



**Empowering People to Change the World**

**The Invisible War: The Sword of the Spirit**

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## The Invisible War: The Sword of the Spirit

### Ephesians 6:10-18

- **Imagine a medieval soldier going into battle without his sword. Imagine a modern soldier going into battle without his rifle. But that's what most Christians are doing today—they are trying to live the Christian life without God's Word—the sword of the Spirit. And most aren't doing very well.**
- In the last days, “lawlessness will abound” and “unrighteous deception” will occur because they did not love the truth. **(2 Thessalonians 2)**
- **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**, “...the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”
- The most effective weapon in these last days is God's Word, the sword of the Spirit.
- Without God's sword, you literally cannot fight an effective warfare.
- God's Word primarily works within your spirit, mind, and body to energize, empower, and equip you to walk in power and anointing.

## The Dangerous Nature of God's Word

### Hebrews 4:12-13

- The Bible contains history, but it is not primarily a history book.

- The Bible contains science, but it is not primarily a science book.
- The Bible is the most unique book in the world in that it is living and powerful.
- The Bible is eternal! Only three things last forever: 1) God, 2) human beings, and 3) God's Word. "The flower fades, the grass withers, but the Word of God lives forever."
- It is dangerous to your religious life. It will fire you up. It will light your spirit and mind on fire.

## 1. The Word of God is living.

- It is alive! It is eternal! It contains God's Spirit within it.
- God has revealed Himself through His Word—it is a living, breathing document; we can never exhaust the truths found there.
- It is God's living love letter to His greatest, most magnificent creation—people created in the image of God.
- Ex. It's not pasteurized! Milk is pasteurized. They not only take out the bad bacteria; they take out the good bacteria, the living organism your body needs. God's Word is milk and meat! It is alive with the spiritual vitamins and nourishment that you need. It's an alive culture!
- Ex. The Word of God is like a garden. It has all the nutrients—vitamins and enzymes—that you need to be healthy, vibrant, and strong spiritually.
- When you read, study, meditate, and memorize God's Word, it makes you come alive! This Book is dangerous!

## 2. The Word of God is powerful.

- The Greek word for *powerful* here is *energes*, meaning energetic!

- *Energetic* is the opposite of boring, ineffective, inactive, idle, or passive.
- It's a live fire in your heart and mind!

Jeremiah writes,

***“Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, ‘Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.’” (5:14)***

- Ex. It is a travesty when pastors have boring sermons! God gave us 66 sermon topics, 66 books of the Bible. We should make it come alive because it is alive!
- When you read, study, meditate, and memorize God’s Word, it produces energy in your life! This Book is dangerous!
- The Word of God is not boring, passive, or ineffective. It is powerful; it is full of energy.

### **3. The Word of God is a two-edged sword.**

- Ex. My braveheart sword is two-edged; it cuts two ways.
- It can cut into the division of soul and spirit—the real battleground is found right here! Romans 6, 7, and 8.
  - Identity and destiny are found in this Book.
  - As we read, study, meditate, and memorize, a battle will go on between your soulish—mind, will, and emotions and God’s Holy Spirit moving through the Word.
- ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up***

***against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)***

- **The Word of God is the discerner of our thoughts and motivations.**

## **Rhema and Logos**

**Two words used for the Word of God are *rhema* and *logos*.**

**Logos, used in our passage, is the “spoken Word of God.”**

- There is the written Word of God for all time, for eternity. This is the *logos*. This is also the word used by John in his prologue to the Gospel.
- *“In the beginning was the Word (logos), and the Word (logos) was with God, and the Word (logos) was God.” (John 1:1)*

## **Rhema, “The Speaking Word of God”**

- But there is another word, *rhema*, used not just for the written Word of God, but for the writing Word of God.
- In our beginning passage, found in **Ephesians 6:17**, *“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”* is the word, *rhema*.
- God speaking to us generally (*logos*), and God speaking to us individually (*rhema*).
- There are the Promises of God in the Bible (*logos*); and then there is the Promise of God for you (*rhema*).
- When you are reading, studying, meditating, and memorizing God’s Word, the Spirit will speak to you about your particular situation or need—that’s a *rhema* word—the Word of God coming alive for your situation.

## Logos

General  
Written Word  
Spoken Word  
Promises of God  
Knowledge About

## Rhema

Specific  
Writing Word for You  
Speaking Word for You  
Promise for You  
Revelation for You

- We can know God's general will for our life as we read, study, and meditate in God's Word; but we really come to grasp His specific calling as He grants us rhema, revelation for us.
- This is really how faith works. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by God's Word."
- Faith is birthed out of a rhema word. But you can't get rhema without logos.
- Ex. You have to be reading, studying, meditating, and memorizing the Logos in order for the Spirit to give you rhema!
- We know about the starvation in the Third World, but do we know about the starvation in the First World?
- People in our churches today are spiritually malnourished, starved for truth.

**We need a spiritually high-calorie, energizing, and nourishing diet of God's Word if we are to be a healthy, vibrant Jesus disciple.**

**Eat God's Word and get healthy, energized, and joyful.**

**Revelation 10:8-11**

***"Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, 'Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.'***

***So I went to the angel and said to him, 'Give me the little book.'***

***And he said to me, ‘Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.’***

***Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, ‘You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.’”***

**Jeremiah 15:16**

***“Your words were found, and I ate them,  
And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;  
For I am called by Your name,  
O Lord God of hosts.”***

**Ezekiel 3:1-3**

***“...He said to me, ‘Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.’ So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.***

***And He said to me, ‘Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.’ So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.”***

**Eat God’s Word; it is your spiritual food! It is living food, it is energizing food, it is a sword in your spirit.**

Ex. School-in-a-Box is about feeding our children God’s Word, Genesis.

**Explain PB&J**

**What does the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit, birth in your life?**

**Psalm 119: The 25 Powerful Benefits of God’s Word**

- 1) Gives a Blessed Life, verse 1**
- 2) Produces Purity, verse 9**
- 3) Builds Wholehearted Living, verse 10**
- 4) Produces Joy, verse 14**
- 5) Gives Delightful Counsel, verse 24**

- 6) **Brings Revival, verse 25**
- 7) **Melts Away Heaviness, verse 28**
- 8) **Enlarges Our Heart, verse 32**
- 9) **Walk in Liberty, verse 45**
- 10) **Comfort in Affliction, verse 50**
- 11) **Produces Fear of God, verse 63**
- 12) **Experience Merciful Kindness, verse 76**
- 13) **Experience God's Firm Faithfulness, verses 89-90**
- 14) **Wiser than Our Enemies, verses 97-99**
- 15) **Get Understanding, verses 103-104**
- 16) **Brings Guidance, verse 105**
- 17) **A Hiding Place, verse 114**
- 18) **Produces Hope, verse 116**
- 19) **Develops Justice and Righteousness, verse 121**
- 20) **Learn God's Statutes, verse 124**
- 21) **Brings Light, verse 130**
- 22) **Understanding to the Simple, verse 130**
- 23) **Learn Truth, verse 142**
- 24) **Produces Peace, verse 165**
- 25) **Produces Praise, verse 171**