

**TOPIC: THE WORD OF GOD – THE
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.**

EPHESIANS 6:17

**“AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF
GOD., (NKJV)**

MEMORY VERSE

HEBREWS 4:12

**“FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN
ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF
SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF THE JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER
OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.,,**

OBJECTIVES: At the end of the teaching, we should be able to;

1. UNDERSTAND WHAT THE “SWORD OF THE SPIRIT” MEANS.
2. UNDERSTAND THE CORE ESSENCE OF THE WORD.

3. UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF GOD’S WORD.
4. RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY AND POWER IN GOD’S WORD.

5. UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN REVEALING AND EMPOWERING THE WORD.
6. USE THE WORD EFFECTIVELY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING.

INTRODUCTION:

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE. EVERY BELIEVER IS ENGAGED IN WARFARE AGAINST SIN, TEMPTATION, FALSE DOCTRINE, SATANIC ATTACKS, THE PRESSURES AND PRESSURES OF THE WORLD. GOD HAS NOT LEFT HIS CHILDREN DEFENCELESS; HE HAS PROVIDED SPIRITUAL ARMOUR FOR VICTORY. AMONG ALL THE PIECES OF ARMOUR MENTIONED IN EPHESIANS 6, ONLY ONE IS BOTH DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE — THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

1. THE WORD OF GOD

THE WORD OF GOD REFERS TO THE DIVINE REVELATION OF GOD CONVEYED THROUGH SCRIPTURE.

PSALM 119:18

“OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE WONDROUS THINGS FROM YOUR LAW.”

2. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT IS THE WORD OF GOD INSPIRED, EMPOWERED, AND APPLIED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR VICTORY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

EPHESIANS 6:17

“AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD;”

THE CORE ESSENCE OF THE WORD:

- **A). THE WORD REVEALS GOD. JOHN 1:1,14**
- **JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIVING WORD.**
- **TO KNOW THE WORD IS TO KNOW GOD DEEPER.**
- **SCRIPTURE REVEALS GOD'S CHARACTER, LOVE, HOLINESS, AND POWER.**

- **B). THE WORD TRANSFORMS. 2COR 3:18**
- **THE WORD RENEWS THE MIND.**
- **THE WORD CHANGES ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR.**



**C). THE WORD GIVES DIRECTION AND WISDOM. PSALMS
119:105**

- **THE WORD GUIDES BELIEVERS IN DECISION-MAKING.**
- **THE WORD PREVENTS SPIRITUAL CONFUSION AND
GIVES CLARITY.**

**D). THE WORD BUILDS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
JOHN 15:7**

- **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD GROWS THROUGH SCRIPTURE.**
- **PRAYER BECOMES EFFECTIVE WHEN ROOTED IN THE WORD.**
- **THE WORD HELPS BELIEVERS UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL, AND NO
BELIEVER CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT STUDY OF
SCRIPTURE.**

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THE NATURE OF GOD'S WORD:

**1 - THE WORD OF GOD IS ETERNAL
GOD'S WORD DOES NOT BECOME OUTDATED, AND IT IS NOT
SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ISA. 40:8, MATT 24:35**

- **HUMAN OPINIONS CHANGE, BUT GOD'S TRUTH (WORD) REMAINS CONSTANT.**
- **CULTURES MAY CHANGE, BUT GOD'S STANDARDS REMAIN THE SAME.**
- **BELIEVERS CAN CONFIDENTLY BUILD THEIR LIVES ON THE WORD.**

**2 - THE WORD OF GOD IS PURE AND HOLY. PSALMS 12:6,
PROV 30:5A**

- **GOD'S WORD CONTAINS NO CORRUPTION OR ERROR.**
- **THE WORD PURIFIES BELIEVERS SPIRITUALLY.**
- **THE WORD CAN BE TRUSTED COMPLETELY.**

3 – THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUTH

GOD’S WORD IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY ABOVE EMOTIONS, TRADITIONS, RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES, AND WORLDLY PHILOSOPHIES. JOHN 17:17, PSALMS 119:160

- **TRUTH EXPOSES DECEPTION.**
- **TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM.**
- **SATAN FIGHTS THE WORD BECAUSE IT REVEALS TRUTH.**

4 – THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL

THE BIBLE IS ALIVE BECAUSE GOD HIMSELF STANDS BEHIND IT. HEB 4:12, JHN 6:63

- **THE WORD CONVICTS HEARTS AND CHANGES LIVES.**
- **THE WORD BREAKS CHAINS AND DESTROYS BONDAGE.**
- **THE WORD REACHES AREAS HUMAN WISDOM CANNOT REACH.**

5 - THE WORD OF GOD PRODUCES FAITH. ROMANS 10:17

- **WEAK KNOWLEDGE OF SCRIPTURE PRODUCES WEAK FAITH.**
- **STRONG FAITH COMES FROM CONSISTENT EXPOSURE TO THE WORD.**
- **THE WORD STRENGTHENS BELIEVERS DURING TRIALS.**

6 - THE WORD OF GOD IS CREATIVE GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING IN IT THROUGH HIS SPOKEN WORD. GEN 1:1-3, HEB 11:3

- **GOD'S WORD CARRIES CREATIVE POWER.**
- **THE WORD CAN BRING ORDER OUT OF CONFUSION.**

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH THE WORD:

A). THE SPIRIT GIVES UNDERSTANDING. JHN 14:26, 1COR 2:10-14

- **WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT, SPIRITUAL TRUTHS REMAIN HIDDEN.**
- **THE SPIRIT TEACHES BELIEVERS HOW TO APPLY SCRIPTURE.**
- **REVELATION COMES THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT.**

B). THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS THE SPOKEN WORD. ACTS 4:31

- **SPIRIT-FILLED PREACHING/TEACHING CARRIES POWER.**
- **THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS CAP-IN-HAND WITH SCRIPTURE.**



HOW BELIEVERS CAN USE THE SWORD EFFECTIVELY:

A). STUDY THE WORD DAILY. JOSH. 1:8, 2TIM. 2:15

KEY POINTS

- **A NEGLECTED BIBLE STUDY LIFE LEADS TO SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS.**
- **STRONG BELIEVERS ARE ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE.**
- **CONSISTENT STUDY BUILDS FAITH.**

B). MEDITATE ON THE WORD. PSALMS 1:1–3

KEY POINTS

- **MEDITATION MEANS REFLECTING DEEPLY ON GOD'S WORD.**
- **MEDITATION PRODUCES SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND STABILITY.**

C). OBEY THE WORD. JAMES 1:22

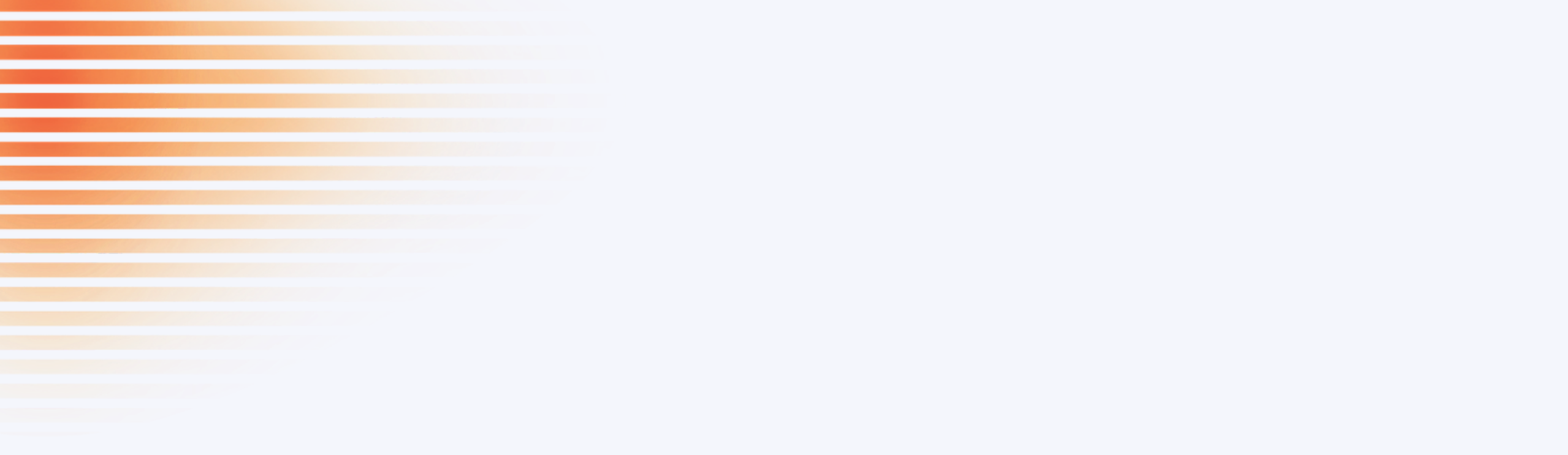
KEY POINTS

- **KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT OBEDIENCE WILL ONLY RESULT IN SPIRITUAL DECEPTION AND FRUSTRATION.**
- **IT IS ONLY THROUGH PRACTICING THE WORD THAT IT BECOMES PROFITABLE TO US.**

D). SPEAK THE WORD. PROV. 18:21

KEY POINTS

- **FAITH SPEAKS.**
- **CONFESSON OF SCRIPTURE STRENGTHENS BELIEVERS.**



CONCLUSION:

GOD HAS GIVEN EVERY BELIEVER A WEAPON THAT CANNOT FAIL – HIS WORD. SATAN CANNOT OVERCOME THE BELIEVER WHO KNOWS, BELIEVES, SPEAKS, AND OBEYS SCRIPTURE. THEREFORE:

**STUDY THE WORD,
MEDITATE ON THE WORD,
SPEAK THE WORD,
LIVE BY THE WORD,**

**AND ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO WIELD IT POWERFULLY THROUGH YOUR
LIFE.**

THANK YOU