



The Helmet of Salvation

Read Ephesians 6:17

The final two pieces of equipment are approaching... but there is something to note that we do not readily see in the text.

The previous pieces of armour would have been put on and taken up by the soldiers themselves. Imagine you standing there with your 'door' of a SHIELD being held... how do you pick up your helmet?

What are the implications of This for "Salvation"?

So what is our understanding of salvation, and is it a Biblical understanding?

Let's start in the Old Testament:

There are two main words in Hebrew that we translate for SALVATION:
YESHA and *YESHUA*...Remind you of anything?

Here are some examples:

Read 2 Samuel 22:1 - 4

Isaiah 45:8

(Not going to list the Psalms here as they are littered with Salvation)

What about these verses:

1 Chronicles 16:35

Genesis 49:18

Exodus 14:12 - 14 (Remember these verses from a few weeks ago?)

What do you notice here?

_____ = _____ = _____ from _____

So let's have a look in the New Testament.

The main word used in Greek is *SOTERIA*.

How often do you think Jesus spoke about soteria?

Read Luke **19:1 - 10**

What do you notice about Salvation here?

Turn to **Hebrews:**

1:14

2:3

2:10

6:9

Some more of Paul's thinking: **Romans 11:11 - 12; 2 Corinthians 7:10;**
1 Thessalonians 5:8-9

So would you consider SALVATION something that happens or something you have?

Either way, or both, Paul links SALVATION with the helmet. Was he running out of armour and fitted this in or was there more to it?

Read **Romans 12:1-2**

Thoughts? (Pun intended)

And Romans 1:21 - 23

John 14:25 - 26; 16:12 - 13

The helmet was there to protect the head (obviously), considering the contemporary world and mental health awareness, how could the message of Salvation be communicated?

On a personal level what encouragements and challenges can you take from Salvation?