

# Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

*Lesson 12*

## Armed for Battle Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-18

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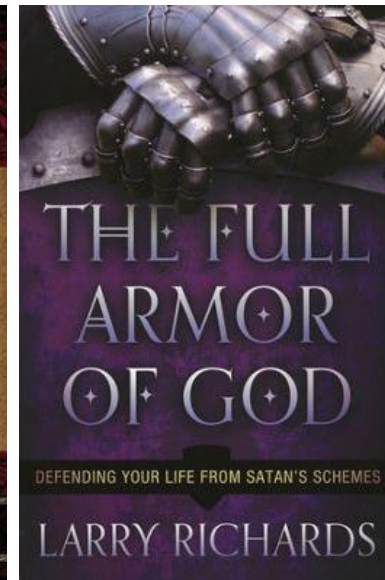
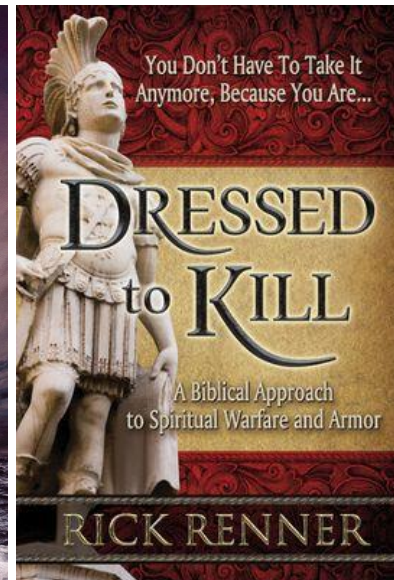
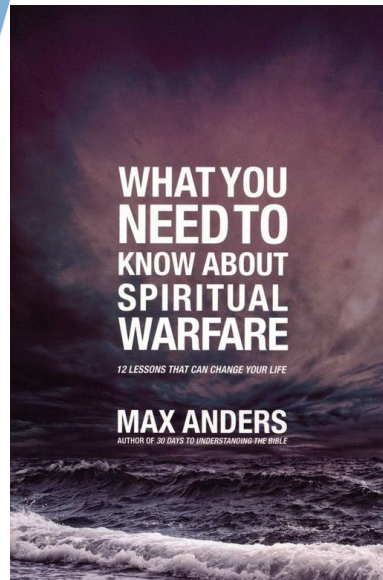
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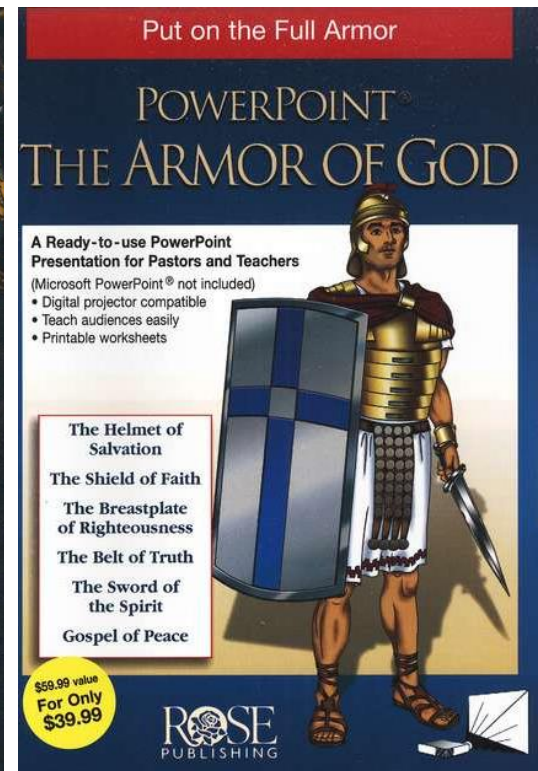
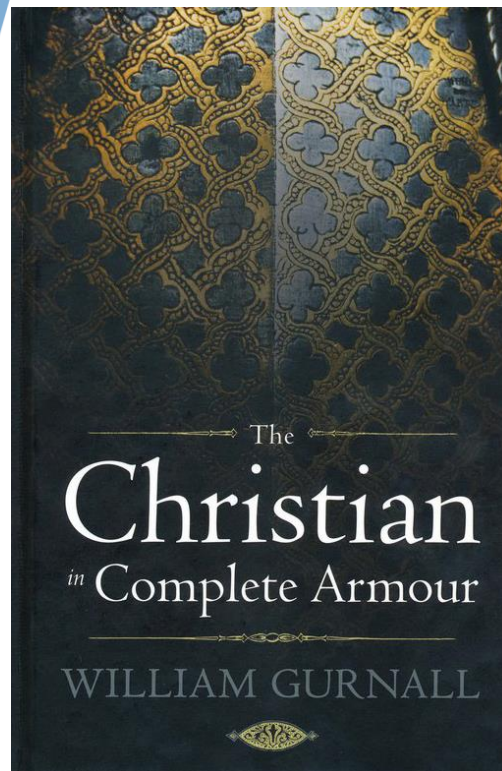


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ARMOR  
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"PUT ON THE  
FULL  
ARMOR  
OF GOD..."

- EPHESIANS 6:11



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# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



# Course Outline

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# Armed for Battle: SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

## *Scriptural Context*

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# Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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— ... NKJV



# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

## • Our Strategic Plan: Be Strong in the Lord

- Rely on the strength of the Lord  
✓ *Not our own strength*
- Rely on the power of the Lord  
✓ *Not our own power*
- Our victory is assured  
✓ *IF we rely on the Lord*
- “Put on” and “Take up”  
✓ The full armor of God

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in **the Lord** and in the power of **His might**.

--- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV

## ▪ Enemy Tactics:

- Deceit
- *“Be not deceived”*



Ephesians 6:11

# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

## Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT	RESOURCE	REVIEW
Belt	TRUTH	All body armor hinges to the Belt; Jesus is the Truth; Holy Spirit of Truth
Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	Breastplate protects the heart - the seat of affections; God's righteousness is imputed;
Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	Shoes protect the legs and feet; Shoes provide stability; Gospel of peace provides confidence in God's promises. Gospel of peace provides security in our reconciliation.
Shield	FAITH	Shield was the maneuverable part of the armor. Believer's Shield capable of quenching ALL the fiery darts. Shield can be used in unison.
Helmet	SALVATION	Helmet is fitted for the protection of the head and mind. Protection from the enemy's schemes ( <i>lies</i> ) is rooted in an understanding of Salvation itself. All three members of the Trinity contribute to your salvation.
Sword	THE SPIRIT	COVERED IN THIS LESSON
Comms Gear	PRAYING ALWAYS	--

A photograph of a closet interior. On a wire shelf at the top, a silver metal helmet with a red plume sits next to some folded clothes. Below the shelf, a full suit of silver plate armor is hanging on a black hanger. The armor includes a breastplate, pauldrons, gauntlets, and a skirt. To the left and right of the armor, various modern clothes like jeans and shirts are hanging. The closet door on the right is made of light-colored wood with horizontal slats.

# PUT IT ON

THE ENEMY'S AIMING AT YOU.  
PROTECT YOURSELF.  
(See Ephesians 6:11-18.)



# Armed for Battle: SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

## *Swordsmanship*



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# Sword of the Spirit - Idiom Explained

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- The Sword of the Spirit
  - The sword of the Spirit pictures an offensive and defensive use of the Bible in spiritual warfare!
- Purpose of taking the sword...
  - To counter enemy sword attacks and to harm or kill your enemy.
- A familiar idiom
  - Hebrews 4:12



**12** For the **word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any **two-edged sword**, piercing even to the division of **soul and spirit**, and of **joints and marrow**, and is a discerner of the **thoughts and intents** of the heart.

--- Hebrews 4:12 ... NKJV

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- **Machaira** - *Greek sword*

The Roman soldier sword was short and double bladed.

By it Rome conquered the world.

Blacksmiths hardened the blade of the sword by covering the red-hot iron with coal dust; the coal dust formed a hard carbon coating on the blade.

Sword handles could be made from iron, ivory, bone, or wood.



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Improvement over the larger single bladed *Gladius* - “two handed” sword.

Advantage of the shorted, double bladed sword in close up engagements.

The key was in the training and practice.

It is not obvious how to exploit the advantages of the sword without training and practice.

With proper training and practice, victory was almost certainly guaranteed.





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- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- **2 Peter 1:20-21**

## 2) Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word.

- **John 16:13**



**16** All **Scripture** *is* given by **inspiration of God**, and *is* **profitable** for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness,  
**17** that the **man of God** may be complete, **thoroughly equipped** for every good work.

*"God-Breathed"*

--- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** ... NKJV

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**20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of **Scripture** is of any private interpretation, **21** for **prophecy** never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the **Holy Spirit**.

--- **2 Peter 1:20-21** ... NKJV

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**13** However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will **guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and **He will tell you things to come**.

--- **John 16:13** ... NKJV

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“Many people are troubled by the things in Scripture that they don’t understand. Frankly, the ones that bother me are the ones that I do understand.”

*Mark Twain*



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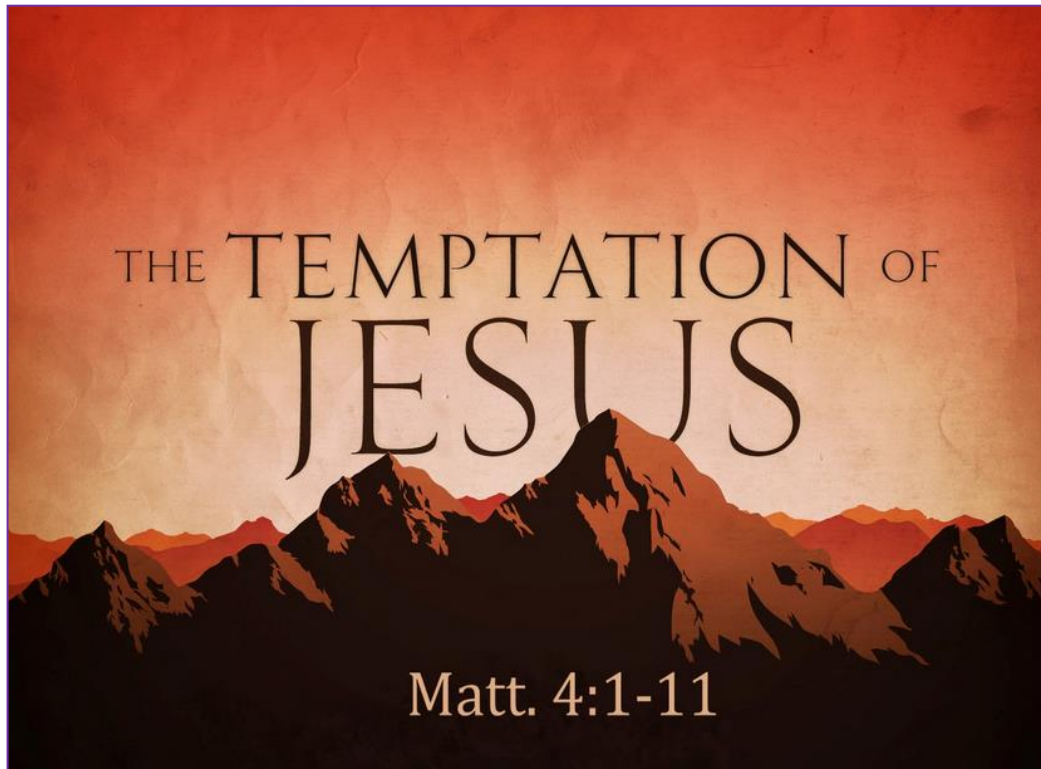
- The Sword is used **Defensively...**
  - By applying scripture to every doubt, temptation and discouragement hurled at us by the enemy.
- The Sword is used **Offensively...**
  - To cause change, encouraging spiritual growth.
  - Scripture should challenge us.
  - Scripture should change us.
  - To be more like Christ.



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- The Greatest Sword Fight of All Time
  - Satan versus our LORD Jesus Christ
  - Matthew 4 ... The Great Temptation



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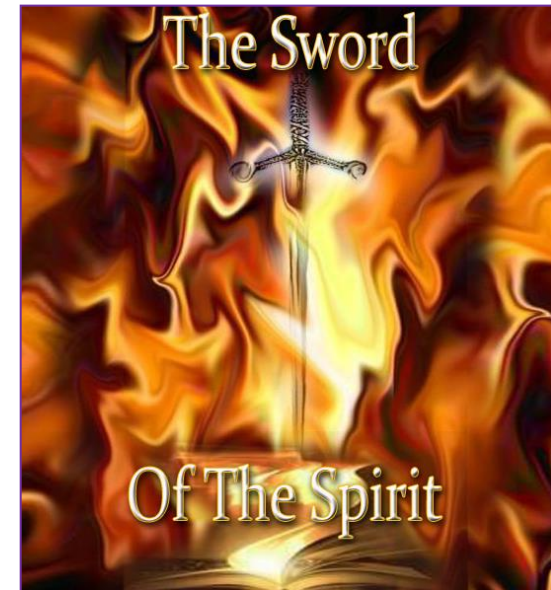
- Word of God

The Bible uses two different words for the Word of God.

One is *logos*, which refers to the collection of words embodying the whole body of God's revealed truth - in this context ... the Bible.

The other word is *rhema*, the word used in this verse. Rhema often refers to specific, individual words.

When we get involved in spiritual combat, we do not appeal to the entire Bible; we use specific, relevant passages - specific words of God.





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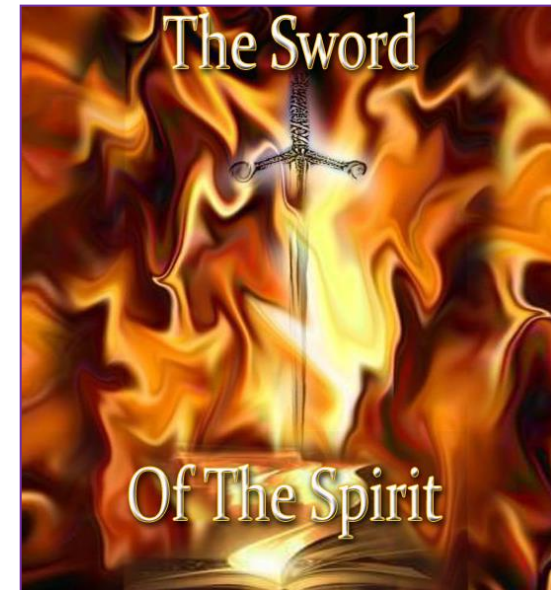
- Logos

Ancient philosophers used the term in different ways.

The sophists used the term to mean discourse.

Aristotle applied the term to refer to "reasoned discourse" or "the argument" in the field of rhetoric.

The Stoic philosophers identified the term with the divine animating principle pervading the Universe.



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- Logos

The Gospel of John identifies the Logos, through which all things are made, as divine (*theos*).

The Gospel of John identifies Jesus as the incarnate Logos.

**1** In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**14** And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. --- John 1:1-3,14 ... NKJV



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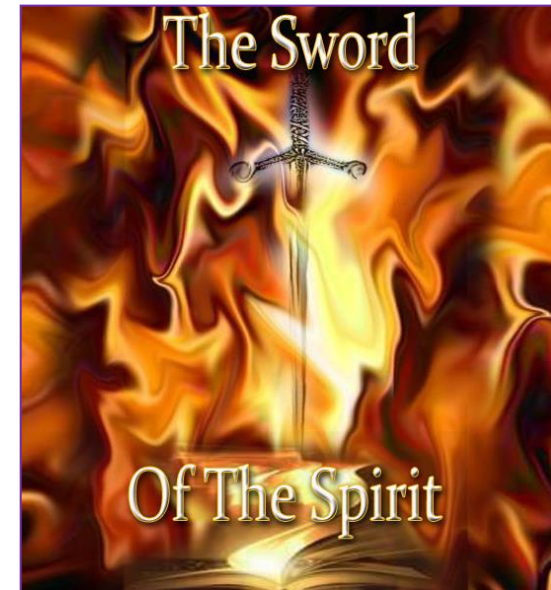
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- Rhema

The Greek word *rhema* is useful to distinguish between two meanings of *word*.

While both *rhema* and *logos* are translated into the English *word*, in the original Greek there was a substantial distinction.

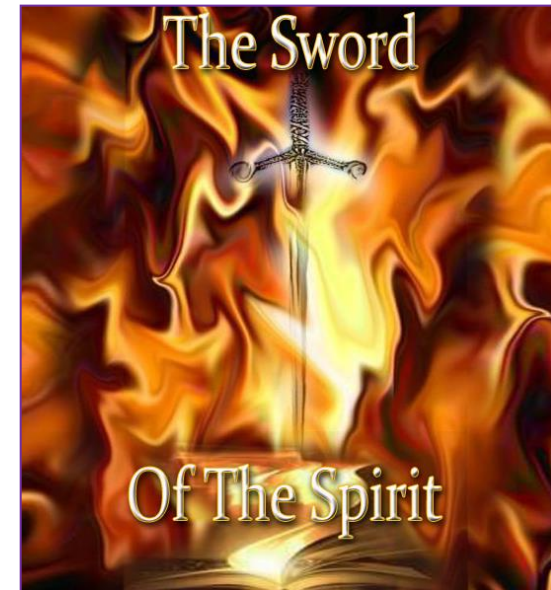


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- Logos & Rhema ... Septuagint Usage

The Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek uses the terms Rhema and Logos as equivalents and uses both for the Hebrew word Dabar, as the Word of God.



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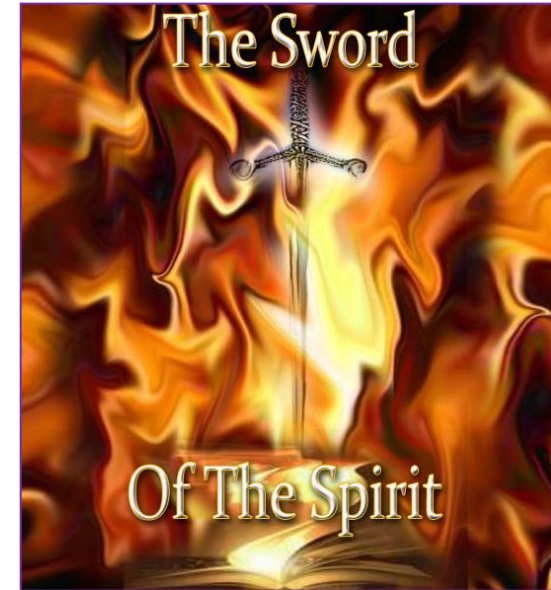
Distinguishes Rhema from Logos in Christian Theology.

Logos is the "Word of God" Jesus Christ, the subject from Genesis to Revelation.

Rhema is the revealed word of God, as an utterance from God to the heart of the receiver via the Holy Spirit.

**John 14:26**

**26** 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 things that I said to you.





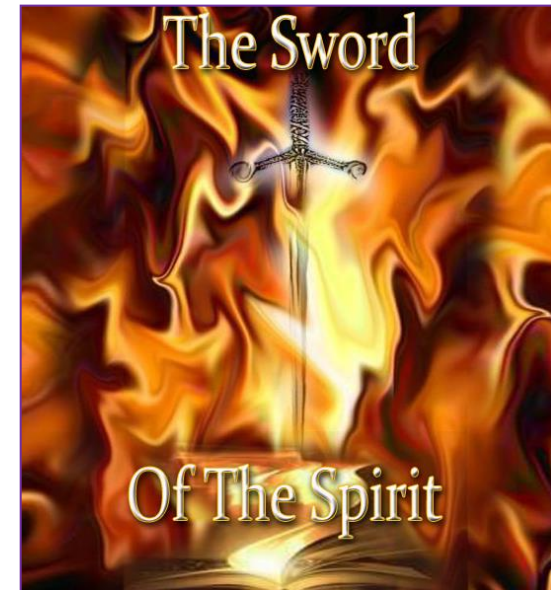
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Logos refers to Christ.

Rhema at times called "spoken word," referring to the revelation received by disciples when the Holy Spirit "speaks" to them.





# Rhematos Christou References

From *Strong's Concordance of the Bible* (Greek word #4487)

REFERENCE	TEXT
Matthew 4:4	"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhemati) that proceeds from the mouth of God." (also Luke 4:4)
Matthew 26:75	"And Peter remembered the saying (rhematos) of Jesus, having said to him that, before a rooster calls out, three times you shall totally reject me." (also Mark 14:72)
Matthew 27:14	"And he did not answer to him not even one word (rhema) so that the governor marveled exceedingly."
Luke 1:38	"And Mary said, behold the maidservant of the Lord; may it be to me according to your word (rhema), and the angel went forth from her."
Luke 3:2	"with chief priests Annas and Caiphas, came the word (rhema) of God unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness."
John 3:14	"For the one whom God has sent speaks the sayings (rhemata) of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit."

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John 8:20	"These <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) Jesus spoke in the treasury teaching in the temple; and no one laid hold of him for his hour had not yet come."
John 15:7	"If you abide in Me, and My <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."
Acts 2:14	"And Peter standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and declared to them, Men, Jews, and all the ones dwelling in Jerusalem let this be made known to you and give ear to my <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> )!"
Acts 10:37	"You know the <b>thing</b> ( <b>rhema</b> ) taking place in all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the immersion which John proclaimed."
Acts 11:14	"Who shall speak <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) to you by which you shall be delivered, you and all your house."
Acts 11:16	"And I remembered the <b>saying</b> ( <b>rhematos</b> ) of the Lord, how he said John indeed immersed in water, but you shall be immersed in Holy Spirit."
Acts 13:42	"And exiting from out of the synagogue of the Jews, the nations appealed to them in the time between the Sabbath to speak to them these <b>things</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> )."

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Acts 26:25	"But he said I am not mad most noble Festus but speak forth the <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) of truth and soberness".
Romans 10:8	"What does it say, then? The <b>word</b> ( <b>rhema</b> ) is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word (rhema) of faith, the faith which we proclaim."
Romans 10:17-18	"But it is in that way faith comes, from hearing, and that means hearing the <b>word</b> ( <b>rhematos</b> ) of Christ. Well then, I say, is it possible that they have not heard? Indeed they have: in the entire earth their voice stands out, their <b>message</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) reaches the whole world."
2 Corinthians 12:4	"That he was caught up into Paradise and heard <b>words</b> ( <b>rhemata</b> ) said that cannot and may not be spoken by any human being."
2 Corinthians 13:1	"This third time I come to you. By the mouth of two witnesses and three every <b>saying</b> ( <b>rhema</b> ) is established."
<b>Ephesians 6.17</b>	<b>"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the <b>word</b> (<b>rhema</b>) of God."</b>

# *Rhematos Christou* References (Concluded)

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Hebrews 6:5	"And tasted the goodness of God's <b>message</b> ( <b>rhema</b> ) and the powers of the world to come."
Hebrews 11:3	"It is by faith that we understand that the ages were created by a <b>word</b> ( <b>rhemati</b> ) from God, so that from the invisible the visible world came to be."
Hebrews 12:19	"And to the trumpet's sound, and to the voice of <b>utterances</b> ( <b>rhematon</b> ), of which the ones hearing asked pardon for the word to not proceed to them."
1 Peter 1:25	"But the <b>word</b> ( <b>rhema</b> ) of the Lord remains for ever. And this word (rhema) is the good news that has been brought to you."
2 Peter 3:2	"Remember what was said ( <b>rhematon</b> ) in the past by the holy prophets and the command of the Lord and Saviour given by your apostles."
Jude 1:17	"But you beloved, remember the <b>sayings!</b> ( <b>rhematon</b> ) the ones being described beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ."



# SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

*Take ... the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God*  
—Ephesians 6:17

## SUMMARY

- Sword may be used for both defensive and offensive purposes.
- The Sword is the Word of God.
- Effective sword handling requires training and practice.







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