Brookland Baptist Church Spiritual Warfare Dr. Darrell King, Presenter

How do we claim the victory? We put on the whole armor of God. We defend ourselves against the devil's tricks and strategies with 5 pieces of defensive armor.

- 1) **<u>Belt of Truth</u>** You must be truthful and honest with yourself and to yourself.
- <u>Breastplate of Righteousness</u> You must cover and protect your heart with the blood of Jesus.
- 3) <u>Gospel Shoes of Peace</u> You must have a "calm" in the midst of the battle. The "calm" comes from knowing that all is well and everything is going to be alright. There is confidence in knowing that "the battle is not yours, it's the Lord's."
- 4) <u>Shield of Faith</u> You must have a "faith-shield" to hold before you when satan throws his fiery darts which are fed by the fires of hell.
- 5) <u>Helmet of Salvation</u> You must protect your mind, which is the battleground on which the Spiritual War is fought. This means knowing that you are saved.

God's hand of Grace reaching down...

- **G** God's
- **R** Redemption/Righteousness
- **A** At
- **C** Christ's
- E- Expense

your hand of faith reaching up. . .

- **F** Forsaking
- **A** All
- I- I
- T- Take/Trust
- H- Him

OFFENSIVE ARMOR "The Sword of the Spirit"

For offensive purposes, we need the "**Sword of the Spirit**." The sword is the first piece of armor that is not purely defensive. Without the "**Sword of the Spirit**," we have no way to drive off the devil. When we put on the defensive pieces, we may prevent the devil from wounding us, but we cannot drive him from our presence. The only piece of armor God gives to drive the devil away is the "**Sword of the Spirit**." The "**Sword of the Spirit**" is the "**Word of God**."

• Ephesians 6:17

The Bible compares God's Word to a sword, because God's Word pierces and penetrates.

• Hebrews 4:12

Every time Jesus encountered satan, personally, the only weapon Jesus used against satan was the "Sword of the Spirit," which is the "Word of God."

- Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)
- When satan tries to steal your joy, tell satan, "It is written" (Nehemiah 8:10).
- When satan throws a dart at your physical health, tell satan, "It is written" (III John v.2).
- When satan attacks your finances, tell satan, "It is written" (Philippians 4:19).
- When satan has you feeling lonely and as if no one cares, tell satan, "It is written" (Psalm 23:1-3).
- When satan makes you feel afraid and threatened, tell satan, "It is written" (Psalm 27:1-2).
- When you lose a loved one and your heart is heavy and broken, and satan tries to plunge you into depression, tell satan, "It is written" (John 14:1-3).
- When your friends turn on you, tell lies, spread rumors and gossip, tell satan, "It is written" (Isaiah 54:17).

There is power in the Word of God!

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