

The Sword Of The Spirit

Ephesians 6:17-18

Thank God that we do not constantly stay in a state of spiritual warfare. But when the enemy comes against us we are prepared to stand our ground when we need to.

The Sword of The Roman Soldier

- The sword Paul was referring to is that of a brutal weapon. It was approximately 19 inches long. Both sides of the blade was razor sharp. The tip of the sword turned upward causing the tip of the blade to be very sharp and extremely deadly.
- This sword was the most deadly of them all. I want you to take note that this sword has two edged. We will get back to that later.
- We spoke weeks ago about 'RHEMA' and I want to get deeper into it this morning. Are you ready?
- Paul goes on to give us more information about this sword. He says, "The sword of the spirit which is the Word of God." The term "word" is taken from the Greek word 'Rhema', which is one of the most familiar Greek words used in the New Testament.
- It describes something that is spoken clearly; spoken vividly; spoken in undeniable language; or spoken unmistakable, certain, and definite terms.
- In the New Testament, the word 'Rhema' carries the idea of a quickened word, like a word from scripture or a direct word from the Lord that brings clarity to the believers mind, causing it to come alive to that person.

- These rhema words are powerful. When the Holy Spirit drops a word into your spirit by what you have read or supernaturally, you know that you know you have heard from God and there is no doubt about it!
- Jesus referred to this quickening word in John 14:26 when he said, “But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.”
- Rhema word is a specific word or message that the Holy Spirit quickens in our hearts and minds at a specific time and for a specific purpose. So when Paul says, “the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God,” he is referring to the Holy Spirit’s ability to make such a divine “word” vividly come to life in our hearts and minds at a moments notice!!
- Example: Have you ever been empowered by a verse from the Bible that seemed to drop from out of the nowhere into your mind at just the right moment? A verse that seems to jump off the pages of scripture and into your heart and spirit bring revelation and insight to you.
 - Meditation and Confession
- The ‘New-agers’ didn’t come up with meditation. Meditation was born in the heart of God. Psalms 19:14 says, “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalms 119:15 says, “ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.” Meditation has its birth in the Word of God not in the New Age movement.
- Meditation is crucial in a believer’s life. This is a good time to bring up the double edged sword again. The first edge of the sword is the written Word. That which was given by God. The second edge is when you willfully plant that Word into your spirit, meditating on it and giving it top priority and speaking it over your life.

- The second edge of the sword of the spirit is YOU speaking and decreeing Gods Word over your life!! When Gods Word begins to work inside you, it cuts through the muck and mire of your mind and emotions and goes straight to the heart of the matter. No games!
- Ignoring the Word of God will allow old patterns of wrong thinking and bondage from our past to continue exerting authority over us. Do not underestimate the importance of studying, meditating, and praying the Word of God!
- The Word will work in you personally but, it will never release its full power until it comes out of your mouth.
- It is interesting to note that the Bible describes Jesus, who is the Word of God, as having a two edged sword coming out of His mouth. Notice the sword is not in His hand but in His mouth!! Likewise, when you speak the Word of God out of your mouth you are wielding a powerful two edged sword that is able to break every chain from your life!!!!
 - A Sure Fire Guarantee!
- If you permit the written Word to have an authoritative role in your life today, you will be ready to face the wiles of the enemy in the future.
- Lastly, Refuse to allow the devil to beat you down in defeat any longer with his lies and accusations. Allow the Holy Spirit to wield a powerful rhema word to your spirit. Then the enemy will be the one who leaves the scene defeated and demoralized, while you keep moving forward, walking victoriously in the light of God's Word!!!!