

**8-20-2023 – SERMON NOTES - The Sword of the Spirit –  
Wk7 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

**Message Notes:**

**Ephesians 6:13–17**

**The defensive gear of the Christian**

**-Belt of TRUTH**

**-Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**-Shoes of the Gospel of PEACE**

**-Helmet of SALVATION**

**After having done everything to stand---STAND!**

**Ephesians 6:17b = SWORD of The SPIRIT!**

**"Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17b (NIV)**

**2 obvious things about this sword:**

- 1. It's a spiritual sword.**
- 2. It's not useable apart from the Spirit of God.**

**The "SWORD" is the "WORD" of God.**

**3 words for "word" in God's Word!**

**-graphe - written**

**-logos - message or revelation**

**-rhema - utterance or spoken**

**What does this teach us?**

- 1. Owning a Bible doesn't mean you have a sword!**
- 2. We should expect grapheme words to become logos words.**
- 3. Partnering with the Spirit of God happens when we live out the logos.**
- 4. The Sword of the Spirit is God's chosen and anointed weapon!**

**12 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. Hebrews 4:12 (niv)**

**10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full, John 10:10 (niv)**

**The attacks of Satan sound like:**

**"God doesn't see you."**

**"You're unlovable."**

**"Your life has no purpose."**

**"God can't work in your circumstances."**

**Matthew 4 - A Master Swordsman!**

**This is how we take up the sword:**

**1. Make deposits of "grapphe," apply it to your life, so it becomes "logos" in you**

**2. Speak out that which you understand**

**19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (niv)**

**"When you lie down your sleep will be sweet". Prov. 3:24**

**"Cast all your cares on him for he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:2-3**

**"The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear." Hebrews 13:6**

**"No weapon formed against me will prosper!" Isaiah 54:17**

**3. Trust and obey.**

**2 Challenges:**

**1. Are you carrying your sword?**

**2. Are you using it?**