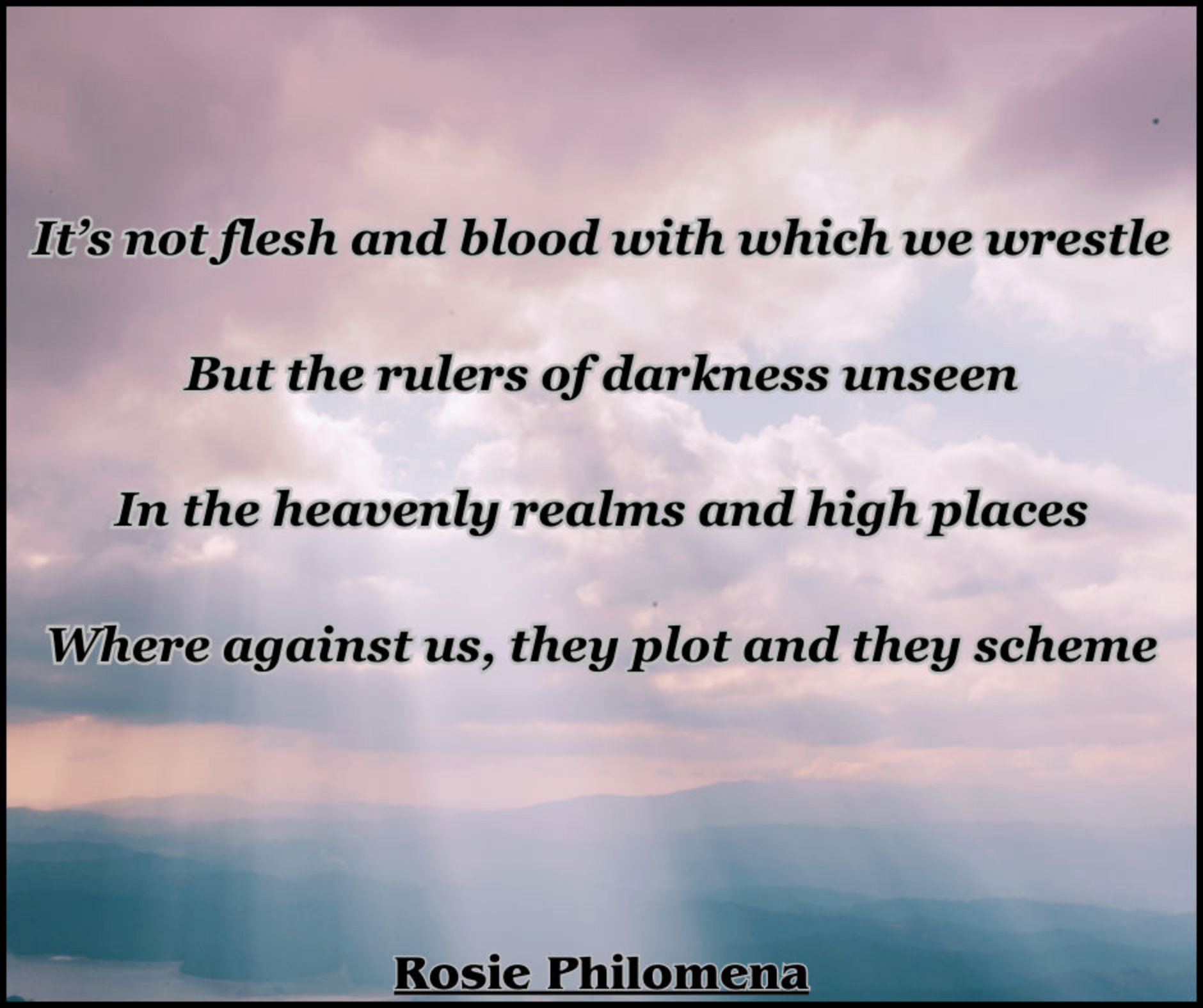


The Armour Of God

Ephesians 6:10-18



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It's not flesh and blood with which we wrestle

But the rulers of darkness unseen

In the heavenly realms and high places

Where against us, they plot and they scheme

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Now the devil he prowls like a lion
For he's searching for prey to devour
So be vigilant and sober-minded
And stay watchful whatever the hour

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But the armour of God's our protection

For the spiritual battle is real

And the evil one is so relentless

These attacks are a daily ordeal

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In Ephesians it speaks of such armour
And each piece has its own job to do
We're encouraged to put them on daily
In these verses, each one we'll go through



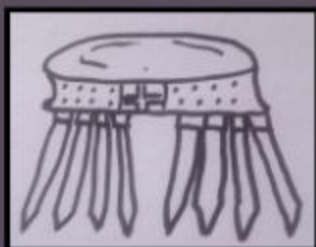
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Now, the belt of truth's very important

It's to this, other pieces attach

Though the devil will try to attack us

When we stand in God's truth, he's no match



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Next, the breastplate of righteousness follows
We're made right by the action's of Christ
As He died on the cross, we're reminded
It was purchased for us at great price



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**Now, the shoes are the next piece of armour
And for readiness placed on the feet
Then with confidence we can reach others
And share with them the Gospel of peace**



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Though the enemy tries to distract us

If we're wearing our armour and shoes

We are promised the peace that He gives us

And that comes with the Gospel's good news



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Next, the shield of faith's vital in battle

And it's there to defend and protect

When attacked by the enemy's arrows

Then those fiery darts it deflects



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**And the helmet of salvation is vital
As we're focused on things yet to come
We're assured of eternity with God
By His grace, not the works we have done**



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We're created in God's very image

But the enemy comes for your mind

He will highlight your innermost weakness

All your weak spots and flaws he will find

Fear
Worry
Anxiety
Self-esteem
Comparison

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Troubling thoughts he will use to distract you

What we think about, we will become

It's his playground and there he'll run riot

But those patterns we can overcome



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By accepting the gift of salvation

We are given the strength to reject

Every lie that the enemy tells us

And the helmet, your mind will protect



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Next, God's Word is the sword of the Spirit

Bible reading will keep your sword sharp

And it helps us to regain our focus

When we feel we've not quite hit the mark



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For the Word is alive and is active

Sharper than, any double edged sword

It can separate bone from the marrow

Such assurance to us this affords



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It divides both the soul and the spirit

Words of wisdom the Bible imparts

It discerns both our thoughts and intentions

And desires which all come from the heart



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Now, the enemy wants to confuse you

He is known as the father of lies

But with God, we are standing in victory

As His children, that's never denied



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When you've done all you can there's one option

That remains, and that's firmly to stand

Trusting God has you safely protected

And upheld by His righteous right hand



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