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SERMON OUTLINE -- SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

"Let's Fight!"

(Ephesians 6:10-20 & Luther's Hymn: A Mighty Fortress)

INTRODUCTION: My 1st & only fight...

THE DEVIL USES FIERY DARTS (v.16)

- A. Used in open warfare before hand-to-hand combat (Psalm 91:5)
- 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

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)

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

V. THE VICTORY DEPENDS NOT ON US, BUT ON OUR LORD (v.10)

VI. THE ROMAN SOLDIER'S ARMOUR & WEAPONS WERE GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS COMMANDER & THE SAME IS TRUE FOR US (vv.10-11)

CONCLUSION: Wanna fight? Bring it on!!