

Swordless Soldiers

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Topic:

SWORDLESS SOLDIERS

Bible Text: Ephesians 6:17

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Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we give You all the glory for taking us through the day. We are all much grateful, we are about to learn Your Word which is our strength and food to our spirits and souls, which will manifest in our bodies at the end, we ask for a good listening ear and a pure heart to receive it in good fate in Jesus' name we have prayed. Amen!

Study

I welcome everyone once again in The name of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I hope we are all focused on our heavenly race and not relenting, we should always remember that, under no condition should we get distracted from this journey to our eternal home no matter what we might be facing currently on earth we should know that what awaits us is too glorious and more than a recompense to whatever challenges we might be currently passing through, do not be discouraged!

Sometime ago we studied about **Christian Soldiers on Duty**, The Lord will be helping us to go further on this topic, It would be good if you can read our previous study on **Amour of God**. We would be looking into the topic titled **Swordless Soldiers** Please can someone help us with the book of Ephesians 6:17

Ephesians 6:17 KJV

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

It is a serious matter to see that there are many swordless soldiers in Christendom today, many are already putting on the helmet of salvation but they do not have the sword which is meant to defend them and attack the enemy. The

sword of The Spirit is an offensive and at the same time a defensive weapon, It does not make the enemy to smile at us because we use it to destroy his works.

In today's Bible text, it is saying that we are commanded to take the sword of The Spirit, so this is one of the things that makes us battle ready, when we have the other parts of the armor without this sword, we would not be complete and we would not be able to withstand the evil one. Ephesians 6:13 KJV **Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

In today's world, this sword can be likened to the rifle a soldier takes to the battlefield, these weapons are in grades, a soldier that does not know how to be a skillful user of an ordinary pistol would find it difficult to make use of an AK-47 not to talk of using a machine gun, constant practice is essential before a soldier will be able to stand against the enemy and will be able to use his weapon skillfully. The scripture tells us that the sword of The Spirit is The Word of God, as Christians we are battle fighters and The Lord is our trainer that is why Psalm 144:1 KJV says **Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:** the only thing is that we do not fight physical battles but spiritual battles because it is God inclined, therefore, our weapons of war are not made by man but are heavenly made. 2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)**

But in the same way physical weapons must be mastered in order to be effectively used, is the same way spiritual ones are, that is when we would be feared by the world of darkness in the spiritual realm, the enemies are able to attack the Christian soldier through different ways and there are different parts of the spiritual armor which would help to defend the soldier but this sword can help in ways beyond the understanding of it's handler. The sword of The spirit is a weapon belonging to The Holy Spirit, it is an Holy weapon that should be handled in holiness, one must be acquainted with it very much through serious study, to rightly divide it, that is, make a rightful and effective use of it 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** The sword of The Spirit is known as a kind that cannot be in any way compared to the physical weapon of

the world, it is powerful than the spiritual weapons of our does, it would be very tragic for a Christian soldier to be void of his sword, working about without such a very powerful and essential weapon.

The world we live in today is getting worse day by day and the battle is getting tougher because we are in a battlefield, we must be constantly at alert, the devil strikes our beings to pollute our minds, he has the poisonous weapons of lust, hatred, frustration, self pity, sleeplessness, discouragement and others at his care to make sure that we are defeated. But the sword of The Spirit will help us to stop these attacks projected at our hearts. Psalm 119:11 KJV **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.** It is clearly stated that The Word of God which is our weapon is powerful and sharper than any kind of sword which would pierce even to the innermost part of man's being. Hebrews 4:12 KJV **For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** When we pray without The word of God, It is like wanting to cook food without fire!, those who love praying and does not love to read, study and memorize The word of God are only doing themselves more harm than good.

Prayers without The Word of God is like a rifle without bullets, when the devil came to tempt The Lord Jesus Christ, He attacked him through the sword of The Spirit "it is written" it is a tragedy for a man not to know what was written, such person would be easily injured, it is very difficult for the enemies to overcome a Christian soldier who study and knows The word of God powerfully. These soldiers would counter his plans and wreak havoc to his Kingdom because the sword in their hands will be used in demolishing their strongholds of errors and falsehood. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

Don't be a swordless soldier brother and sister.

We have learned previously, that we fight and whom we fight against also, but

we must realize that as we are soldiers of Christ, the devil also has his own soldiers, we must not be ignorant of his devices especially in these last days. Apart from his agents in spirit forms that are already sent into the world, there are those with human forms, we have to know that the battle we are fighting currently is a do or die one, we must not doze at all this moment, there are several attacks going on currently against Christ's soldiers that many are ignorant of, please read this carefully, if you find any of this in your life quickly run to The Lord to heal you of that spiritual wound you have sustained on the battlefield

There are many things one can notice in his life when he is under the attack of the enemy and becoming swordless or is totally swordless.

1. When you find it hard to memorize just a single verse of the scripture in a whole month, compared to the past when you do memorize as many as possible, it means that the enemy has placed a spiritual siege on your memory, in a bid to weaken your defense level.
2. When your Bible has become a sleeping doze, whenever you open it, that's the time you do feel sleepy, when you chat, gist, read novels, watch films you don't sleep off, but when you take your bible then sleep comes, it means you are under serious satanic monitoring and there are demons around you fanning you to sleep in order to render you totally powerless by taking your sword away for you to become a victim.
3. When you sleep during church services, this can be during prayers, teaching or preaching in as much as the service is going on and you are sleeping it's a sign of serious attack, some people don't know that this is beyond the ordinary because they are not sensitive to The Holy Spirit, some have taken it as a hobby to be sleeping especially during sermon, some even snore, people in this category do not know how far the devil has gone in their matter, they have been stripped of their sword, that is why you do feel empty even after church service.
4. Those who don't have consistent study life, no daily bible reading, no memorizing of verses nor studying, everything is just dry, people like these were at one time consistent but as time went on the devil started bombarding them with activities, discouragement and frustration, in fact, he has made them think

they are only wasting their time by giving so much time to study The Word , so they reduced it, therefore becoming swordless gradually.

5. When you are attacked in the dream and you cannot quote one single scripture to defend yourself, this is a serious matter, the moment you are having a nightmare and all you could shout in your dream is "MY MUMMY O" or Yehhhhh! Please know that you are under serious attack and you have become totally swordless. Those who want to overcome the enemy are always battle ready, with scriptures burning in their heart.

6. When you don't have time for daily study and all you do is to pick any psalm or portion to read as you rush out of the house daily, this you do to fulfill all righteousness so that it would not be as if you did not read your Bible before going out, no quiet time, no personal time with God, no zeal to draw closer to God, and when you come back home in the evening, you'd not still open the scriptures, hmmm, you are under serious attack, you need to quickly wake up! Don't give the devil further chances.

The more scriptures that has been translated into your spirit man the more fireful you'd become and the more shiny your sword becomes too. If you find yourself in any of these situation, don't panic, there is a way out, Just make sure you do not sleep today until you make a decision to change.

Please, think deeply now, are you not a swordless soldier already? has your children not been the excuse you have been giving as a reason for becoming swordless? Is it not your husband, wife, job, position, friends, academics that has hindered you? Always remember that if you must survive in this end time, you will never do so without a functioning sword that you clean everyday and use skillfully daily, the battle is tense, don't be a casualty. For you to be reinstated in order to lay hold of your sword effectively cry out to The Lord Jesus Christ, tell Him where you have missed it, tell Him to bring you back on track and empower you, then determine to stay with the word at all cost daily, fix moments for personal studies and memorize the scriptures very well, at least one per week, do this prayerfully and see the darkness fleeing at your sight.

QUESTION

1. How can one bounce back when one discovers that he or she is falling victim?

The easiest way to bounce back is through immediate personal **retreat** most preferably not less than 3days.

2. What if the fellow tried such but it's still not working?

If personal retreat does not work then joint retreat with fellow believers would do and if after that there is no change, such should locate an anointed man of God for prayer of revival.

3. There are times one doesn't get this peace or joy while trying to pray or study The Word, at this point what can be done?

Plead for forgiveness of sins, then play a true worship song and try praying along.

CONTRIBUTION

What you gave here in the last paragraph, as a solution is absolute. I'm a witness to it, but I'll also say a higher version of this. Just like you taught, we should study prayerfully, now, if we prayerfully study The Word, we may not even need to memorize the scriptures, our spirits will just connect to it. Personally, many of the scriptures I got came this way and when I needed it in the face of challenges, it just pops out of my spirit, by The Help of The Holy Spirit, and I usually wonder at it. So, as you taught us, let's all give ourselves to studying The Word.

Thanks to everyone for your wonderful questions and contribution!

This is where we would end today's teaching, May The Lord God help us not to be swordless christians in Jesus mighty name, Amen.

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