

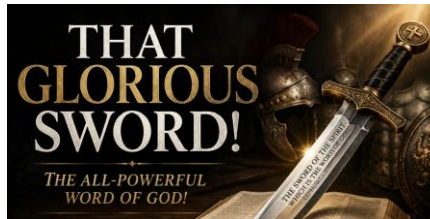
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: Ephesians – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Ephesians 6:17 – The Whole Armour of God – a life-changing Book!

Today's Message:

"That Glorious Sword"



INTRODUCTION

Thus far, we have studied the first three pieces of armor to be put on before the battle begins and the three things we must take up to stand in the battle. God has provided every believer with the spiritual protection needed to stand firm in Christ when the enemy attacks. Today, we will continue to look at that glorious sword of the Spirit! Now, the sword is the believer's offensive weapon. The Roman sword referenced was the one designed for close combat. Victory depended on skill, discipline, and continual practice. Likewise, the Christian's battle is personal and daily. God has not left you alone or defenseless as His dear child. He has placed His own words into your hands. This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Ephesians 6:17

A. Its Divine Author – this is no man-made Book!

1. The sword of the Spirit – the word of God – was literally God-BREATHED!!!

- Ephesians 6:17 – ... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

"The word of God" – words of the **King** of kings + **Lord** of lords – the Almighty has _____!

Key Notes

- It was inspired by God _____. **2 Tim 3:16-17** – The author is God!
- The Holy Spirit moved holy _____. **2 Pet 1:20-21** – Holy men were the pen!
- The Holy Spirit still uses His _____. **2 Cor 3:18** – We are changed by His Book!
✓ It is a **living** Book! ... it convicts sinners, teaches believers, illuminates truth, comforts the discouraged, empowers obedience... whatever you need... it is in there!
- It is made for every _____. **2 Tim 3:15** – From a child to oldest saint!
- It is made for every _____ in history. **Isaiah 40:8** – It shall stand for ever!
- It is made for every _____ of person. **Psalms 119:105** – every foot, every path!
- It is made for every _____. **1 Cor 10:13** – God always makes a way!
- It is made for every _____ of life. **Heb 13:5** – The Word never forsakes you!

Hebrews 4:12
For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.

"...which is the word of God."

The Bible is not merely a collection of religious thoughts or human philosophy. More than 40 different human writers over 1,500 years wrote under the superintendence of the Holy Spirit, producing one unified revelation without contradiction or error. Amen!

B. Its Supernatural Power – this is no ordinary weapon!

2. *The sword of the Spirit – the word of God* – possesses supernatural _____!

- **Ephesians 6:17** – ... and *the sword of the Spirit*, which is the word of God:

Key Notes

- It gives supernatural _____. **Romans 10:17** – The word of God brings faith!
✓ Faith comes by hearing the word of God. This Book is the priority of your life then!
- It gives supernatural _____. **1 Peter 1:23** – The word of God saves a soul!
✓ Programs cannot save... music cannot save... emotions cannot save.
- It performs supernatural _____. **Heb 4:12** – Nothing can do what it does!
✓ It pierces... it divides... it exposes... it reveals motives... it does surgery no man can do!
- It makes you and keeps you _____. **Psalm 119:9** – It cleans you of sin and filth!
✓ **John 15:3** “Now ye are clean through the word” ... Jesus said this!
- It builds you into a _____ Christian. **2Tim 3:16-17** – It thoroughly furnishes you!
✓ It is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness!

Hebrews 4:12

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Psalm 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

C. Its Skillful Use – a sword hanging on a wall wins no battles!

3. *The sword of the Spirit – the word of God* – must be taken up to win the _____!

Biblical Examples

- **Jesus** **Mt 4:1-11** – Three temptations. Three answers. “It is written...”
- **David** **Psalm 119:11** – He memorized Scripture to prepare before temptation came.
- **Bereans** **Acts 17:11** – They searched the Scriptures daily to prove all things with truth.
- **Timothy** **2 Tim 3:15** – He grew up in a home that prioritized the word of God.
✓ Children can know Scripture.
✓ Families should prioritize Bible reading.
✓ Parents are the first disciplers of their children.

Personal Application

- _____ it daily. **Deut 6:4-9** – Consume the Bible. Put the words everywhere!
- _____ it carefully. **2 Tim 2:15** – To rightly divide it. To be approved unto God!
- _____ it. **Psalm 119:11** – Commit to memorizing every day.
- _____ on it. **Joshua 1:8** – Day and night. Do not limit the power of God!
- _____ it immediately. **James 1:22** – Don’t just hear it. Be a doer of His blessed Book!
- _____ it to others. **Mk 16:15** – Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!

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Making disciples and caring for souls!