



The Sixth Piece of God's Defensive Armor
Against Satanic Thought-Attack:
The Sword of the Spirit

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

INTRODUCTION

- As we come to the last piece of armor that defends against the fiery darts of Satan, remember I Peter 5:7-8 **“...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you...”** - (cf Amos 3:4,8)
- Satan’s methodologies are fearsome in mental affect
- Satan’s methodologies are subtle as to revealing their source

INTRODUCTION

- Satan's attacks are much more common than the believer realizes.
- Eph 6:17 continues by instructing the believer to "take" (literally, 'welcomingly receive') **"the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God"**

What the Sword is NOT

- Not the Bible (i.e., not the entire Word of God)
 - logos - λογος
- Not for slaying, controlling, commanding, or casting out Satan and his demons
 - Examples are Frank Peretti's books "This Present Darkness" (1986) and "Piercing the Darkness" (1989)

What the Sword IS

- Individual utterances of God
 - rhema - ρημα
- Quotes/verses from Scripture that appropriately apply to the Satanic thought-attack at hand
 - Misapplication of Scripture
 - Matt 16:23; Lk 10:1,17; Matt 17:14-21; Acts 19:11-16

What the Sword IS (cont.)

- Properly applied Scripture
 - Jesus' use of Scripture when tempted by Satan in wilderness
 - First temptation (Matt 4:1-11) - "make stones into bread"
 - Scriptural response: Deut 8:3
 - Second temptation (Ps 91:11-12) - "jump off the top of temple and let angels catch you"
 - Scriptural response: Deut 6:16
 - Third temptation (Lk 4:5-6) - "worship me and I will give you the world's kingdoms"
 - Scriptural response: Scriptural response: Deut 6:13

Properly Applied Scripture for Satanic Thought Attacks

Independence from God - Jam 4:15

Pride - Titus 3:5, Phil 4:13

Disappointment - I Thess 5:17-18

Ungracious (unforgiving spirit) - Col 3:13

Discouragement - Heb 13:5

Stealing - I Tim 6:6-8

Bitterness - II Pet 1:3

Corrupt communication - Col 4:6

Doubt - Gal 5:22, Phil 4:13

Laziness in spiritual things - I Cor 6:19

Cowardice - Heb 13:5, Phil 4:13

Gossip - Phil 4:8

Lying - Acts 5:3, 15:8; Col 3:9

Busybody - II Thess 3:12

CONCLUSION

READ the Word

KNOW the Word

“HIDE the Word in your heart” Ps 119:11