Life isn't fair" - circumstances distort our picture

We need to forgive, break judgments, and make peace with God so we can see Him as He is!

Be angry at sin and Satan, not God.

This righteousness is not attainable by obedience to any law or by any merit of man's own **but only by faith in Christ.**

The breastplate in the Roman armor was primarily used to protect the vital organs. In the spiritual realm it is showing that Satan cannot accuse a believer who is living a Godly life in the power of the Spirit.

The life we live will either fortify us against Satan's attack or make it easier for him to defeat us. So we need to live righteously before the Lord, just like the Belt of Truth. Jesus did it all; we choose to follow.

This righteousness comes from what Jesus accomplished for us at the cross. He died for us and gave us His righteousness.

There is also a personal righteousness.

Remember, we cannot earn righteousness, and can never be righteous in our flesh. We need to be living righteously and serving Him as we await His coming.