



I. Introduction

a. Whole armor of God - Eph 6:10-19

- waist belt of truth
- breastplate of righteousness
- shoes of gospel of peace
- shield of faith
- helmet of salvation
- sword of the Spirit

b. Jn 18:36 Jesus' Kingdom not of this world

- 1 Cor 9:25-27 strive for the mastery, so I fight (Paul)
- 1 Tim 6:12 fight the good fight of faith
- 2 Tim 2:3 endure hardness as good soldier of Jesus Christ

c. Spiritual battle

- Eph 6:10 be strong in the Lord & in the power of His strength
- Eph 6:12 Christian battles darkness of this age
- Eph 6:18 praying always in the Spirit
- Eph 6:19 praying for words to speak boldly the gospel
- * you need Holy Spirit & prayer to speak boldly the words of the gospel
- * Words of the Gospel (1 Cor 15:1-7)

2. Nature of the Sword

- a. Sword shows power
- b. Sword shows authority

3. Characteristics of the Sword

- a. Heb 4:12 Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (written word)
- b. Sword is offensive weapon
 - every other piece of Christian armor is protective & defensive
- c. Sword is piercing weapon
 - divides apart soul & spirit
 - can divide joints & marrow
- d. Sword is personal weapon
 - discerns (understands) thoughts & intents of heart
 - fights against 2 faced persons
 - * lies * gossip *

4. Use of the Sword

- a. Sword requires practice
 - Memorize
 - Meditate
 - Obey
- b. Personal practice
 - 2 Tim 2:15 Study Bible
- c. Corporate practice
 - Acts 17:11 Searching Scripture daily & checking out all speakers about Bible

5. Source of the Sword

- a. Holy Spirit moved holy men by will of God (2 Pet 1:20-21)
- b. All Scripture inspired by God (2 Tim 3:16)
- c. Example: Spirit spoke by mouth of David (Acts 1:16, 20) quote from Psalm 69:25