

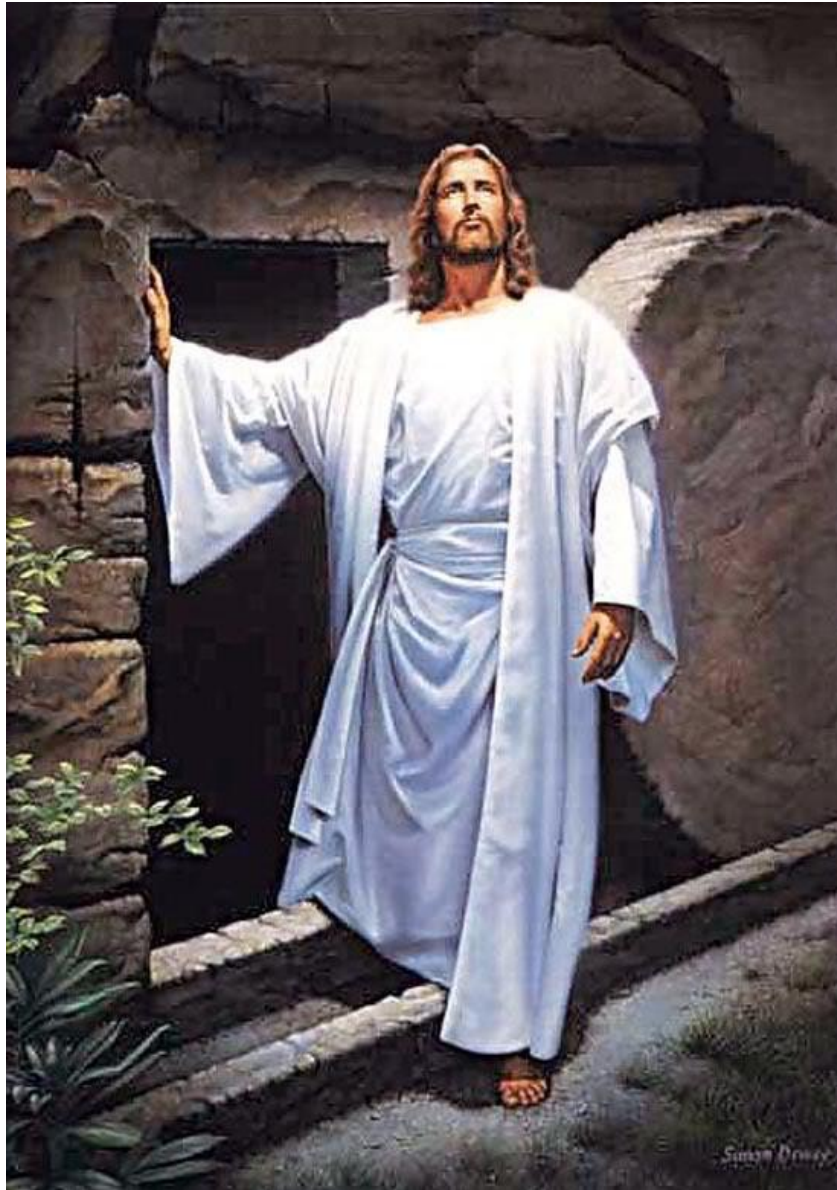
## ARMOR of GOD – Part Two



### HELMET OF SALVATION

We have to be sincerely saved by accepting Christ in our lives. Many are professing salvation by mouth but in their hearts are not born again. Christ must be our Head and Authority in everything just as a helmet covers the head. Head

stands for a sign of authority. You cannot win against satan if you are not saved or backsliden i.e if you lack the authority of Christ in your life.



Christ is the Head and we are the body.

**Matt.28:18** - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in (on) earth.

**Luke 10:19** - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Power – 1849 – privilege – delegated influence. (same in both of the above scriptures)

**Luke 24:49** - And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Power – G1411 – dunamis (like from our word dynamite)– force, specially, miraculous power, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work. This is the Holy Spirit baptism. He is the power that raised Jesus from the dead!

So Jesus has given those that trust in Him and obey Him, His power and authority.

How about satan attacking our salvation. He can make someone who is saved think they are not saved and so worry. He can make someone who is not saved believe they are saved and so that is a false sense of security. Once saved always saved is a false doctrine the he delights in.

God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

**II Chro.24:20** – And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? Because ye have forsaken the LORD, He hath forsaken you.

**\*\*He will never leave your nor forsake you as long as you WANT Him and obey and honor Him. He does not stay where He is not welcome.\*\***

**II Peter 2:20-22** – read out this is on false teachers & false prophets

**Romans 11:22** – Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (talking about natural branches – Jews and us - Gentiles)

**James 5:19 – 20** – Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert (turns him back) him; Let him know, that he which converteth (brings back) the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

James was talking to “brethren” here and that is Christians about a Christian turning away from the truth.

The helmet covers our minds and thoughts:

satan will try to get you to think on sin (tempt you) so that you will do it. When you get those thoughts of clicking on that link with the seductive woman/man or you think of flirting with your co-worker – who is gonna know? Or you lust after drugs, money, food, sexual perversion. Everyone else is going to see the latest vampire/zombie movie or it's just an innocent Halloween costume. satan wants to drown you in unholy thoughts to pull you away from God and into sin. When you dwell on the thought, you usually wind up acting on it and it becomes a sin.

**2 Cor. 10:5** - Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

What does that mean? Imaginations start in the mind and we are to stop and break off those arrows that satan shoots at our mind. Who exalteth himself against God? satan did, so the thoughts that are not holy and focused on God are of satan or the flesh and either way it isn't of God. How do we bring them captive to obedience of Christ? You speak the Word! Just like Jesus spoke the Word against satan when he was trying to tempt Him in the desert.

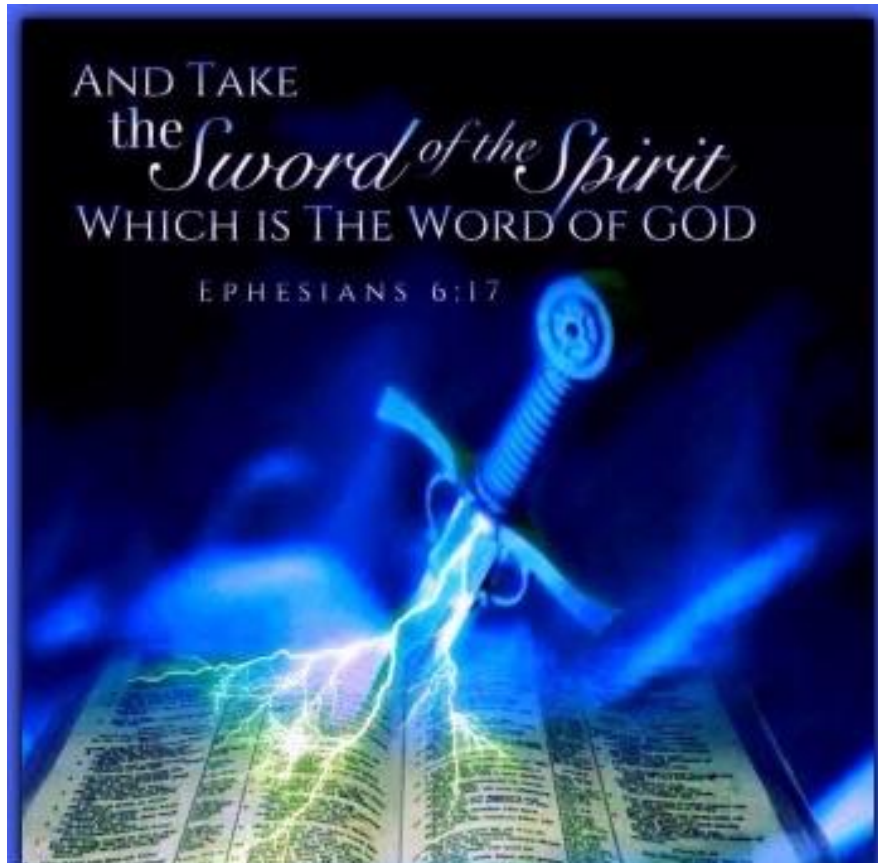


You find a scripture that address the temptation and you speak it out loud. Ex: I will not look at porn because the Word of God says:

**Matt.5:28-29** – But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Lord, please help me to protect my eyes from sinning against you. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my eye gates and nothing but what is of you Lord will enter in, in Jesus' name. Amen.





I liked this one because the sword is the Word of God and it is a weapon and comes alive when the Holy Spirit quickens it on our hearts and minds. Then we can use it on the enemy with power!



I also like this one because I remember Tim Thompson telling me when you are dreaming and fighting in your dreams to picture your sword and take the enemy out with it!

## **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**

Last, just like a soldier, we are not just to be defensive but offensive too. Hence we have been given the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to attack and destroy satan and his power. We have been given authority in God's word to fight the devil. Jesus used the word to attack satan when he tempted Him. We must follow Jesus' example and pick up our swords and go on the offense. Don't just sit there and wait for the enemy to attack, but be ready to jab and cut and slash the enemy and take him down always. This is where you will need the baptism into the Holy Spirit to fight effectively too.

From Perry Stone's book: "There's a Crack in Your Armor" along with my thoughts as well:

The truth of God's Word is the support that lifts our sword when in battle and brings rest in times of peace. People talk of logos Word being the written Word and rhema Word being the spoken Word. Rhema is a word or scripture that the Holy Spirit quickens to your spirit, bringing with it a strong faith to believe and act thereon. When the Holy Spirit takes a scripture from the printed page into your spirit, suddenly you feel literal faith come alive, and then you have in your possession the sword of the Spirit!

W.E. Vine's definition of rhema:

The significance of rhema is exemplified in the injunction to take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; here the reference is not to the whole Bible as such, but to the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in the time of need, a prerequisite being the regular storing in the mind of the Scripture.

We are to feed on God's Word. That is a for sure way HE still speaks to us today. King David asked the Lord to help him to hide His Word in his heart that he might not sin against Him.

The sword of the Spirit is defensive and offensive:

As a defensive weapon, the Word of God defends your heart against lies and deception. It also defends the mind against mental attacks and is a weapon to defend against the power of temptation. It has within its "spiritual DNA" the inherent power to resist, restrain, and rebuke.

As an offensive weapon, the Word of God attacks the power and presence of sin as it cuts into the human spirit and begins to extract the sin influence out of your inner man. The Word of God is an offensive weapon to attack sickness, and it becomes the scalpel of the Great Physician to eradicate sickness and disease out of the human body. The Word is also an offensive, protective weapon to guard against thoughts of seduction as it cuts into channels of the mind. The Word of God divides the soul from the spirit, or the carnal mind from the spirit man.

**SPEAK OUT GOD'S WORD**



When Jesus taught the disciples to pray He said when you pray SAY... When He taught about removing mountains He said, SPEAK to the mountain. Speak God's Word for it is alive and it is life and health to all our flesh.



A roman soldier also had a javelin. Paul didn't list the javelin per say, but can't we see that in the form of our prayers which he did mention.

**Eph.6:18** – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Prayer is more than communication to God; it is also a weapon of war that releases angelic powers to defeat the stronger principalities of the enemy.

**Praise is a weapon:**

**Psalms 149:6-9** – Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all saints. Praise ye the LORD. \*\*When you give glory and honor to God, He fights for you.\*\*\*

**II Chron.20:21-22** – And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for His mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

**Heb.13:15** – By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

**Worship is a weapon:**

**John 4:24** – God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Worship - **4352** *proskynéō* (from [4314](#) /*prós*, "towards" and *kyneo*, "to kiss") – properly, to kiss the ground when prostrating before a superior; to *worship*, ready "to fall down/prostrate oneself to adore on one's knees" (*DNTT*); to "do obeisance" (*BAGD*).



There is more power and protection when we fight together in agreement!



Up close fighting, this would be hard to penetrate, standing together!

**Deut.32:30** – How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

God will fight for you when you honor Him.



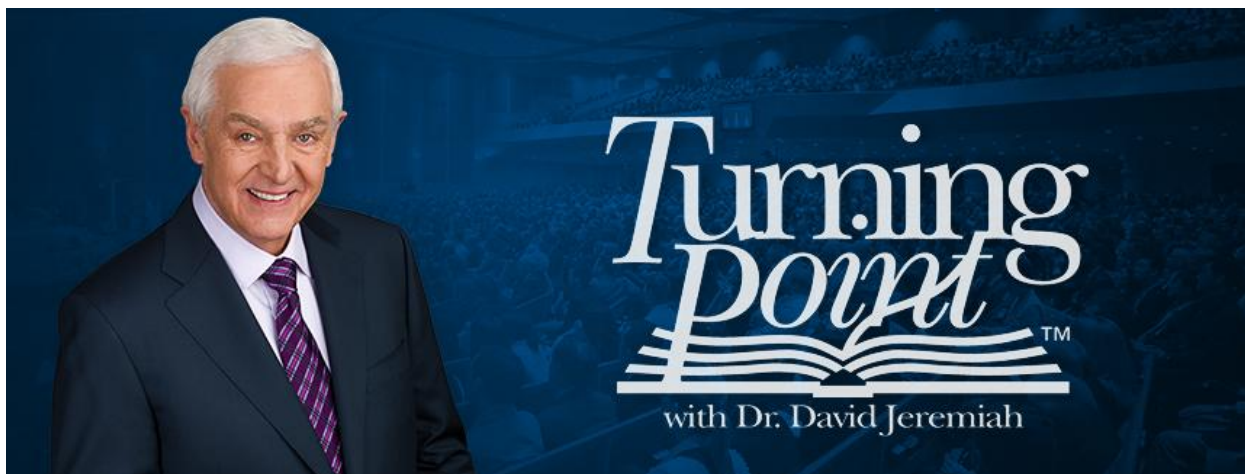


Teamwork, not I but we. We are the body of Christ and the body consists of many parts and they all work together. Let's be like the military and don't leave a man down, let's help them up to keep going.

Pastor Erustus said this armor is to be part of our daily lives. A soldier does not just declare weapons against the enemy but he possesses them ready to combat the enemy any time.

### **CLOSING**

Have you received all of your armor? God does not want His soldiers fighting unprepared. Do you have cracks in your armor that need to be repaired? Or to put pieces of your armor back on? Or have you set your armor aside altogether and gone back to a life of sin? If you are living in sin then you don't have any armor on and don't have God's protection over your life. Only you and God know at what point you have truly left Him and are not even walking with Him.



Mrs. Paula shared something recently with me from David Jeremiah's teaching, it is a declaration of faith in regards to putting on the armor of God.

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father Your warrior prepares for battle. Today I claim victory over satan by putting on the whole armor of God.

I put on the Girdle of Truth! May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word so I will not be a victim of satan's lies.

I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness. May it guard my heart from evil so I will remain pure and holy protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the Shoes of Peace. May I stand firm in the Good News of the Gospel so Your peace will shine through me and be a light to all I encounter.

I take the Shield of Faith. May I be ready for satan's fiery darts of doubt, denial, and deceit so I will not be vulnerable to a spiritual defeat.

I put on the Helmet of Salvation. May I keep my mind focused on You so satan will not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the Sword of the Spirit. May the two-edged sword of Your Word be ready in my hands so I can expose the tempting words of satan.

By faith Your warrior has put on the whole armor of God.



I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory. In Jesus' name. Amen