





10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the

rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up

the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of

truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given

to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which 1 am an ambassador in chains, that 1 may declare it boldly, as 1 ought to speak.



The sword of the Spirit is the primary weapon for offense, used to proclaim the gospel and to resist the evil one.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 6:26

## **REFLECT:**

For a soldier, the sword served as an offensive weapon against enemies. When sharpened, the sword could pierce through just about anything, making it a very dangerous tool. Hebrews 4:12 says, "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." Jesus spoke the Word of God directly to Satan to thwart his temptation. In the same way, we are to speak the Word of God to fight the enemy. Remember that God's

"The Bible is of general and constant use among soldiers, and also that weapon with which they not only defend themselves, but do the greatest execution on their enemies."

- William Gurnall

Word is the ultimate truthand that we can stand on His promises. The challenge is that we are not only hearers of the word but doers. With God on our side, we are unstoppable.

## **Pray:**

Come Holy Spirit,

Fill me once again with your Word.

Train me, Holy Spirit, to handle this sword with wisdom and not to hurt, but to heal. When the enemy comes near,

let Your Word be my defense,

My strength,

My victory,

My portion forever.

Amen.

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