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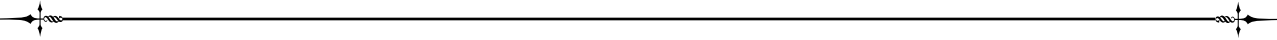


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### Introduction

Whether you realize it or not, you live in a war zone. It's an all-out battle for your heart and soul.

You are under spiritual attack if you belong to God through Jesus Christ. Why? Because the Bible tells us that we are aliens in this world (1 Peter 2:11). And the ruler of this world is Satan (Ephesians 2:2) who is constantly seeking your spiritual demise (1 Peter 5:8).

If you think you are at home in this world, you do not understand the world's agenda. Nor do you realize that to embrace the values of this world is to place yourself in hostility toward God (James 4:4).

Now, you may not love the world—and you may feel secure against Satan and his attacks because of your relationship with Christ. And when you read your Bible and understand your position in Christ as a believer, it is easy to seem

invincible. After all, when you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you indeed are in Christ.

This may lead you to ask, "What else could I possibly need? He is my portion, isn't He? He has overcome the world, hasn't He?"

The answer is a resounding, "Yes!" I want to assure you, as long

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as you are walking with Christ, you have nothing to worry about. You are secure in Him.

But here's the problem. Too frequently we are lured, enticed, or dragged away from Christ. The devil bombards our thoughts, our desires, our emotions in ways we may never imagine, and we are tricked or seduced into believing his lies.

This is the nature of the battle!

So, if indeed Satan has declared war, then the sensible thing to do would be to find out just as much as we can about our enemy, how he is likely to attack us, and how we can overcome him.

One big problem in the church today is that many get so worried about the devil that they see demons behind every bush.

“Oh, I have a spirit of lust, a devil of greed, a demon of desire. I'm being attacked by this and attacked by that.” In fact, this kind of thinking may describe you, so let

me provide you with a word of caution before we go any further.

The first truth about spiritual warfare is: *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”* (James 4:7). Too often, when we try to

battle Satan, we simply fail to resist him. While he's always looking for the perfect opportunity to tempt you with

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something attractive, something seemingly irresistible, he only wins when we play his game:

*When we don't submit to God, and we don't resist the devil.*

Satan has his eyes fixed squarely on you. He has you in his sights. In fact, you may feel that you're always under attack. And, you may feel like you are constantly failing in the battle.

But if you fail, don't worry –

the greatest heroes of the Scriptures lost great battles against Satan. Keep fighting...and take time to read what I have outlined in the following pages. I believe it will be a great source of encouragement and strength for you.

Now, on the other hand, you may be riding high in spiritual prosperity. You may feel bulletproof. Don't be misled by victory—Satan has a strategic plan. And you can count on him to attack in any one of four basic areas: your body, your mind, your conscience, and your will.

Let me outline for you the nature of his attack in each of these areas.

## Attacks on Our Bodies

Remember the story of Job? Satan bargained with God for the privilege of ruining this prosperous man, hoping he could cause Job to curse God. And God agreed to the test.

Satan's attack was furious! First, Satan took everything Job had that was precious to him. He wiped out Job's home, his livestock, servants, and all of his children. Can you imagine the grief he must have felt?

But Satan wasn't through. Just when you think Job had suffered all he

could, God allowed Satan to hurt Job himself. We read in Job 2:7:

*“Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the*

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*sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”*

Satan makes our bodies a primary target of attack because we are the testing place of God. The devil knows how dear our flesh is to us, and he hopes that assaulting our flesh will cause us to blame God, get mad, and turn away from Him.

Remember what Job’s loving wife advised? *“Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!”* (Job 2:9). What an encourager!

Satan also attacks our bodies because we are the temple of God. Satan hates God and everything and everyone who belongs to Him. Twice Satan leveled God’s temple in Jerusalem. But now He doesn’t live in temples made with human hands. He lives in each of His children. So Satan attacks our bodies because that is the place God resides!

Our bodies are also attacked because they are the tools of God.

Before sending the flood, God did not come down from heaven, roll up His sleeves, and build the ark. He did it through Noah and his family. They were God’s tools. He used their skills, their energy, and their labor.

Nor does God spread His Gospel by sitting up in heaven making CDs and DVDs, by printing books and tracts. He uses the communication and talents of His people to make Himself known.

When Jesus fed the 5,000, He used the disciples to distribute the bread and the fish.

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because they are the treasure of God. This is exactly the point Paul makes in 2 Corinthians 4:6-7:

*For God, who said, "Light to shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God, and not from ourselves.*

Satan knows the treasure of God is resident in our bodies... and he wants to stop that light from shining.

Paul also tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, that you and I are the letters...

*"known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts."*

What a treasure! We are love letters from God. And the devil does not want us to be read. So he tries to censor the world's mail by afflicting our bodies.

He hopes we won't want to tell people of the love and mercy of the Lord when we're lying flat on our backs. And he hopes when unbelievers see us sick, wounded, or diseased, they will ignore the testimony of our lives, the love letter written on our hearts.

But the devil seems to have forgotten the lesson he was taught by our old friend Job. Maybe he needs to go back and read the last chapter again. Job repented of his attitude, forgave his friends who had accused him,

*"and the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold...And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than*

*his beginning...And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations. And Job died, an old man and full of days” (Job 42:10, 12, 16-17).*

Satan attacked Job’s body,

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hoping to break down his resistance to sin...and destroy his testimony and relationship with God. Thankfully, he failed. What a great encouragement to you and me.

While the trial you may be facing in your body today is intense and difficult, know that you can be victorious.

But this is not Satan’s only battle plan. He has other plans of attack to bring you down.

## **Attacks on Our Minds**

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.’” And the serpent said to the woman, “You surely shall not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she*

*took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate (Gen. 3:1-6).*

This is a classic picture of the mind games Satan plays with us. If we observe this text carefully we can gain insight into Satan's strategy.

The first thing Satan did was to question God's Word. Notice he asked Eve, "Has God said?"

The second thing Satan did was to deny God's Word. After he had subtly placed the question in Eve's mind about the authenticity of God's Word, he proclaimed, "You surely shall not die!"

Finally, in verse 5 Satan substituted his own lie: "*You will be like God.*"

Satan was working Eve's mind...making her doubt what God had told her and laying out a promise sure to entice her.

To understand the power of Satan's attack you only need to look at Eve's response.

The first mistake she made was to subtract from God's Word. This is subtle, but powerful. In response to Satan's lie she stated, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat..."

But, wait! Back in Genesis 2:16 God actually said, "*From any tree of the garden you may eat freely.*" She had left out the one little word, "freely." And when she removed that word she removed God's grace. She made it sound like God was holding back from those He loved!

Next, Eve blew it by adding to God's Word. She quotes God as saying, "You shall not eat from it or touch it."

God didn't say anything about touching the tree! Satan likes to make us think that following God is restrictive, legalistic, and boring. He likes to see Christians sulking around in their little pity parties, whining, "Oh, poor me, I can't do

anything, can't even touch. I just don't get to have any fun."

But that's not the way God operates. He's more concerned with the "thou shalt" than the "thou shalt not." Our God is a positive God. He says if we'll seek His

*Our God is a positive God. He says if we'll seek His kingdom and His righteousness first, then everything else will be added to us (Matt. 6:33). Everything! That sounds positive to me!*

His commands are to love, to give, to forgive, to let, to be. The negatives are simply the consequences of not doing the positives!

That's how Satan works on our minds. He attacks with doubts, questions, fears, confusion, and contradiction. And he treads on God's grace, leaving behind a perverted picture of a stern, hard,

impersonal God who condemns, but does not convict and who takes, but does not give.

But Satan doesn't stop there. He goes on to attack our will.

## Attacks on Our Will

King David tangled with Satan and lost on the battleground of his will. Now some would say the most serious sin David ever committed was his adultery with Bathsheba. And it is true that this sin ultimately cost the lives of four people: Uriah, the baby that was conceived, Amnon, and Absalom.

But there was another sin David committed that cost the lives of 70,000 Israelites! Let's look at 1 Chronicles 21:1-3.

*Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. So David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan, and bring me word that I may know their number." And Joab said, "May the Lord add to His people a hundred times as many as they are! But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's*

*servants? Why does my lord seek this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"*

When David sinned by numbering Israel, it was a simple matter of his will. There was no deceit. No one was threatening Israel. David didn't need a head count to see if he had enough soldiers to fight. As a matter of fact, the previous chapter paints a picture of prosperity.

Israel had just beaten the Ammonites, hauled home wagon loads of treasure, destroyed several Philistine armies, and cut down another one of the giants of Gath. David was on a roll. He had everything going for him. He was prosperous and popular. But David had a problem with pride.

Unlike Moses, whom God commanded to take a census for the purpose of levying a tax (Numbers 3:40), David had no such orders. He just took it upon himself to take

inventory of his subjects.

How many did he rule?  
How big a king was he? He wanted to compare his greatness to that of others.

Because of David's pride, the text goes on to say, "God was

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displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel" (1 Chronicles 21:7). How did God strike Israel? By sending a plague that killed 70,000 people!

Even when Satan works on our will, you and I have the power to say no to sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. We have control over our will. When God sets before us life and death, we can exercise our will and choose life.

Like David, we must pray:  
*"Keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule*

*over me; then shall I be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression"* (Psalm 19:13).

You and I have the strength to say no to pride; we just need more exercise!

## Attacks on Our Conscience

The final area Satan attacks is our conscience.

Read these verses that Satan would love for you to ignore. If he had his way, we would forget them or overlook them.

*And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and upon their mind I will write them," He then says, "and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."*  
(Hebrews 10:15-17).

Satan is the great accuser. God does not remember our sins, Satan does. And he never tires of reminding us of them.

When we allow him to rehearse those sins in our ears and dwell on them, we open ourselves to guilt and condemnation. And by allowing

ourselves to receive condemnation for sins God has already forgiven, we deny the power of His Son's blood, making it of no value in our lives, rejecting it, spurning it.

We need to be like Saul of Tarsus. In Acts 8:1-3 we see Saul consenting to the death of Stephen, even guarding the clothes of the men who stoned him. Then Saul "*began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women*" [to prison](Acts 8:3).

And we know from history what happened to those dear martyrs after they were imprisoned. In Acts 9:4, Jesus Himself accuses Saul of persecuting Him by persecuting His people. In verses 13 and 14 Ananias says, "*Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Thy name.*"

The number of saints who went to their deaths at Paul's word was public record. Yet, in Acts 20:26 he boldly declares, "*I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men.*"

But I'll bet old Satan didn't waste any time after Paul was saved before he started reminding him of his bloody past. "Now just who do you think is going to listen to *you*?" I can hear him saying. "Have you forgotten Stephen and all the rest of the Christians you sent to the lions? You, an apostle of Jesus Christ? Hah! You're just a guilty old murderer."

But Paul put him in his place. "Satan," he said, "*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of*

*God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me*" (Galatians 2:20).

Jesus said the foremost commandment is, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength*" (Mark 12:30). When He said that, He exposed the enemy's entire plan of attack. He attacks our heart (the body), our soul (the emotions), our mind (the intellect), and our strength (the will).

So the question becomes, how can we protect ourselves?

## The Armor of God: The Person of Jesus Christ

There was a time in the life of Martin Luther when his hand-to-hand combat with Satan became so real that he took an inkwell and threw it at the devil. The inkwell hit the wall, shattered, and left a stain – a sign that remained for years to remind Luther and all those who knew the story how real the battle is between man and Satan.

Although we may not be able to see the enemies of our soul, they are just as real and just as deadly as if they were visible and tangible. So what is our defense?

Paul tells us clearly in  
Ephesians 6:13-17:

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put*

*on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

The first word that pops out of this passage of Scripture is the word *whole*. Now some say, “Well, you know, I put on most of it, but I don’t put it all on.”

That person could learn a thing or two from Sir Philip Sidney.

Sidney, a British gentleman, was fighting in the Netherlands in 1586. Just before going into battle, he noticed

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another soldier had taken off his greaves, his shin guards. Sidney said, “Well, he’s moving easier than the rest of us. He’s a little

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quicker in battle.

I think I’ll take mine off, too.

Soon Sidney was wounded in the leg. Gangrene set in. And by the time someone got to him to treat his wound, he was dead.

That’s what happens with a lot of people who want God’s best and

want to walk with the Lord. They put on part of their armor, but the exposed part is exactly where the enemy gets them.

### *The Protection of Truth*

The armor Paul is describing here in Ephesians 6 is that of a

Roman soldier. The first thing he describes is the belt or girdle, which was a leather strap with a little leather apron that went around it to protect the lower part of the soldier’s body. This girdle held the breastplate and all the rest of his armor in place.

Over the armor, the soldier wore a tunic, which he would pull up and tuck into his girdle when he went into battle. The girdle also held the sheath for his sword.

If a soldier went into battle without his girdle, it wouldn’t be long at all before everything fell apart. He would trip over his tunic or get tangled up in it when he tried to use his sword, and his armor would shift all over his body.

That belt is what Paul likens to truth in verse 14.

Jesus said He is the truth (John 14:6). And Paul said, “*He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together*” (Colossians 1:17).

Girding our loins with truth means we seek the absolute truth, wherever it leads us, whatever it costs us. Unless we are willing to give our lives to truth, there is no sense in putting on the rest of the armor. Those who would live a lie, compromise with falsehood, and try to touch God while holding on to the world are doomed to destruction.

### ***The Protection of Righteousness***

The second piece of armor is the breastplate of righteousness. A soldier's breastplate protected his heart (which refers figuratively to the mind) and his bowels (which refer to the emotions). Leave our minds exposed, and we fall prey to the whims of the world. Expose our emotions, and we're slaves to circumstances.

I remember a woman who came to me and said, "I've been asked to teach a Bible study class. But my life is so shabby, I just don't know if

I can do it."

"Have you received Christ?" I asked.

"Yes," she said.

"You've walked with the Lord for these years?"

"Yes."

So I told her, "You go teach that class!"

Satan will cause us to accuse ourselves. He'll say, "You can't do that! Remember this or that about you?"

When he does, you need to say, "It's all under the blood!"

Corrie ten Boom said, "The Lord put all of our sin in the bottom of the ocean, and He put a sign up saying, 'No Fishing Allowed!'"

Now righteousness speaks of holiness, of sanctification. In other words, we need to put on a lifestyle that is pleasing to God, submitted to Him. The devil cannot accuse someone whose life is transparent, who is walking with God. He can't

accuse a man or woman who is humble, obedient, prayerful, and a student of the Word.

This is the righteousness we need to put on to protect our thoughts and emotions. This is the armor that quenches every fiery dart of the devil. *“The service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever”* (Isaiah 32:17).

### ***The Protection of the Gospel of Peace***

Then Paul says we need to have our feet shod with the gospel of peace.

When I was little, I used to go barefoot all the time. I even went to school barefoot. And many days I spent a lot of time trying to get splinters out of my feet from the old oak floors.

The first part of the summer was sort of difficult because the asphalt would get hot in our little town, and we would really have to

move fast across those streets. In the beginning of summer we’d get stickers in our feet because they weren’t tough enough yet. But by the end of summer, we could walk comfortably on hot asphalt and through stickers.

Now that wouldn’t do for battle because a soldier has a lot more problems than hot roads and stickers. He’s got to protect his feet so he can fight.

Roman soldiers wore a kind of half boot that was open-toed, with a cleated sole, and straps that wound around the calf to hold it in place. We too are to be well-shod. But ours are “gospel boots”—the gospel of peace. That means we are at peace with God and can’t be wounded by every little thorn or pebble on the battlefield.

Like the Roman soldier’s cleated boot, our gospel boots give us stability. We can stand on slippery turf and walk up slick

terrain without falling. They also give us balance. Hand-to-hand combat is largely a matter of balance.

When Israel defeated 10,000 men in Bezek, they caught Adonibezek, their leader, and cut off his thumbs and big toes, just as he had done with 70 other kings (Judges 1:5-6). Why? Because they knew a man couldn't use a sword without thumbs, and he couldn't maintain the balance a soldier needs without his big toes. He was out of business and fit only for begging.

In addition to stability and balance, our boots give us mobility. We can move, change, and adapt. We are not locked into the world system. When the system changes, when the bottom drops out of the economy, when wars come and morality plunges, we will stand if our feet are shod with the gospel of peace.

### ***The Protection of Faith***

Next, Paul says we are to take up the shield of faith. One of the shields used by the Roman soldier was about four-and-a-half feet tall and two-and-a-half feet wide, and he could hide behind it. It might be covered with leather, cloth or metal. One strategy was to get behind that shield and move in toward the enemy.

*The faith Paul is talking about here is not positive thinking.*

Our shield is the shield of faith. What is faith? Is it just thinking positively?

Just before a Little League baseball game, one of the little guys said, "Mama, I have faith that we're going to lose this game."

"Son!" she said, "You need to think positively."

He said, "Well, I am positive because I have total faith that we're going to lose this game."

The faith Paul is talking about

here is not positive thinking. It is faith in the person of God. We believe that God is omnipotent, omniscient, in control. That part of our shield defends against the arrows of fear and anxiety.

It is also faith in the promises of God, the knowledge that He is faithful and true. This knowledge protects us against the darts of doubt.

Now, doubts can be good. They can strengthen our faith if properly handled. We just have to get to the point where we doubt our doubts. We have to work through our doubts until we see the validity, power, and truth of God.

When Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous speech in Gettysburg, there was a reporter out there from some wide spot in the road. He ran back to his paper and wrote an article criticizing the president, saying he was ashamed that Lincoln was so unprepared that he wrote his speech on the back of

an envelope, and how it was full of silly nothings on such an important occasion.

Everyone laughs at that reporter today, and no one even remembers his name because he was in the presence of greatness, hearing an immortal word, and he missed it. He didn't have the sense to doubt his own doubts about Abraham Lincoln.

Our faith must also be in the providence of God, knowing that *"all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28). That takes care of the arrow of loneliness, depression, and confusion.

### ***The Protection of Salvation***

Next, we take up the helmet of salvation. The Roman helmet was made out of leather and covered with metal. It was as critical a piece of armor as the breastplate because

in battle, if you were wounded in the heart or the head, you would probably die.

But, like the shield, the helmet was something you didn't wear all the time. Notice that Paul says, "Take it up."

A baseball player wears his helmet only when it's his turn to bat. The football player wears his helmet only when he's on the field.

Salvation is a process, not an event. We could call it salvation past, present, and future. When you and I became convicted of our sins, repented, and asked Jesus Christ to come into our lives, we were saved. At that point we were made eternally secure in Jesus Christ and the Bible promises we will live forever with Him.

Now, as we grow in our faith and become more like Christ and more uncomfortable with sin, we are being saved. Day by day we become more like Jesus and are separated from the

sin that so easily entangles us.

And someday, when we know God even as we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12)—that day when we enter God's presence—we will be saved.

This is the road of life from justification—that moment of salvation—to glorification—that moment we enter eternity to live with God forever.

The helmet of salvation is absolutely vital in protecting us from Satan's attacks as it keeps us from being double-minded and unstable in all our

ways. As the Roman helmet protected the soldier from the broad sword, so the helmet of salvation protects the believer from doubt.

Once someone is saved, if he or

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she doesn't put on the helmet of salvation and begin to grow in Christ, that person begins to doubt his or her salvation. If they are able to get past the doubt but they stop growing and being renewed in the attitudes of his or her mind (Romans 12:2), that person can fall to a feeling of inadequacy.

But if a person is able to conquer that, it is easy to fall to the failure of pride—taking credit for what God has done. And if you and I are able to beat pride, we still need our helmet of salvation because when we're set aside for pruning so we can become even more fruitful, we can fall to discouragement unless we are armed against it. And that is the power of the helmet of salvation.

### ***The Protection of the Word***

Finally, Paul says, take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God – the first offensive

piece of armor.

This sword is not the broad sword; it's a dagger for close-in, hand-to-hand fighting. It is not the whole Word of God, the logos. The word used here means part of the Word of God. It is the exact passage of Scripture necessary to defeat our enemy within a specific set of circumstances.

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It is like those “smart missiles” we saw used in recent wars. Strategically precise. They hit the exact target they were supposed to hit with the exact amount of force needed to destroy it – no more, no less.

But the Word alone won't do the job. We can memorize the Bible, go to Sunday school all our lives, and be able to tell people who Nebuchadnezzar's first cousin is,

and Satan can still cause us to stumble. We can have the Word hidden in our heart and mind...it can be a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path...and it won't keep the devil off our back. We also need to take up the other provisions God has supplied.

Along with the sword, we need the Holy Spirit. He is the author of the Word, and He is the only one who can accurately interpret the Word. In fact, the Bible is the only book I know that comes with the Author. You can be reading along and turn to the Author any time you want and ask Him what He meant by this or that. And He'll gladly explain it to you through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Along with the sword, we need prayer. Immediately after Paul tells us to take up the sword of the Spirit, he says, "*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...*" (Ephesians 6:18). We

cannot read God's Word effectively without praying, talking, and listening to the Lord.

Also with the sword, we must take up praise.

*Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishment on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 149:6-9).*

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With the sword of the Lord, we execute God's judgment upon His enemies, while the other pieces of

our armor protect us from assault and counterattack. But we must have all the armor of God – every last piece. And we must always remember the enemies of God are spirits, not people.

*Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:10-12).*

“The art of war is simple enough,” said General Ulysses S. Grant. “Find out where your enemy is. Get him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can and as often as you can, and keep

moving on.”

My friend, you are in a war. Satan will not be content until you have fallen. Stay strong in Christ by putting on the full armor of God. Through that armor you will stand victorious! You indeed will win against Satan!





There's a war going on. We don't see it, but we fight it everyday. It is an all-out battle for our heart and soul. And many are losing because they

don't know how to protect themselves against Satan and the forces of wickedness he commands.

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