

# USING THE SHIELD OF FAITH Part 5

## Defensive Shield

- Protection against projectiles
- Extinguishes flaming arrows
- Allows offensive movement

## God's Body Armor

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## **CONFRONTATIONAL** Fiery Arrows of the Devil

- Possession
- Oppression
- Parasomnia
- Paranormal

## Demonic Possession

Demonic possession is the habitation of a human body by an evil spirit or evil spirits

- Natural human thinking and functions are influenced by or overtaken by an evil spirit
- Superhuman strength, knowledge, or skills may be provided by the demonic presence
- Possession may be evidenced by mental imbalance, paranoia, or physical distortions.
- Disguised possession may manifest in the accomplished, popular, and well-thought of individual.
- Deceptive possession will be revealed in the twist on good, truth, and God.

## Demonic Oppression

Demonic oppression is the subtle or substantial assault on a person by an evil spirit.

- Cruel pressure on a person's worth as a human being which can lead to breakdown or suicide.
- Accusations of failure, reminders of regret, and loaded lies.
- Unsubstantiated heaviness that lingers and leads to being disquieted and depressed.
- Clouded and foggy thinking that is skeptical of God and increases in hopelessness.
- Thoughts that support rebellion against God and his ways.

## Demonic Parasomnia

Demonic parasomnia is the attack by evil spirits on a person's quality of sleep.

- Insomnia
- Sleep apnea
- Restless legs syndrome
- Narcolepsy
- Sleep paralysis

## Demonic Paranormal

Demonic paranormal activity is the manifestation in real time and space of evil spirits.

- Ghosts/appearances
- Hauntings
- Poltergeists-noises, physical disturbances
- Voices seemingly from nowhere
- Odors disconnected from a source
- Unnatural change in temperature
- Fear of the darkness with paranoia

## Hold Up the Shield of Faith

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## Are You Wearing God's Armor?

- What battle have you been fighting, flesh-and blood or spiritual?
- What strategies of the devil have you battled?
- How many times have you tried to stand on your own and not in the armor of God?
- What kind of spiritual training have you done in the last few weeks?
- How will you now live?