

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

As soldiers of Christ, **our mission** is to **put on the full armor of God and stand firm.**

Ephesians 6:14-17a

This morning, we'll consider the 1st offensive weapon we are given.

I. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT. **Ephesians 6:17b ...**

A. Spiritually speaking, the sword of the Spirit is God's Word.

1. The first Greek form of the word "WORD" is "Logos"

John 1:1 Here the "Logos" is Jesus – Jesus is the Word in the flesh.

Hebrews 4:12 Here the "Logos" is something that is written, namely the Scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 All Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is infallible, perfect.

2. The second Greek form of the word "WORD" is "rhema."

This word is generally used for the word that is spoken or heard.

John 5:46, 47 Here WORD refers to the words that Jesus speaks, and others hear.

Romans 10:17

B. The sword of the Spirit is referring to those words that are proclaimed, written, spoken, and that come from God.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.

The purpose of the sword was to cut through the enemy's defenses.

The sword of the Spirit will cut to the core and expose the truth.

One edge of this sword represents the Law.

The other edge represents the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

James 4:7 The sword of the Spirit gives us victory.

III. THE PROPER USE OF THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

A. How familiar are you with the main offensive weapon?

The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God?

Can you instinctively use the word when needed?

B. To have read the word is one thing.

2 Timothy 2:15 Do you know how to handle the word?

This is the very weapon Jesus used in His direct confrontation with Satan.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus answered each of the three temptations from Satan by using the sword of the Spirit.

Then Satan left defeated, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

The weapon used by Jesus is available to every believer.

As soldiers of Christ

C. As soldiers of Christ, we must train daily with our weapon.

We need to know it inside out and backwards.

Psalms 119:11; 105

God's word directs us and shows us the way.

John 14:26

But to bring His Word to our memory,

we have had to do more than just casually read it, it must have been studied.

"The Bible is like a telescope. If a man looks through his telescope he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks at his telescope, he does not see anything but that. The Bible is a thing to be looked through to see that which is beyond; but most people only look at it and so they see only the dead letter." -Phillip Brooks

STAND FIRM WITH THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD.
AND WATCH WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO.