

Armour of God

The Word of God: The Armour of God: Suit Up:

The final piece of “armour” that God has given, is the only offensive weaponry that is given to fight with. Although a shield in a Roman Soldiers hand could be used offensively, its main purpose was defensive in nature by design.

This weapon is called by Paul in **Ephesians 6:17** “**take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**” The description of it being a sword, and then it being from and in the Holy Spirit, makes it a weapon like none other. **Hebrews 4:12-13** “**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. And no creature is hidden from his sight but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**”

This scripture gives definition to the place and power of the word of God. It has a capacity and capability that places it in human experience above all other words. Let’s walk through these verses to help us understand what God has placed into our hands to work with, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit.

1. **Alive and Active:** “**For the word of God is living and active**” Our approach to the word, is behind the actual words whether written or spoken is a person whose title and name was “the word”; Logos! A person who again embodies the essence of this being called “God”. The word is pulsating with life and is very active in the everydayness of people’s lives.
2. **Accurate:** Pin Point accuracy: “**sharper than any two edged- sword**” Notice the description of how sharp it is. It stands alone in its own category, matchless in its potency and preciseness, that implies the need to handle it with care, like a surgeon handles a scalpel. In their hands it is an instrument of healing. In the hands of someone unskilled, a instrument of destruction.
3. **Adept and Able:** “**piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**” It is like no other. It is far above any counsellor, teacher, or highly trained, skilled professional. It is full coverage of the inner world of a person. It isn’t a GP but it is a specialist in everything related to a persons life.
4. **Accountability:** “**And no creature is hidden from HIS sight but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**” We need to become comfortable with the uncomfortableness the word of God will create in our inner and outer world. In doing so, we will be far better off when we must give an account of our lives before a holy God. The Sword of the Spirit at work in our inner world takes away the legal right the evil one will endeavour to claim in order to bring us under his control in some manner. We can use God’s word to cut away the attempts and attachments that can lay claim to our inner world or outer world and keep ourselves free from entanglements.

The final thought on this is: The Holy Spirit is looking for us to grow in respect to the word of God, so that He can bring to mind a needed scripture in order fight the good fight of faith. **Psalms 119:11** “**I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.**”

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