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INTRODUCTION:

That famous announcer at boxing matches & Luther’s “Fight Song”

I. THE DEVIL USES *FIERY DARTS* (v. 16)

- A. Used in open warfare before hand-to-hand combat (Psalm 91:5)
- B. Note the movie – *Braveheart*
- C. These are temptations to wound & soften you

II. GOD PROVIDES US WITH A SHIELD (v. 16)

- A. This is the *shield of faith*
- B. He gives us shield-bearers for help & protection
- C. Permit me to introduce you to some of my shield-bearers

III. GOD HAS GIVEN US A CUSTOM-FITTED HELMET (v. 17)

- A. This is the *helmet of salvation* (Isaiah 59:17; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- B. The devil cannot take this from us (2 Peter 5:8)
- C. A song: *The Lions May Eat My Body,
But They Cannot Swallow My Soul*

IV. THE SWORD GOD PROVIDES IS VERY SHARP (v. 17)

- A. This is a “short sword” for hand-to-hand combat
- B. This sword is God’s powerful Word
- C. Hand-to-hand combat & sermons, Bible classes, private devotions
- D. The victory depends not on us, but on our Lord (v. 10)
[Luther’s fight song, *Mighty Fortress*, verse 2]
- E. The Roman soldier had his weapons & armour supplied to him by his commander & so do we! (vv. 10-11)

CONCLUSION: *We are ready to rumble!*

[One more look at Luther’s fight song, verse 4]