



Day 6 (10/2/23): THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The sword is both an offensive and defensive weapon used by soldiers or warriors. Swords were used to protect oneself from harm or to attack the enemy. In both cases it was necessary for a soldier to get rigid training on the proper use of the sword to get maximum protection. The sword that Paul refers to here is the Holy Scriptures. The sword of the Spirit is a weapon belonging to the Holy Spirit that He gives to us! We are called to PICK UP THE SWORD! It requires an action! A deliberate choice. Once you pick it up, it is in your hand to use, but it is His. Paul is telling us that to withstand the attacks from the enemy, we shouldn't always take a defensive posture. Be on the offense! Choose to pick it up!

When the Bible states "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." (Hebrews 4:12). It penetrates with power. We need the utterance of God, the Rhema word, to defeat the enemy.

When Satan tempted Jesus and threw suggestions at Him to prove Himself (Matt 4:1..Since you are the son of God, command stones to become bread) Jesus did not discuss or dialogue with the enemy. Jesus didn't respond with what He thought and He had perfect thinking! He responded with the written word which is what God himself has to say. Jesus is Called the Living Word. Think about it-

If the Living Word had to use the written word to deal with the enemy of the world, then how much do we need to use the same word against the enemy?



Sword of the Spirit Scriptures

Eph. 6:17b Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Psalm 119: 10, 11 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:132, 133 Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Matt. 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2 Timothy 3: 16, 17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

What is God saying to You about His Word? What does it mean to take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God?

What do you need to admit to the Lord about your failure to live according to His Word? Come to Him and pour out Your shame and experience His mercy.

What do you want to ask God for so that His Word directs Your walk with Christ?

Pray for the WWWC Board to seek God with all their hearts and love His name above all others. Ask God to direct their footsteps according to His Word that they may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Pray for wisdom from God to consider where, when and how to possibly expand the ministry of WWWC. Ask God to restore and refine Board members to walk in mission and reliance on His Word.