

The flaming darts

Fire is used in two ways: for harm or for good.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. Isaiah 43:2

See I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. Isaiah 48:10

Examples of refinement: Job and Peter

⁷ *The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."*⁸ *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."* Job 1:7-8

³¹ *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat."*³² *But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*³³ *But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."*³⁴ *Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."* Luke 22:31-34

Keeping up the shield

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

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Round 4: The Shield of Faith

¹⁰ *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.* ¹¹ *Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.* ¹² *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* ¹³ *Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.* ¹⁴ *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,* ¹⁵ *and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.* ¹⁶ **In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.** ¹⁷ *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.* ¹⁸ *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.* Ephesians 6:10-18

The tension

God has supplied all you need.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness ... 2 Peter 1:3

Yet, you must be diligent to use what God has given.

... be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities, you will never fall. 2 Peter 1:10

The shield

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