



PUT ON THE FULL
ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6

13 Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**,

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15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the **gospel of peace**. 16 In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 And take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

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18 Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, divine utterance may be given me, so that I will boldly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it fearlessly, as I should.

The Sword of the Spirit

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1 Corinthians 2

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- ❑ **OT writers refer to their writing as the Word of God about 3,800 times**
- ❑ **NT writers refer to OT as the Word of God about 320 times**
- ❑ **NT writers refer to the OT about 1000 times**
- ❑ **More than 5,000 manuscripts of the NT have been found**
 - **By comparison, less than 700 of Homer's Iliad**
- ❑ **The second century Church fathers quoted nearly the entire NT in their own writings (with the exception of 11 verses)**
- ❑ **Prophecy – In Daniel 9, Gabriel the Archangel predicts that the Messiah would appear in 483 years**

WHAT THE BIBLE IS...

Inspired by God

2 Peter 1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever brought about through human initiative, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, ...

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Inerrant & Infallible

Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Psalms 119:160 All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

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Revelation 22

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll.

19 And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

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**Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,'
and do not do what I say?"**

**John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my
commands."**

**Psalms 119:4 You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.**

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Eternal

Psalms 119:89 Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Matthew 22:31 But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

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16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Isaiah 55:10" For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

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2 Timothy 4

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

2 Preach the word;

be prepared in season and out of season;

correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES...

Saves

1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

2 Timothy 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES...

Saves
Purifies

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES...

Saves
Purifies
Feeds

1 Peter 2

2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES...

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Exposes

Hebrews 4

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES...

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Romans 15

4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

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Guides

Psalm 119

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119

133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

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Defeats and Destroys Evil

2 Corinthians 10

3 For though we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. 4 The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

HOW TO USE THE SWORD

1. Have a high view of scripture

2 Peter 1

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice from the Majestic Glory said to Him, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1

19 And We have the more certain prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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- 2. Know it**
- 3. Use it with precision**

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

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- 1. Have a high view of scripture**
- 2. Know it**
- 3. Use it with precision**
- 4. Read scripture as though it were about Jesus Christ**
- 5. Obey it**



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