

God's Word – the Spirit's Sword (Part One)

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 156

Ephesians 6:17b

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<p>¹⁰ Finally, get empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.</p> <p>¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will have power to stand against the strategies of the Devil; ¹² because our grappling is not against blood and flesh, but <i>instead</i> against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic potentates over this darkness, against the spiritual <i>hosts</i> of wickedness in the heavenlies. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, in order that you may have power to stand against <i>them</i> in the</p>	<p>wicked day, and having accomplished all things, to stand!</p> <p>¹⁴ Stand, therefore: having belted your waist around with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with preparation <i>provided</i> by the good news of peace, ¹⁶ in all <i>situations</i> having taken up the shield of the faith, with which you will have power to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And the helmet of salvation accept, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;...</p>
<p><i>Ephesians 6:10-17 DJP ad hoc</i></p>	

Introduction:

I. The _____

A. Its Literal Meaning

1. Not the *rhomphaia* [hrom-FYE-ah]...
2. ...but the *machaira* [MAW-khye-rah]

3. Think of its distinctive role

B. Its Spiritual Meaning

1. _____:
 - a. Its _____: ...*of the Spirit*

 - b. Its _____:

 - c. Its _____:
 - i. What it is: *the Word of God*
 - (1) Generally, _____ spoken by God (Hebrews __:12)

 - (2) Specifically, the _____
Ephesians __:13; __:26; __:19

Romans __:16

 - ii. What it isn't

2. _____: see James __:7

II. The _____

A. Understanding _____: the Word and the _____

1. *The Word*
 - a. Defined:

 - b. Illustrated:
 - i. About Jesus:

 - ii. About God's character:
2. *The _____*
 - a. Defined

 - b. Illustrated: about the _____

 - c. Summary

B. Avoiding _____: the Word and the _____

1. The ruse:

2. The reality:
 - 1 Corinthians __:13 (New American Standard Bible)

 - 2 Peter __:19-21

C. Studying a _____: Matthew __:1-11

1. Stage set (vv. 1-2)

2. First skirmish (vv. 3-4)

3. Second and third skirmishes (vv. 5-10)
 - a. Satan comes twice (vv. 5-6, 8-9)

 - b. Jesus responds twice (vv. 7, 10)