

The Weapon of God's Word

Sunday 3-3-2019 HANDOUT

I We are in a battle and we have choices

- . We can choose to give up, hold our ground, or advance and take ground.
- . We can not choose to be out of the battle!

II Defining the Battle & Identifying the Enemy

- . This war between good and evil is being waged for the souls of men and women
- . **Ephesians 6:12** (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- . Our enemy is God's enemy and he is real
- . The weapons that we have, need to be taken up and used. "APPROPRIATED " KNOWING about "911" does not help in an emergency! YOU HAVE TO CALL !

III The whole armor of God - defense & offense

- . **Ephesians 6:10-19** (NKJV) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. {11} Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places..... {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**

IV Jesus was tempted by satan, but he was victorious through the Word of God

- . **Matthew 4:1-11** (NKJV) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. {2} And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. {3} 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.' " {5} Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, {6} and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge concerning you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' " {7} Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' " {8} Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. {9} And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." {10} Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " {11} Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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V Benefits of this weapon

- **Great peace** without stumbling - **Psalms 119:165** (NKJV) Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. (The devils goal for you: steal, kill, destroy)
- **Freedom** not slavery - **John 8:31-32** (RSV) Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, {32} and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." **Psalms 119:45** (RSV) and I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought thy precepts. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** (NKJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. {4} For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, {5} casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
- **Hebrews 4:12** (NKJV) 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.

VI Engaging in the fight is necessary and expected

- **Ephesians 6:11-12** "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle ... against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
- **Where is the fight?** Principalities, and the chain of command.
- Some of you are struggling constantly with problems that do not seem to go away, no matter what you do.
Could it be a demon with a specific assignment against you? It's time to name it, break it's hold in Jesus' name, and command it to go away. It's time to stand up, fight, and believe the promises of God.
- **What am I fighting for?"** - Territory
Enlarge my territory" - How does that happen?
- **How should I fight?**
Hebrews 4: Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God
- **Am I qualified to fight?**
- **Luke 9:1** (NKJV) Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.