

## 7-The Sword of the Spirit

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### INTRO:

I. **Ephesians 6:17**

*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

II. **→ Hebrews 4:12-13**

*For the word of God 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.*

*→ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

III. **SAMURAI SWORDS FOLDED OVER 20 TIMES—1M LAYERS**

### BODY:

#### **I. The Living Word**

12 For the word of God is **alive** (zón) and **active** (energés).

A. It is not the Word of God until it is spoken aloud.

1) It is the testimony of the church

It is the message of salvation

It is the prophetic ministry of the Holy Spirit

2) **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

3) **THE KJV WRITTEN TO BE READ ALOUD**

a) Gordon Campbell, University of Leicester

b) No one in 1611 could read silently

c) Read in church and in home twice a day

- B. There is no greater authority than the Word of God.
- 1) **DEVIL TELLING JESUS TO TURN STONES TO BREAD**
  - 2) **Matthew 4:4**  
*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*
  - 3) **IT IS WRITTENS**
    - a) **Psalms 119:92-93**  
*If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.  
I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have preserved my life.*
    - b) **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**  
*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*
    - c) **1 Peter 1:23**  
*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

## II. The Piercing Word

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it **penetrates** even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;  
*psuché and pneúma; harmón and muelón*

- A. An ounce of prophecy is worth more than a pound of philosophy.
- 1) The "Word of God" in the bible is prophecy
  - 2) **Isaiah 49:2**  
*He made my mouth like a **sharpened sword**,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.*
  - 3) **PEOPLE GIVING THUMBS DOWN ON A SERMON**

- B. We must guard our words if we are to be effective.
- 1) **Isaiah 54:17**  
*"No weapon forged against you will prevail,  
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.  
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,  
and this is their vindication from me."*
  - 2) Using the bible to win an argument
    - a) Modernists trying to prove it is unreliable
    - b) Fundamentalist trying to prove that they are right
  - 3) **NOT LETTING OUR WORDS NOT PREVAIL**

### III. The Reckoning Word

it **judges** the **thoughts** and **attitudes** of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give **account**. *enthúmesis (motives) and éнноia (attitudes)*

- A. By the Word of God we fight in His authority not ours.
- 1) **Revelation 19:13-15**  
*Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations . . . and his name is the Word of God.*
  - 2) **1 Thessalonians 2:13**  
*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*
  - 3) **ARAGORN GETTING HIS SWORD BACK**
- B. Nothing quickens the heart like an aptly timed word.
- 1) Naked and (trachelizo) grabbed by the throne
  - 2) **Proverbs 25:11-12**  
*A word aptly spoken  
is like apples of gold in settings of silver.  
Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold  
is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.*
  - 3) **WOMAN GOING TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Psalms 149:6

May the praise of God be in their mouths  
and a double-edged sword in their hands,

Luke 2:34-35

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

2 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.