

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

Fellowship Bible Church
“WOMEN IN THE WORD”

Spiritual Warfare: Terms of Engagement
Study Book by David Jeremiah
Ephesians 6:10-18

Lesson 8 -The Sword of the Spirit

Review:

Eph 6:10-18 (NLT) ¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet...

The Sword of the Spirit

- Ephesians 6:17b "...and take *the sword of the Spirit*, which is the word of God.
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Some important qualities of God's Word:

1. God's word is eternal.
 - Psalms 119:160 (NLT) The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever.
2. God's word is invincible.
 - Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.
 - Romans 4:17

3. God's word interacts with and searches the hearts and minds of people.

- Heb 4:12-13 (NKJV) For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must* give account.

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English: Word- Greek: Rhema meaning....

How do we get there? How do we get to the place that we are able to wield the sword of the Spirit effectively?

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Col 3:16 (NKJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in *all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Psalms 144:1 (NKJV) A Psalm of David. Blessed *be* the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, *And* my fingers for battle--

Micah 7:8 (NKJV) Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.

Heb 13:5-6 (NKJV)⁵ *Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*" ⁶ So we may boldly say: "*The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*"

Luke 6:45 (NLT) A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Matt 12:34 (NLT) ... For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.

1 Samuel 17 (selected verses) (NKJV) Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle... ² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, ..., and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.... ⁴ And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span... ⁸ Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me..." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. ¹² Now David *was* the son of...Jesse, ... who had eight sons... The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. ¹⁴ David *was* the youngest.

... ¹⁷ Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers ... this dried *grain* and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp...." ²⁰ So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, ... And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight... ²² And David ... ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

²³ Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, ...and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard *them*.... ²⁶ Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ²⁷ And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." ... ³¹ Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported *them* to Saul; and he sent for him. ³² Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you *are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, ³⁵ I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ **Moreover David said**, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with

you!" ... ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹ So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield *went* before him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³ So the Philistine said to David, "*Am* I a dog that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

⁴⁵ **Then David said** to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not

save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." ⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet

David... ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

1 Sam 27:1-3 (NKJV)¹ And David said in his heart , "Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. *There is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand." ² Then David arose and went over with the six hundred men who *were* with him to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. ³ So David dwelt with Achish at Gath,...

Rev 12:11 (NKJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

APPLICATION:

Have you ever really listened to the things you say as a habit *to* yourself as well as *about* your life to others? How we respond verbally to life's situations and relationships, does affect our morale and finally our conduct. When we let God's viewpoint influence our verbal responses to life we will discover the power of wielding the sword of the Spirit. And just as importantly, if we talk with an attitude of doubt or unbelief in the promises and character of God our conduct will reflect that. Take inventory of the things you say this week and then discuss your findings with the Lord.

What are you troubled by today? What it is that tempts you to worry or fuss at people instead of trusting God? Search the scriptures to find out what God says about that. Incorporate what God has said into the way you will talk to yourself and others about the thing that is upsetting you.

What do you spend the most time thinking about? Is it on God's word and His plan for your life or is it on your plans to get what you want? The sword of the Spirit or the spoken word of God that is personal and appropriate is our only hope of ever experiencing what God has for us in this life. Meditate on who you are in Christ. Meditate on Who God is and what He has revealed about Himself in His word.

When life gets messy and it WILL, remind yourself and others about God's faithfulness and His many promises. Let God's promises flavor the words you speak. It is not too late to learn to speak in line with God's viewpoint. He will enable you and teach you.

We are not the only beneficiary of our speech; those around us are being affected. **How can our words help or hinder people close to us?**