

**Ephesians 6 (2-19-12)**

*The Spiritual Warfare Series*

**WIELDING THE WORD!**

**(Swinging the Sword At Satan!)**

**TEXT: Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

**Psalms 17:13** Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from **the wicked, which is thy sword.**

**Psalms 44:6** For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall **my sword** save me.

**Judges 7:18**...then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, **The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.**

**Job 40:15** Behold now behemoth...

19 He is the chief of the ways of God: **he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.**

**Nehemiah 4:17**...every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand **held a weapon.**

18 For the builders, every one **had his sword** girded **by his side**, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

**Deuteronomy 6:6** And **these words**, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thine heart:**

7 And thou shalt **teach them diligently** unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

**Song 3:8** They all hold swords, being expert in war: **every man hath his sword upon his thigh** because of fear in the night.

**Psalms 149:6** Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and **a twoedged sword in their hand;**

**Jeremiah 15:16** **Thy words were found**, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart...

**2 Kings 22:8** And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, **I have found the book** of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and **he read it.**

**Isaiah 49:2** And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword...

**Proverbs 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips **put far** from thee.

**1 Timothy 6:5** Perverse disputings...from such withdraw thyself.

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**Psalms 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

**2 Corinthians 10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Luke 4:3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And **Jesus answered him, saying, It is written**, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And **Jesus answered** and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: **for it is written**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And **Jesus answering** said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, **he departed from him for a season.**

**Hebrews 4:2**...but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it.

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**2 Corinthians 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness...

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- **Ephesians 5:11** And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** them.

Wilberforce, in 1797, complained even then, that there was a tendency among Christians for their children to grow up and never learn to think. They never know why they believe certain things. Any many adult Christians stay this way!:

"Thousands of Jesus-following students who graduated from high school this summer will be claiming independent lives as they enter the big college campus in the fall. A new research study, however, is indicating the majority of those students will also be 'graduating from God' upon entering college...Fuller Theological Seminary's Center for Youth and Family Ministry launched a three-year longitudinal study, surveying Christian students and their life transition into college and what provides for a better transition especially when it comes to faith. The milestone study is set to confirm the large number of students that youth workers say are leaving the church. Denominations and youth workers have estimated that between 65 percent and 94 percent of their high school students stop attending church after they graduate..."

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**Psalms 112:1** Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that **delighteth greatly** in **his commandments**.

**2 His seed shall be mighty** upon earth...

**Proverbs 7:1** **My son**, keep my words, and **lay up** my **commandments** with thee.

**3** Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

**Psalms 119:32** I will run the way of **thy commandments**...

**60** I made haste, and delayed not to keep **thy commandments**.

**Job 23:12** Neither have I gone back from **the commandment** of his lips; I have esteemed **the words of his mouth** more than my necessary food.

**Proverbs 13:13** Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that **feareth the commandment** shall be rewarded.

**2 John 1:6** And this is love, that **we walk after his commandments...**

**John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

**Deuteronomy 8:11** Beware that thou **forget not** the LORD thy God, in **not keeping his commandments...**

**Psalms 119:115** Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

"Bravely resolved! like a saint, like a soldier; for true courage consists in a steady resolution against all sin and for all duty. Those that would keep God's commandments must be often renewing their resolutions to do so: 'I will keep them. Whatever others do, this I will do...'...Those that resolve to keep the commandments of God must have no society with evil-doers; for bad company is a great hindrance to a holy life. We must not choose wicked people for our companions, nor be intimate with them; we must not do as they do nor do as they would have us do."

(Matthew Henry)

"If we fly to God from vain thoughts, much more shall we avoid vain men...David purged his palace of such parasites...Because Jehovah is our God therefore we resolve to obey him, and to chase out of our sight those who would hinder us in his service."

(Spurgeon)

"How poorly doth the good corn grow which is compassed about with weeds!...therefore when David would marry himself to God's commands, to love them, and live with them, for better for worse, all his days, he is forced to give a bill of divorce to wicked companions..."

(George Swinnock)

**Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

"This is one reason why the Christians in today's churches are behaving like a flock of frightened sheep - so intimidated by the devil that we cant even say 'Amen'!...Show me an individual or a congregation committed to spiritual progress with the Lord, interested in what the Bible teaches about spiritual perfection and victory, and I will show you where there is strong and immediate defiance by the devil!...Also related to reputation is the fear of many Christians that they will be considered fanatical or extreme for their Christian faith...our apathy about praise in worship is like an inward chill in our beings...Brethren, God never meant for us to be kicked around like a football. He wants us to be humble and let Him do the chastening when necessary. But when the devil starts tampering with you, dare to resist him! I stand for believing in God and defying the devil - and our God loves that kind of courage among His people...Actually, anything or anyone that keeps me from knowing God in this vital and personal way is my enemy...The Spirit cannot fill who He cannot separate...You can't be a baby all your life!...'mediocre'...describes many Christians...'lukewarm'...'halfway up to the peak'...instead of going on,

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we started asking questions...'...What will it cost me?'...'Will it be convenient?'...'Will it be fun?'...huckster questions...*saintlets*...'fun for our Christian young people'...I happen to know that young people can be just as responsible before God as older people...'weaklings'...afraid of standing alone...'"

(Tozer, *I Talk Back to the Devil*)

**Psalms 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?** and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

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