

Ephesians 6 (3-4-12)

The Spiritual Warfare Series

**SMASHING THE STRONGHOLDS!
(OF EVIL ADDICTIONS)**

TEXT: Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

2 Samuel 5:7 Nevertheless David took **the strong hold** of Zion: the same is the city of David.

9 So David dwelt in **the fort...**

1 Chronicles 11:7 And David dwelt in **the castle**; therefore they called it the city of David.

Proverbs 18:19 A brother offended is harder to be won than **a strong city**; and their contentions are like **the bars of a castle.**

Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, **a strong hold** in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but **mighty** through God to the **pulling down of strong holds**;))

Psalms 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and **a twoedged sword in their hand**;

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any **twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit...

Jeremiah 23:29 Is not **my word** like as a fire? saith the LORD; and **like a hammer** that breaketh the rock in pieces?

"God's word rouses and strengthens the conscience and crushes within the heart everything that is evil."
(Barnes)

Psalms 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for **out of it are the issues of life.**

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan **filled thine heart** to lie to the Holy Ghost...

Proverbs 16:1 The **preparations of the heart** in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

2 Chronicles 12:14 And he did evil, because **he prepared not his heart** to seek the LORD.

1 Samuel 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with **all your hearts**, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare **your hearts unto the LORD**, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

Psalms 57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Psalms 78:8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that **set not their heart aright**, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

Job 11:13 If thou **prepare thine heart**, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

Haggai 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Consider your ways**.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts**, ye double minded.

Jeremiah 4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, **Break up your fallow ground**, and sow not among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, **when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.**

"...though it be very little that we suffer for Christ, and have forsaken upon his account, yet we are prone to magnify and admire it, as if it were some great matter."

(Burkitt)

Luke 18:28 Then Peter said, **Lo, we have left all**, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who shall **not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.**

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Hebrews 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your **reasonable** service.

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Proverbs 26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

"It is the sluggard, above all men, that is thus self-conceited; for, his good opinion of himself is the cause of his slothfulness...A conceit of the sufficiency of our attainments is a great enemy to our improvement."

(Matthew Henry)

Hebrews 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.

Psalms 109:18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and **like oil into his bones**.

Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; **it shall be an excellent oil**, which shall **not break my head**...

2 Peter 2:14 Having **eyes** full of adultery, and **that cannot** cease from sin...

Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**: for **it is time** to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.