

When Under Attack (Part 2)

Ephesians 6:13-17

REVIEW SURPRISE ATTACK, NOT DEMINISHING BUT INTENSIFYING THE NEED.
ABOVE ALL

Faith – default to what you know **OF** God

Salvation – know who you are **IN** Christ, ALWAYS

Read Ephesians 6:13-17

Ephesians 6:17b ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Not limited to but certainly key components of the core needs of humanity are:

- Wisdom
- Morality
- Hope

All three of these and much more are brought to light when reading through scripture but it is necessary to remember that the Bible is not just a book of wisdom, morality, and hope. It is the source and standard of all truth.

Bible Apologetics

Books come and go, philosophies are in vogue one year and out the next, and trends are just that, but the Bible is unique because it is timeless and transcends cultures, races, and genders. Its teachings can be applied universally because the Bible knows what is in the heart of every man.

What about other books? They may have bits of wisdom but they fall apart when tested for fallibility. For example, if you take the Koran or Book of Mormon and test the scientific statements and historical accuracy, they fail. Religious books fabricated throughout human history prove themselves to be geographically inaccurate, archeologically untrue, and prophetically inconsistent.

How important is it to know the Bible?

President Theodor Roosevelt:

“A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”

The Bible shows us who God is and from the revelation OF God, a relationship with God, and eventually living a life of “godliness.”

1 timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

HAVING A HIGH REVERENCE FOR THE WORD!

Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Magnify: to promote or make great

Without the Word of God on our minds and in our lives, we will be on the defense all the time. There will be no victory, no advancement... you may endure the beating but you will remain stifled and stuck.

Sword of The Spirit (17b)

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the Word of God

Sword: Machaira

(a large knife or small sword – usually no more than 18” in length and often much smaller. Able to be concealed.)

We load it up... then the Holy Spirit in tandem with our minds uses it to;
(1) cut out self or (2) implement God's will amongst the people we live with and around.

Hebrews 4:12 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.

“A bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't

...OF THE SPIRIT

2 Peter 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

The Word is what the Holy Spirit uses to bring things to light and to destroy sin and Satan.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

HOW TO SWING AN INVISIBLE SWORD

Take the idea... someone else's or your own, and compare it to what God has said.

Compare your thoughts to God's thoughts, if there is a difference, God's Word wins.

Jesus and Temptation (MATTHEW 4)

SWORD PRACTICE

Self Love

Any youth – Told that you are the most important person.

Self care and the cross.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

I don't get to live for self

Feeds into end times 2 Timothy attitudes

2 Timothy 3:1-2 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Business - Making Money – Work Ethic

Proverbs 11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight.

Proverbs 6:10-11 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep - So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.

Side Note: it has to mean the same thing everywhere. (Hospital) (Third World Country)

Life or Job Change

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

ISRAEL – AND NAZI FLAG

From the river to the sea Palestine will be free (NO WAY!)

Amos 9:15 I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

How to argue

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Sex and Sexuality

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

- If you cannot do it with someone else after you are married you cannot do it with anyone until you are married.

Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel – looking counts.

Mark 10:6-9 [Marriage]

“But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ‘and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. “Therefore **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**”

- Identity and Gender – Male & Female
- Stay Married
- Marriage – do not be unequally yoked (2 Corinthians 6)

REVELATION (BE ON GUARD).

What do you think about this “other” book?

Satan would love to dilute and distract you for the power of God's Word.

- **Book of Mormon - Galatians 1**
- Jesus was adamant, not one jot or tittle will pass away (become irrelevant)

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- **Book of Enoch (THE B.I.B.L.E.)**
- Letter to Laodicea
- Gospel of Thomas
- Judas

Salvation & wanting to be teachers

Salvation – is - not - complicated

Luke 18:15-17 Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

1 Timothy 1:7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

2 Peter 3:16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

Then Peter tells them to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dealing with the devil – The purpose in Ephesians is that you would not fall prey to the allurements and entrapments of Satan.

Matthew 4 (Jesus in the wilderness)

Satan will use Biblical ideas to get you to follow unbiblical ideas and desires.

SHARPEN AND SWING THE SWORD!

Meditate on It (Sharpen the blade)

Live it at all costs (Swing it)

- *Psalm 119:15*
- *Psalm 119:27*
- *Psalm 119:48*
- *Psalm 119:78*
- *Psalm 119:148*

High view of the Lord

High view of the Word

It's always about the Lord!

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As you develop a relationship with the Word you will be developing a relationship with the Lord

John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Jesus is the armor

Belt of Truth – John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Righteousness – 2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Gospel of Piece – Ephesians 2:4

Shield of Faith – Galatians 2:20

Salvation – Luke 2:30

The Word – John 1:1 & 14