

# SUPERNATURAL WORDS THAT EMPOWER LIVES (THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT)

Ephesians 6:17- “And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

James 4:7- “Therefore, submit to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you.”

Psalm 149:6- “Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a **two-edged sword** in their hand.”

Isaiah 49:2- “And He has made My mouth like a **sharp sword**. In the shadow of His hand, He has hidden Me and made Me a polished shaft. In His quiver, He has hidden Me.”

Ezekiel 21:9- “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord!’ Say, ‘A sword, a **sword is sharpened** and also polished!’”

John 14:26- “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.”

## #1 WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The Communicator’s Commentary: “Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: In the New Testament, **the Word of God is never a general reference to the Holy Scriptures. It means the word which God gives us to speak.** We must be rooted in Scripture for the Scripture is the primary source of God’s word. The challenge of Paul’s suggestions is that the **Christian may be open to and can always depend on receiving the needed word from God.** Our sword, then, is the Bible, but it is more. **It is the word of the Bible made alive by the Spirit for our edification and for witness, admonition and exhortation with others.**”

Expositor’s Bible Commentary: “This weapon of offense is the sword of the Spirit, either as supplied by the Spirit or as used by the Spirit. The Spirit uses the word of God. **Here the word is rhema, the divine utterance or speech, the word that comes from God.** It says in Isaiah 11:4, the Messiah is portrayed as one who strikes the ruthless with the rod of his mouth by the authoritative impact of what He says. **His speech is compared to the power of the sword.**”

## #2 WE MUST USE THE WORD OF GOD AS A \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:17- “And the sword of the Spirit (*pneumatōs*), which is the word (*rhēma*) of God.”

❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ word of God

Genesis 1:1- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16- “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God

John 1:14- “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.”

❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ word of God

- a. The **Hebrew** word *dabar* means **a divine commandment that comes from God to men in the form of a prophecy, warning or encouragement**. It may come in a vision or to the heart in times of prayer, reflection and worship.
- b. **Vine’s Dictionary**: “Here, the reference is not to the whole Bible as such, but to **the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in time of need**, a prerequisite being the regular storing of the mind with scriptures.”
- c. The **Greek** word *rhēma* means **that which is spoken, what is uttered in speech and writing or a quickened word the Spirit brings to our remembrance. It is the word of God made alive by the Spirit for specific situations**.

### **Partial Scripture list for “rhēma” (Strong’s #4487)**

Ephesians 6:17- “And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Matthew 4:4- “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’”

John 3:34- “For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God for God does not give the Spirit by measure.”

John 6:63- “It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life.”

John 8:47- “He who is of God hears God's words. Therefore, you do not hear because you are not of God.”

John 12:47,48- “And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My words has that which judges him. The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

John 15:7- “If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you.”

John 17:8- “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me and they have received them and have known surely that I came forth from You and they have believed that You sent Me.”

Acts 5:20- “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

Romans 10:8- “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.’ (That is, the word of faith, which we preach.)”

Romans 10:17- “So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

Ephesians 5:26- “That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.”

Hebrews 6:5- “And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come.”

### **#3 RHEMA WORDS MUST BE QUICKENED FROM \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 17:11- “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”

Psalm 119:140 - “Your word is very pure, therefore Your servant loves it.”

2 Timothy 2:15- “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

#### **#4 WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING SPECIFIC WORDS QUICKENED FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

❖ Receiving a \_\_\_\_\_ *rhema* word in your personal life

Luke 1:38; 2:19 - “Then Mary said, ‘Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word,’ and the angel departed from her. “... But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

❖ Receiving a \_\_\_\_\_ *rhema* word for your personal life

Luke 3:2,3- “While Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness and he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”

❖ Receiving a \_\_\_\_\_ *rhema* word for your personal life

Luke 5:4-6

“When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch,’ but Simon answered and said to Him, ‘Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing. Nevertheless, at Your word, I will let down the net,’ and when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their net was breaking.”

❖ Receiving an \_\_\_\_\_ *rhema* word in personal life crises

2 Timothy 4:16-18

“At my first defense, no one stood with me, but all forsook me – may it not be charged against them, but the Lord stood with me and

strengthened me so that the message might be preached fully through me and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also, I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion and the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!”

❖ Receiving a \_\_\_\_\_ *rhema* word for your personal life

Job 14:7-9

“For there is hope for a tree – if it is cut down – that it will sprout again and that its tender shoots will not cease. Though its root may grow old in the earth and its stump may die in the ground, yet, at the scent of water, it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant.”

## #5 USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT TO DEAL WITH SATAN’S

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Matthew 4:4- “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’”  
(Deuteronomy 8:3)

Matthew 4:7- “Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “You shall not tempt the Lord your God.”’” (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Matthew 4:10- “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan, for it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.”’” (Deuteronomy 6:13)

## **FOR DISCUSSION AND PRAYER**

### *FOR OPENERS:*

- ❖ Have you ever received a specific word, direction or advise that helped you? Share about it.

### *DIGGING DEEPER:*

- ❖ What is the difference between the Word of God in it's totality and a "rhema" word from God?
- ❖ Why is it so crucial that "rhema" words be from the Scriptures?
- ❖ What examples of "rhema" words can you find in the Scriptures?

### *APPLYING IT TO YOUR LIFE:*

- ❖ Where do you need a rhema word right now?
- ❖ Pray for each other.