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POWERFUL ARMOR OF GOD

Sword of the Spirit

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 [TITLE SLIDE:]

God has provided all we need to FIGHT SPIRITUAL BATTLES in life

 [Ephesians 6.10-17 NIV]

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

God wants us to live victorious lives

- He's given us Divine Resources to do that... **The Armor of God**

God wants us to STAND FIRM

- Jesus has already Won it LEGALLY
- He wants us to experience it LITERALLY

- We are not to create Victory... we are to **STAND FIRM** in what He has already done

- We're are not fighting FOR Victory.... **we're fighting FROM Victory**
So STAND FIRM
- BUT make sure you have the right wardrobe on!

TODAY...

We're given the last piece of armor.... **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

- Only OFFENSIVE Weapon
- It is a tool the HOLY SPIRIT uses in the Spiritual realm

What is this SWORD?? ***which is the WORD of God.***

- God has given us this sword to USE in the battle
- It belongs to the Spirit but put in our hands to use
.....the **Word** of God

3 Greek words describing the “WORD” to help us understand how it Works

GRAPHE / LOGOS / RHEMA



GRAPHE: a writing, passage of scripture, the scriptures

- You came to Church with the WORD OF GOD.... in written form

- Verse 17 we read says.....

God gives us the sword which is the Word of God...

.....but it's NOT GRAPHE

- This verse is NOT talking about walking around with BIBLE in our hand
Some Christians use BIBLE (Graphe) like Rabbit's foot

- The WORD in Written form is NOT WHAT the SPIRIT IS USING
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LOGOS: *“In the beginning was the Word”*

- GRAPHE is the WRITTEN
- LOGOS: **MESSAGE of the Book.... Logic... UNDERSTANDING**
 - When you hear message from Bible AND...
 - You Understand what it says....
 -You just experienced the **LOGOS**
 - Now you got the MESSAGE of the GRAPHE
 - **It has come alive in you!!!**

Let's talk about the LOGOS (Message, Understanding, coming Alive in us)



[Hebrews 4.12 NIV]

For the word of God (LOGOS) 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.

- When we UNDERSTAND and ACCEPT the MESSAGE....
it can go down deep in our Soul and Spirit
- That's the Invisible world //
 - SOUL: your personality, will, emotions
 - SPIRIT: where Holy Spirit present in you

Bible tells us this SWORD is so sharp it can SLICE the invisible Realm.....
SEPARATING the Spirit and Soul

WHY does God want to separate Soul and Spirit??

- Cause your SOUL gets in the way of the SPIRIT
- Your personality, Thoughts, perspective, emotions.... keep getting in God's way
- So God has to Slice you out of the way so His SPIRIT can break through
- God wants the LOGOS (Message and understanding) to get you out of the way



- So when you Read the written word....

and you hear Message and it dawns on you - what you thought and what God said isn't the same.... you been Sliced & Diced

- What you were taught... is different than what GOD say... Sliced & Diced

But the LOGOS is NOT the SWORD

- Paul doesn't say the GRAPHE is the sword....
- Doesn't say the LOGOS is the sword....

He says the Sword of the Spirit is the REHMA of God



RHEMA: UTTERANCE / SPOKEN or DECLARED

- Rhema is the **DECLARATION** of the **LOGOS** that you got from the **GRAPHE**

- **GRAPHE** is the Book
- **LOGOS** is the Message

- **RHEMA** is the USE of the Message

Here it is....

The GRAPHE (bible)....

Gives you the LOGOS (message, comes alive in you)....

But it is the RHEMA that is the SWORD

- It's the RHEMA that the Spirit uses
- The Utterance of the Logos from the Graphe

When the WORD (scripture) you have BECOMES the Message you deliver...
You have now given something the SPIRIT USES

EXAMPLE:

- "In the beginning, God SAID.... let there be light" - God SPOKE
 - The Spoken word had within it the power to what the spoken Word declared
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On the Day of evil....

You need MORE than the GRAPHE and LOGOS..... you need RHEMA

EXAMPLE:

 [Mathew 4.1-11 NIV]

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

- The devil meets Jesus when He's tired and Hungry....

- point of His problem
- Jesus said - **"IT IS WRITTEN..."**
 - Jesus didn't get into long conversation..... "It is written!"
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STOP: If the LIVING WORD needed to use the WRITTEN WORD....
to deal with the ENEMY OF THE WORD...

How much more do you and I need to use that SAME WORD...
against the ENEMY OF THE WORD

We are not better than JESUS!!

Jesus didn't even go after devil based on what He thought!
"Let me tell you what the GRAPHE says..."

- Devil coms at Jesus with FEEDING Program....
- Jesus Googles that in BIBLE... / Dt. 8 /

- Children of Israel were hungry... called on God
God meet their Natural needs with SUPERNATURAL means

- Jesus said.... "devil let me tell you what God said about this situation..."



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

- When devil HEARD what was Written.... he couldn't handle it anymore...
changed subject
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5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”


7 Jesus answered him, **“It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”**

- satan was saying... “Test God”
 - Bible says “Don’t test God”
 - Jesus said...
“satan, this is what God told me to tell you... DON’T TEST GOD”
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 8 *Again, the devil took him (sometimes God will let the devil take you) to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*
10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! **For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”**

- satan said worship him
- Jesus Googled WORSHIP.... NO!!

**- Jesus didn’t open Bible and just STUDY what it said...
Jesus SAID what it said**

 11 *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

**You may ask.... “Why won’t the devil leave me alone??”
Because you won’t say... “IT IS WRITTEN!!!”**

- He knows you are going to take about other things....
 - What momma and daddy said....
 - What your friends think....
- He knows you won’t get the LOGOS from the GRAPHE...
- If you did, you won’t USE it as RHEMA!!!
- HE DOESN’T FEAR YOU!!!!

He knows you won't use the ONE TOOL the Spirit uses to give you victory

YOU USE THE GRAPHE.... TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGOS....
SO YOU CAN USE THE RHEMA

- It is to be USED!
- Now you will see the Power of the Word!!!

- You have a SWORD....
- God wants you to use SPIRIT FILLED WORDS!!!!