

Fiery Arrows

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 6:10-20

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. — Ephesians 6:16

In the movie *Braveheart*, the medieval English forces line up against William Wallace's Scottish forces. The Scots shoot flaming arrows at the English, who are unaware that the field has been covered with oil. As the flaming arrows set the field on fire, a whole segment of the English army is taken out of the battle at once.

In our spiritual battle against the forces of evil, the enemy uses "flaming arrows" against us. Arrows on fire are effective because they cause a distraction from the main battle. You cannot fight both fire and the enemy at once.

In his wisdom, God gave us a tool to protect us from "the flaming arrows of the evil one." He gave us "the shield of faith." As the evangelist Reinhard Bonnke puts it, "Faith is the passport and visa into the kingdom of God and all its resources." Faith is the conduit that connects us with the great powers of God and his Word. Through the gift of faith God's light, salvation, strength, and healing come, because God is faithful to us.

As flaming arrows fly at you, God, like a great bird, "will cover [you] with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart" (Psalm 91:4).

With God protecting us, the -enemy will have to get past God before he can get to us. What a comfort!

Prayer

You, O Lord, are a shield around me. Thank you for your protection from the fiery arrows of the evil one. In you I put my trust. Amen.

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