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Numbers

The value of the King's armour

1 Ki. 10:16 "And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: **six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.** 17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon."

The target is a body shield to protect against arrows and spears. The shield mentioned above is used to protect in hand-to-hand combat. According to the scriptures a pound of gold is equal to one hundred shekels. Thus, the target was made of six pounds of gold and the shield was made of three pounds of gold. That is a lot of gold and is of much value.

These were the king's targets and the king's shields. Therefore, the armour of the king is of great value.

Our King (Jesus Christ) has provided for us the armour we need to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We are to fight the good fight of faith. While we walk in the flesh, yet our warfare is a spiritual warfare and our armour is a spiritual armour: 2 Cor. 10:3 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." From this we gather that our spiritual armour is mighty through God.

Our armour is listed for us in Ephesians chapter six: 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel

of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

This armour is designed so that we may stand against the wiles of the devil and that we may be victorious against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. How could we have a more valuable and durable armour than this armour that our king has provided for us. Furthermore, 1 Pet. 1:7 speaks to us of the great value of a single piece of our armour: 7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

King Solomon's armour was of gold. King Jesus' armour is greater in value than King Solomon's armour. Thanks be to our King who has provided for us such armour that is of so great a value and of such great usefulness that we may fight victoriously in our daily battles against our enemies.