

127 - The Sword of the Spirit - Ephesians 6:17 - 2017-02-05

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-4

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: "The Sword of the Spirit - Part 1" Ephesians 6:17b

Benediction: Psalm 119:10-11

Ephesians 6:17 And take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

G4487 *rhema* an utterance

G2316 *theos* God

## INTRODUCTION

Even as temptations to sin arise from our very own world and from our very own flesh, the devil and his demons also attack us, trying to get us to fall or to flee, so that we will not be standing here on this blessed ground to which the Lord Jesus Christ has brought us. By the blessed ground I means that we know the gospel of God's grace, the message of forgiveness of sins, because Jesus Christ died for us and rose again; and we know God's will for us---God's commands to us, as expressed in the Ten Commandments, and elsewhere, and especially as applied to us in the letters of Christ's apostles, such as Ephesians, which we have been studying together for these years.

That we may be able to withstand these attacks, maintaining our faith in the truth of the gospel of grace, and keeping up our walk in love and holiness, the apostle Paul writes to us to be strengthened in the Lord, in the power of His might, putting on the whole armor of God.

We have studied together the strengthening by putting on this armor, and the armor itself piece by piece. So far, the items of armor have all been those pieces that enable the Christian to receive blows from the enemy and not be harmed by them: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet. But there is another piece of armor---in the old way of speaking it would have been called part of our armor, but in the new way of speaking is not called armor, but called a weapon---there is another piece of armor that not only resists blows *from* the enemy, but also delivers blows *to* the enemy, so that he must break off his attack, leaving us standing victorious.

This item of armor the apostle calls "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

In next week's message, I hope to consider with you why the word of God is called the sword of the Spirit, and how to take the sword of the Spirit, to use it against the enemy.

But today I want to consider with you what the bible means by "the word of God," so we will be ready to study into the word of God as a sword next time.

So, for today: When Paul writes to us, “take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” what does he mean by “the word of God”?

## TEXT

Ephesians 6:10-17

## BODY

When Paul writes to us, “take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” what does he mean by “the word of God”?

### I. First the Original Greek Words

- A. word - not the familiar *logos*, but the less used *rhema*
  - 1. the main help there is knowing more easily where to look in the bible to learn what Paul is getting at
- B. God - *theos*, the normal word for God

### II. “The Word of God” a Shortened Form of a Longer Phrase

- A. as quoted by our Lord Jesus, as condensed in Luke 4 - Luke 4:3-4 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."  
(4) But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, '**MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.**' "
  - 1. this is a shortened form of a saying
  - 2. let's get the definition from the long form
- B. as quoted by our Lord Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 4 - Matthew 4:3-4 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (4) But He answered and said, "It is written, '**MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.**' "
  - 1. this is the long form
  - 2. the Lord Jesus is quoting from the Old Testament
- C. original in OT - Deuteronomy 8:1-3 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. (2) And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. (3) So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every **word** that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.
  - 1. Hebrew: “by all that proceeds from the mouth of Jehovah/Yahweh”
    - a) “word” is absent in Hebrew; *rhema* in LXX
  - 2. LXX: *pas rhema* “every word”

3. see synonymous with
  - a) verse 1 “every commandment which I command you”
  - b) verse 2 “His commandments”

EXCURSUS -----

-note that the Lord Jesus is recorded as having quoted the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament scriptures, even when the LXX translation rendered the OT in words not exactly literally translated

-supplied the word “rhema”

-translated *Jehovah* into *Theos* (God)

-this can help us with some things

-you can dismiss the positions of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, or branches of the Hebrew Roots Movement that want to insist you say “Jehovah” or “Yahweh” instead of “God” or “The Lord”

-you can read the translation of the bible into your own language and be confident in it

-If you want to prove to yourself that the bible is true as we have it, you don’t have to try to find 4,000-year-old evidence buried in the ground; just hear the Lord Jesus quote from Moses.

-He Himself refers to the writings of Moses, including the material of Genesis chapter 2, as being authentic

-If I am asked, or if I ask myself, “How do you know that the bible is true, especially the book of Genesis, which records things from all the way back to the beginning of the world?” my answer is, “Jesus believes that Genesis is true, so I do, too.”

-Matthew 19:4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,'

Luke 11:50-51 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, (51) from **the blood of Abel** to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

-Luke 17:26-30 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: (27) They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that **Noah** entered **the ark**, and **the flood** came and destroyed them all. (28) Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; (29) but on the day that **Lot** went out of **Sodom** it rained **fire and brimstone from heaven** and destroyed them all. (30) Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

END OF EXCURSUS -----

D. This requires further explanation, because we have not received any of the words of God's mouth directly, yet we are told to take up the word of God. How can that be? The Word of God of which Paul speaks is the words God has spoken through those He has chosen as His spokesmen

1. through His prophets Acts 3:18-21 But those things which **God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets**, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. (19) Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, (20) and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, (21) whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which **God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets** since the world began.

a) note that whereas we have seen "the word of God" equated with God's law or commands, in this case the word of God is equated with the gospel of Jesus Christ

2. through His Son Hebrews 1:1-2 **God**, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (2) **has** in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

3. through His Son's apostles

a) Peter Acts 15:7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago **God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel** and believe.

b) Paul Acts 22:12-15 "Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, (13) came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. (14) Then he said, 'The **God** of our fathers **has chosen you that you should** know His will, and **see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.** (15) For **you will be His witness to all men of what you have** seen and **heard.**

III. The Word of God, which was spoken by the mouths of those servants of God, has come to us now all in writing, in scriptures, collected into the bible

A. stated simply

1. we do not have the Word of God in the original spoken form now

a) the prophets have all gone on to heaven; they are not here with us, speaking to us

b) the Lord Jesus Himself left us for a while to go to heaven, to prepare a place for us; He will come again, but He is not here now in body to speak to us

c) the Lord's apostles have all died and gone on to heaven; they are not here with us, to speak to us

2. we have the Word of God in written form, the scriptures, the bible
    - a) what part of “every word that comes from the mouth of God” the Lord would have us know has come to us as the bible
    - b) we certainly do not know all that God has spoken through His servants, but we know all that He would have us to know
- B. shown from the bible: In the time of the Lord Jesus and His apostles
1. the Word of God through His prophets was finished and committed to writing, and called “the scriptures” Luke 24:25-27 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! (26) Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" (27) And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
  2. the apostles' writing was being referred to as “the scriptures”
    - a) 2 Peter 3:15-16 and consider that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, (16) as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.
  3. and in some it was stated verbatim that it is the Word of God
    - a) Revelation 1:1-3 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, (2) who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. (3) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.
- C. recognized through faith
1. I have been showing you that the bible as we have it is “the word of God” or “every word of God” or “every word that comes from the mouth of God”
  2. the churches in the first centuries agreed on that, and have agreed on it since; but the testimony of the church is not definitive;
  3. the testimony of the bible itself as being the Word of God is definitive; studied carefully, the bible shows itself to excel all other writings in (1689 chapter 1 paragraph 5)
    - a) the heavenliness of the matter
    - b) the efficacy of the doctrine
    - c) the majesty of the style
    - d) the consent of all the parts
    - e) the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God)
    - f) the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation

- g) and many other incomparable excellencies, and entire perfections
- 4. this can be seen intellectually, but we believe that (1689 chapter 1 paragraph 5) our full persuasion that the bible is the Word of God comes from the work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness to bible in our hearts, which full persuasion is part of what the Holy Spirit does in regeneration, in giving us a new birth

#### IV. Summary

- A. So, “the word of God” is every word that comes from the mouth of God, which words He made known to us through His servants, through whom He spoke, especially His own Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and which words are now written down for us as the bible,
- B. The “word of God” is all of God’s commands, such as
  - 1. the 10 Commandments, and our Lord Jesus’ exposition of them in the Sermon on the Mount
  - 2. the 2 great commandments
  - 3. the golden rule
  - 4. the great commission
  - 5. the ethical instruction in the letters
- C. The “word of God” is the Gospel, the good news of salvation for sinners in Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection
  - 1. forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus Christ

#### V. APPLICATION

- A. If we are to take this as our weapon, have confidence in it
- B. That comes from knowing what it is: the Word of God

#### CONCLUSION

Hodge:

Our Lord promised to give to his disciples a word and wisdom which all their adversaries should not be able to gainsay or resist. In opposition to all error, to all false philosophy, to all false principles of morals, to all the sophistries of vice, to all the suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple, and sufficient answer is the word of God.

- VI. What Is Meant By the Word of God Being the Sword of the Spirit
  - A. It is the means by which the flesh is mortified
- VII. What Is Meant By Taking the Sword of the Spirit
  - A. General concept
  - B. Example of our Lord Jesus
  - C. Instruction from Paul
  - D. Instruction from Peter

### **sword of the Spirit**

Hoehner:

a genitive of origin or source (“sword given by the Spirit”)

it has the idea of offensive empowerment by the Holy Spirit necessary in a spiritual battle

in the present context it is not used to make advances but rather to enable the believer to stand firmly in the midst of satanic warfare. The devil and his forces must not be allowed to gain new territory in Christ’s kingdom or to rob believers of their spiritual blessings in Christ.

Ellicott:

given by the Holy Spirit

Hodge:

means the sword which the Spirit gives

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Clarke:

An ability to quote this on proper occasions, and especially in times of temptation and trial, has a wonderful tendency to cut in pieces the snares of the adversary.

Barnes:

A single text of Scripture is better to meet a temptation, than all the philosophy which the world contains. The tempter can reason, and reason plausibly too. But he cannot resist a direct and positive command of the Almighty.

**word G4487 *rhema* of God G2316 *theos***

Gurnall:

now all those ways whereby God directly made known his mind to this people, are resolved into this one of the Scriptures, which we are to receive as the undoubted word of God, containing in a perfect rule of faith and life, and to expect no other revelation of his mind to us.

Hodge:

It is that which God has spoken, his word, the bible.

Vaughan:

more literally, "God's utterance"

Hoehner:

It may be that Paul is again referring to the imagery of the LXX, for Isa 11:4 states that the Spirit of the Lord will rest on the Messiah who will smite the earth with the word [*logos*] of his mouth and with the breath of his lips he shall destroy the wicked.

Briefly, then, the sword of the Spirit is the offensive weapon, the spoken word of God to be used against the spiritual wickedness of the devil.

This is not preaching the gospel but speaking God's word against his foes.

Ellicott:

St. Peter (1 Peter 1:25) defines it exactly: "The word of the Lord endureth for ever; and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Eadie:

By "the word of God" we understand the gospel, or revealed will of God-and to us it is in effect Holy Scripture.

By the special organic influence of the Spirit, plenary inspiration was enjoyed, and God's ideas became, in the lips and from the pens of apostles and prophets, God's words.

Luke 3:2 while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the **word of God** came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Luke 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY **WORD OF GOD.**' "

John 3:34 For He whom God has sent speaks the **words of God**, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God.**



Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, (5) and have tasted the good **word of God** and the powers of the age to come, (6) if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the **word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Revelation 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the **words of God** are fulfilled.

### **word G4487 rhema of the Lord G2962 kurios**

Acts 11:15-16 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. (16) Then I remembered the **word of the Lord**, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

1 Peter 1:22-25 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, (23) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the **word [G3056 logos] of God [G2316 theos]** which lives and abides forever, (24) because "ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, (25) BUT THE **WORD [G4487 rhema] OF THE LORD [G2962 kurios]** ENDURES FOREVER." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

### **word G3056 logos of God G2316 theos**

Hebrews 4:11-13 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. (12) For the **word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Romans 9:4-7 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; (5) of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. (6) But it is not that **the word of God** has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, (7) nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED."

1 Corinthians 14:36 Or did the **word of God** come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the **word of God**; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:2-5 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the **word of God** deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (3) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

### **word G4487 rhema**

Ephesians 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the **word**,

Acts 26:25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the **words** of truth and reason.

2 Peter 3:1-2 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), (2) that you may be mindful of the **words** which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

Jude 1:17 But you, beloved, remember the **words** which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 10:8-18 But what does it say? "THE **WORD** IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the **word** of faith which we preach): (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. (13) For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED." (14) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" (17) So

then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God**. (18) But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "THEIR SOUND HAS GONE OUT TO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR **WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.**"

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (2) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (3) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the **word** of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

### **word of God equated with the bible**

John 10:34-35 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I SAID, "YOU ARE GODS" '? (35) If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

your law = word of God = the scripture

Psalms 82:6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

### **The Ultimate Example of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

JRY:

It was enough for Jesus to know that God had commanded.

### **Examples in Paul**

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," for we are members of one another.

Zechariah 8:16

Ephesians 4:26 "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,  
Psalm 4:4

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

Deuteronomy 5:16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. (18) For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE AN OX WHILE IT TREADS OUT THE GRAIN," and, "THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS WAGES."

Deuteronomy 25:4 "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.

Luke 10:7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

Romans 12:17-21 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. (18) If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (19) Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. (20) Therefore "IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD." (21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Deuteronomy 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.'

Proverbs 25:21-22 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; (22) For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

Romans 13:8-10 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. (9) For the commandments, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," "YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (10) Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 14:10-13 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (11) For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD." (12) So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (13)

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Isaiah 45:22-24 "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. (23) I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. (24) He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him.

## **Examples in Peter**

1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (14) as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; (15) but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, (16) because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

1 Peter 2:18-23 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. (19) For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. (20) For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. (21) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: (22) "WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH"; (23) who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

Isaiah 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

1 Peter 3:8-12 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; (9) not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. (10) For "HE WHO WOULD LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. (11) LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. (12) FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR PRAYERS; BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

Psalms 34:12-16 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? (13) Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. (14) Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. (15) The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. (16) The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

1 Peter 3:14-16 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE TROUBLED." (15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; (16) having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

Isaiah 8:12-13 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. (13) The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "LOVE WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS."

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

1 Peter 5:5-6 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. ~~Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and~~ be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." (6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Proverbs 3:34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

### **the word of God as a sword**

Hebrews 4:11-13 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. (12) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Revelation 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Revelation 2:12-16 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says **He who has the sharp two-edged sword:** (13) "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. (14) But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. (15) Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. (16) Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Revelation 19:11-21 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. (12) His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. (13) He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (15) Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (17) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly

in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, (18) that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." (19) And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (20) Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (21) And **the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him** who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Psalm 45:3,5

Isaiah 11:4 with Rev 19:15

Isaiah 49:2

Psalm 149:6

Psalm 119:11

Psalm 33:1-4 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. (2) Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. (3) Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. (4) For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.

1 Peter 1:22-25 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, (23) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, (24) because "ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, (25) BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.