

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**  
**ARMOR FOR THE BATTLE—SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**  
**EPHESIANS 6.10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Review:**

- 1. The Bible presents a comprehensive view of evil**
- 2. There are 3 great images for the Christian Life in Scripture:**
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
- 3. Spiritual Warfare is more than the “exorcist experience.”**
- 4. The Armor of God is His and He gives it to us**

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (Isa 11:5)

His own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head. (Isa 59:16-17)

## **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (v. 17)**

**What is the difference between the sword and all the other armor?**

**Is the Sword, “which is the word of God” just a repeat of the “belt of truth?” Why mention them both? Four interpretive options:**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. (Is. 49:2)

My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. (Ps. 57:4)

Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, (Ps. 64:2-3)

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women...Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, (Acts 8:12-14)

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. (Acts 13:46)

When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. (1 Thess. 2:13).

### **God's Provision of the Sword—Preaching and Teaching the Gospel**

“The preaching of the Word of God IS the Word of God.” -2<sup>nd</sup> Helvetic Confession, 1566

**Image of the Battle: Lion King—waiting for Jesus to roar. Baskets of Bread.**

**Context of the Battle:**

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**What is the main point of the spoken/proclaimed Word (teaching, preaching, testimony)?**

## **Inseparable Union of Word and Spirit—"Sword of the Spirit" (also I Cor. 2.4, John 5.39)**

### **How do we know that the Spirit is wielding the Sword on us?**

1. Ortho\_\_\_\_\_ (I Corinthians 8.1) **KNOW**
2. Ortho\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23.23) **DO**
3. Ortho\_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 13, I Peter 5.5) **BE**

Preaching is where the truth dawns on you, where it comes alive, where you feel it going deep, where it is being screwed down into your heart until it catches fire.

### **If the Word and Spirit are inseparable, what does that mean for/do to us?**

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_
2. We must \_\_\_\_\_
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