



The Armor of God

Week 5 – Sword & Prayer

Throughout this series we have seen that the Christian life is a spiritual battle that cannot be fought in our own strength. Every piece reminds us that spiritual _____ is found through complete dependence upon the Lord. As Paul closes this passage, he points to the Sword of the Spirit and prayer. Through the Word of God, we confront the enemy with truth, and through prayer, we draw strength and guidance from the Lord Himself. If we are going to stand in the evil day, we must learn to use the sword faithfully and continue steadfastly in prayer.

I. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT. Eph. 6:17

A. The sword is our _____ weapon. Rev. 1:16, 19:15

i. A two-edged sword...

- Had a sharp tip made for thrusting. Heb 4:12
- Has one side for stronger cutting and slashing. Is. 58:1; Ek. 3:18-19; Titus 1:13
- And the other for refined, quicker, and precise work. Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; Pro. 15:1

ii. It is a versatile weapon that requires skill and training. 2 Tim. 2:15

- If not handled right, you can cut yourself or those around you. 2 Pet. 3:16; Mt. 18:6

B. It is the only weapon that can defeat the Devil. Job 41:15-17, 26-29

i. And the only weapon that can expose him. Job 41:12-13; Heb. 4:13

C. Jesus demonstrated for us how to _____ it.

i. Against the Devil. Mt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-13

ii. Resist him with it and he will flee. Jam. 4:7

iii. Against false teachers. Mt. 12:1-9, 19:3-4, 21:12-16, 22:22-23

D. The Devils _____ on the word of God.

i. He attacked Gods words. Gen. 3:1-6; Jer. 8:8; 23:16, 21; 2 Cor. 2:7

ii. There are false letters (1 Kings 21:8; Thes. 2:2) and lies being written (Ezra 4:12-13).

E. We must pick up the sword every day.

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| • Read it. 1 Tim. 4:13 | • Believe it. Heb. 4:2 | • Treasure it. Ps. 119:72 |
| • Study it. 2 Tim. 2:15 | • Obey it. Jam. 1:22 | • Teach it. 2 Tim. 2:2 |
| • Meditate on it. Josh. 1:8 | • Trust it. Ps. 119:42 | • Defend it. Jude 1:3 |
| • Memorize it. Ps. 119:11 | • Share it. 2 Tim. 4:2 | • Continue in it. Jn. 8:31 |

II. PRAYER. Eph. 6:18

- A. The heartbeat of all our prayers in all circumstances should be that God is _____ and his will is done. Mt. 26:36-45
- B. Jesus set the example for us. Jn. 17; Mt. 26:36-45
 - i. Not my will, but thy will be done.
 - ii. In times of spiritual warfare total submission and surrender to the will of God with our focus on him being glorified will strengthen us to persevere for a cause greater than ourselves. Just keep going a little further. v.39
 - iii. Men ought always to pray and not to faint. Lk. 18:1
 - iv. Even on the cross Jesus prayed “Father forgive them...” Lk. 23:34
- C. Jesus was praying constantly to the Father. Heb. 5:7
 - i. In the wilderness. Lk. 5:16
 - ii. He went to pray alone. Mk. 1:35; Mt. 14:23
 - iii. Before choosing the disciples. Lk. 6:12
 - iv. He prayed for people individually. Lk. 22:31-32
 - v. Before raising Lazarus. Jn. 11:41-42
 - vi. In the garden before going to the cross. Mt. 26:36-44
- D. We must pray...
 - i. Without wavering. Jam. 1:6
 - ii. _____ it will happen. Mk. 11:24
 - iii. With no iniquity in our hearts. Ps. 66:18
- E. “For all saints.” Eph. 6:18
 - i. Praying for and ministering to others will get our focus off of our own battles and help carry us through. Acts. 20:35; 2 Cor. 1:3-11
- F. It disrupts the enemy and moves the unseen world. Dan. 10:1-21