

## **The Armor of God: The Sword of the Spirit**

**Text:** Ephesians 6:17b

### **As you pick up the Sword of the Spirit...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit (vs. 17b)**

- A. In moments of evangelism, encouragement, and evil - the Holy Spirit will prompt you with passages to assist you and others.
- B. John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ your weapon (vs. 17b)**

- A. Paul uses the word greek word "rhema" instead of "logos" for "word." "While logos embraces nearly everything, rhema has a slighter weight. It really means "a saying," in this case, a particular, specific portion of God's written revelation... It is important to see this, as I said, because according to Paul's teaching we are to overcome Satan by the particular words or portions of Scripture." Boice, J. M. Ephesians: Commentary
- B. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy (vs. 17b)**

- A. The sword Paul refers to here is not the Roman broadsword but the dagger which varied in length from 6-18 inches. It was the common sword carried by Roman soldiers for hand-to-hand combat. A skillful soldier would use it to deflect the blows of the enemy, and at an opportune time, to strike their enemy.
- B. James 4:7 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Prayer Prompt** - "God, help me to use your Word to battle the Devil. Holy Spirit, bring into remembrance the truths of the Word of God to assist me today. Help me as I read it, to understand it and apply it. By your grace, may the Devil flee as I quote scripture."