

## **The Sword of the Spirit and Spiritual Warfare**

### **The Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.**

**Scripture:** James 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NKJ)

**Declare:** Satan, I reject you and all your ways.

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, I submit to your authority, because you are God Almighty. I praise you, because you are the creator of heaven and earth. I choose to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Holy Spirit, please teach me to turn away from sin and walk in your ways, according to the truth of God found in the Holy Bible. Lord, please forgive me for pursuing and doing things that offend you and violate your laws. Create in me a pure heart that desires to please you and not pursue evil.

**Scripture:** Mark 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I chose to forgive those who have offended and wronged me. I give my pain and hurt to you. Help me forgive others, so I can walk in the joy of your forgiveness.

**Scripture:** II Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. I John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I give you my fears and doubts, please replace my insecurity with love, power and confidence that comes from you. You are strong and mighty.

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

**Prayer:** Father in Jesus name, by prayer and faith, I put on your whole armor that I may stand against the wiles of the devil. I put on your Helmet of Salvation ... let the same mind be in me that is in Jesus Christ. I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness ... the Righteousness of Christ. I put on the Girdle of Truth ... Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), the Truth, Integrity and the Holiness of God. I put on Your Sandals of the Gospel of Peace ... Help us to stand on the solid ground of Jesus. Above all, I put on Your Shield of Faith to quench the fiery dart, spear and missile the enemy shoots our way ... and Lord, I put on Your Precious Sword of the Spirit, Your Holy Word that's alive and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) ... our offensive and defensive weapon.

**Scripture:** Job 1: 10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land." (NKJ)

**Prayer:** Father in the Name of Jesus, I ask you to keep the same hedge of protection around me, my family, my mind, my heart and emotions as it is written in Job 1:10.

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. Psalm 91:11-12 <sup>11</sup> For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (NKJ)

**Prayer:** Father, in Jesus' Name, I ask You to keep an encampment of Your powerful angels around me 24 hours per day.

**Scripture:** Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? (NKJ)

**Prayer:** Father, in the Name of Jesus, I ask you to send a host of ministering angels to minister to our hurts, needs, pain and infirmities, strengthening us in every way.

**Scripture:** Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." (NKJ) (Also Psalm 3:3)

**Prayer:** Father, in the name of Jesus, I claim your promise to be my shield and protector.

**Scripture:** (The mind is satan's playground. The battle to WIN your mind is in verse 5.)  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> 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, (NKJ)

**Prayer:** In the Mighty name of Jesus, I command my thoughts to come under the obedience and captivity of Jesus as it is written in 2 Corinthians 10:5.

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (NKJ) (See also Matthew 18:18)

**Prayer:** In the name of Jesus, the name that is above every Name and ALL things (Philippians 2:9-10 & Ephesians 1:20-23), I bind up every unclean spirit and assignment coming against me, (my children, my family) from, by or through anyone or anything, named or unnamed, known or unknown, seven generations back. In the name of Jesus, I bind the principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness and hosts in high places, and the prince of the power of the air. In the name of Jesus, I bind up the strong man, the old man, every prince and stronghold, the spirit of antichrist, every evil spirit and plague, the spirit of confusion, illusion and delusion. In Jesus name, I bind up the spirit of infirmity, sickness, disease, pain, addiction, affliction, calamity, the devourer, the destroyer, the accuser, the deceiver, the corrupter and every spirit of poverty. In the name of Jesus, I bind up the spirit of strife and division, back biting and gossip, critical and judgmental spirits, spirits of resistance and hindrance, every spirit of retribution, revenge and

retaliation, and the lying, seducing, deceiving spirit of deception. (I Timothy 4:1-2) In the name of Jesus, I bind up every root of fear, doubt, unbelief, discouragement, despair, depression, the spirit of pride, rebellion, disobedience, self, ego, independence, unforgiveness, bitterness lust and the flesh.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST REBUKE YOU, YOU EVIL, UNCLEAN SPIRITS (Jude 9, Zechariah 3:2) I loose, in the name of Jesus Christ, deliverance, freedom and liberation, peace, joy, hope, gladness of heart, love, healing and wholeness, mercy, and grace, blessings and favor, restoration of the years that the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25), the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, a mighty harvest, and boldness to witness for Christ. Amen and Amen!!

ALWAYS REMEMBER, God hears ALL our cries and prayers (Psalm 34:4,6,15,17) His thoughts about us number more than the sands of the sea (Psalm 139:17-18), He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3 and John 3:16), His promises are Yes and Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). We know that satan is a liar, but God has never lied nor broken a promise or covenant (Hebrews 6:18, Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2). He is the God of the second chance to infinity. Nothing is too hard (Jeremiah 32:17, Genesis 18:14), nor impossible for Him (Luke 1:37). With man it is impossible, but with God, ALL things are possible (Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27). He is faithful (Psalm 89, Hebrews 10:23), His Word does not return empty (Isaiah 55:11-12), He magnifies His Word above His name (Psalm 138:2) and His Word is settled in Heaven forever (Psalm 119:89). We need to trust Him and His Word, no matter what trials or tribulations we are facing, whatever mountain, valley, desert, storm or goliath that is in your life. TRUST HIM! Naham 1:7 tells us, The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him." (NKJ) He tells us we have worth in His eyes (Jeremiah 29:11-13), He is our helper (Hebrews 13:6) who has compassion, mercy, and grace for each of us. God's forgiveness is bigger than my sin. If I confess my sins, God is faithful and just to forgive me of my sins and cleanse me from ALL unrighteousness (I John 1:9). Once I confess and repent, God remembers them no more (Psalm 103:12). They are put in the sea of forgetfulness (Micah 7:19). They are under the BLOOD of JESUS, and we are set FREE, with no condemnation (Romans 8:1), especially from ourselves. We must learn to forgive ourselves. Praise and worship must be included in our prayers. We have the VICTORY!