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#### Ephesians 6:10-20

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

The Armor of God

Belt of Truth –

John 14:6

Breastplate of Righteousness –

Philippians 3:9

Shoes of Readiness –
2 Timothy 4:2
Shield of Faith –
Hebrews 11
Helmet of Salvation –

Isaiah 59:16-17
Sword of the Spirit – 1
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Here is what the Word of God can do, study it personally, follow it passionately, use it boldly.

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#### **Hebrews 4:12 Rest for the People of God**

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

#### 1 Peter 1:22-23 Called to be Holy

- 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
- 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through the living** and abiding word of God;

#### Revelation 19:13-16 The Rider on the White Horse

- 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the **name by which he is called is The Word of God.**
- 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.
- 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

#### **SALVATION**

#### Acts 13:44-49 Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia

- 44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.
- 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.
- 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that **the word of God be spoken first to you**. Since you thrust it aside and **judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life,** behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.
- 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
- 48 And when the **Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord**, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.
- 49 And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

#### How to live the Armor of God: Sword of the Spirit

- **Psalms 119:11** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law but is a reason for grace from God.
- Psalms 119:16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
- **Psalms 119:25** Daleth My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!
- **Psalms 119:28** My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!
- Psalms 119:42 then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word.
- **Psalms 119:43** And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.
- Psalms 119:101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- Psalms 119:107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

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# BIBLE VERSES RELATED TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Proverbs 30:5**

5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

#### **Luke 8:11 The Purpose of the Parables**

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

#### **Acts 4:31 The Believers Pray for Boldness**

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

#### **Acts 6:7 Seven Chosen to Serve**

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

#### Acts 12:24 The Death of Herod

24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.

#### Acts 13:4-5 Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus

- 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

#### Acts 18:9-11 Paul in Corinth

- 9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent,
- 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people."
- 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

# 1 Timothy 4:1-5 Some Will Depart from the Faith

- 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,
- 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,
- 3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
- 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,
- 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

#### **Hebrews 11:3 By Faith**

3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

#### **Hebrews 13:7 Sacrifices Pleasing to God**

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

#### **Revelation 1:1-2 Prologue**

- 1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
- 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

#### **Revelation 1:9 Prologue**

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

#### **Revelation 6:9 The Seven Seals**

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.

#### **Revelation 20:4 The Thousand Years**

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

# Psalm 119 What the Word of God can do

**Psalms 119:9** Beth How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

- I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
- Gimel Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
- Daleth My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!
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- then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word.
- **43** And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.
- Zayin Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.
- **65** Teth You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.
- Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.
- Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

- Kaph My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.
- Lamedh Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- Nun Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!
- You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.
- The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.
- I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.
- Taw Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!
- Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.
- My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

# **OTHER RESOURCES**

#### **Sharing the Truth Tips**

When revealing the Biblical truth to someone ask questions and give them the opportunity to wrestle with their relationship with Jesus.

It is the Holy Spirt who gives Christians the proper heart, mind, soul and strength to share the Biblical truth in a way that will hopefully result in salvation and sanctification for the hearer.

**Ask questions**, encourage others to ask questions. Everyone is three good questions away from sharing what is really going on in their heart, mind and soul.

**SERMON YOUTUBE: The Sword of the Spirit by Charles Spurgeon** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox\_PdAgz69E

PDF Charles Spurgeon – The Sword of the Spirit

https://www.spurgeongems.org/sermon/chs2201.pdf

**YOUTUBE:** John MacArthur - The Armor of God: The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmvveRkJ8z8

**YOUTUBE: Alistair Begg – The Sword of the Spirit – Part One** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khG0c8Fmg1s

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