

## Day 5 (10/1/23): THE HELMET OF SALVATION

When a soldier suited up for battle, the helmet was the last piece of armor to go on. It was the final act of readiness in preparation for combat. A helmet was vital for survival, protecting the brain, the command station for the rest of the body. If the head was badly damaged, the rest of the armor would be of little use.

According to Tony Evans, When the bible speaks of the Helmet of Salvation, it's talking about controlling our thoughts. The enemy is after your mind. We must be thinking thoughts that have been renewed by God's word. God wants us to dismantle every thought that goes against the rule of Christ in our lives. We must make sure that what God says about something holds more weight in our lives than any other influence. Strongholds are torn down through the Word of God.

Salvation is not just about redemption. Salvation was meant to implement an entire new way of thinking into your life. What the brain is to the body, the mind is to the soul. Salvation is about your identity. It's who you are in Christ.

The assurance of salvation is our impenetrable defense against anything the enemy throws at us. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The idea in this verse is that, as we prepare for Satan's attacks, we must grab that helmet and buckle it tightly. Salvation is not limited to a one-time act of the past or even a future hope. God's salvation is an ongoing, eternal state that His children enjoy in the present. It is daily protection and deliverance from our sin nature and Satan's schemes.

Because of the power of the cross, our enemy no longer has any hold on us (Romans 6:10; 8:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18). We must learn to keep our helmets buckled so that his fiery missiles do not lodge in our thoughts and set us on fire. Through this helmet of salvation, we can "destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Sometimes the greatest miracles God does are not in our circumstances, it's in our minds.



## **Helmet of Salvation Scriptures**

Eph. 6:17a Take the helmet of salvation

Psa 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

Isaiah 33:6 He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Eph. 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

What is God saying to you through His Word? What does it mean to take the helmet of salvation?

Where is God calling you to repent? Are there other means of salvation, even your own good works, that you are trusting instead of resting in the salvation of Christ?

What do you want to ask God for regarding the treasure of salvation?

Pray for the WWWC Board to know God as their sure foundation for this time of ministry. May they depend on Christ as a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. May they make decisions by the power of the promised Holy Spirit. Ask God to guide them in developing relationships, training and mentorship for the WWWC Europe Board. Pray for the Board members to act with tenacity and courage.