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Spiritual Swordsmanship

Ephesian 6:17

Matthew 4:1-11

Introduction

The first Adam was in perfect environment. He had every thing for his comfort but failed to obey God. He did not understand the significance of God's word and did not use it as a sword to fight with the enemy. The result was, he fell in to the temptation and lost the paradise. Genesis 3

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On the other hand, second Adam was not in the perfect environment. He was in the wilderness of Judea. He was hungry for forty days. He was most vulnerable but he understood the significance of God's word and used it as a sword to fight with the enemy. The result was, he defeated Satan.

Introduction

In our fight with Satan, we need to understand the symbols used for God's word, their significance and learn the art of swordsmanship from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Symbols for the Word of God

The following symbols are used in the Bible for the word of God.

- **Lamp in psalm 119:105**
- **Fire in Jeremiah 23:29**
- **Hammer in Jeremiah 23:29**
- **Mirror in James 1:23**

Symbols for the Word of God

- **Bread in Deuteronomy in 8:3**
- **Seed in 1 Peter 1:23**
- **Milk in 1 Peter 2:3**
- **Solid food in 1 Corinthians 3:2**
- **Sword in Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12**

Significance of God's Word

- **The words of the Bible have life-changing power and resource book for life. It gives us power and purpose in this world to live right, grow and fight with the enemy.**
- **Let us look at the power and purpose of God's word.**

Power of God's Word

The word of God has the power:

- **To converts the unbeliever(1 Peter 1:22-25). God's word is the seed which produce new life (2 Titus 3:5) and It shows to the person how to be saved (Ro 1:16).**
- **To combat sin Psalm 119:9-11**

Power of God's Word

- **To cause spiritual growth. 1 Peter 2:2 and John 6:63**
- **To clearly reveals our motive. Hebrews 4:12**
- **To conform us to the image of Christ. James 1:22-25; 2 Co. 3:18 and Col. 3:9-10**
- **BTCP book 1 pages 15-16**

Purpose of God's Word

The Bible is our resource book for life.

- **God's word contains God's impartial standard of truth. Psalm 119:89-91 and 160**
- **God's word constitutes a guide for our lives. Psalm 119:105**
- **God's word comforts, teaches and encourages us. Romans 15:4**

Purpose of God's Word

- **God's word cautions us about the mistakes of others. 1 Co. 10:11-12**
- **God's word comprises a tool against temptation. Mt. 4:1-11**
- **God's word communicates knowledge of God. Jn. 5:39 and Lk. 24:27,44**

Purpose of God's Word

- **God's word causes us to be equipped as God's servant. The Bible is our basic equipment and training tool. Bible teaches us what to believe and how to behave in this world. 2 Tim. 3:16-17**
- **Taken from BTCP book 1 pages 17-19**

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- **Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6:17 “ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”**
- **Sword is to be used both for offence and defense. Jesus Used the word of God to defeat Satan. Matt. 4:1-11**

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- **Jesus defeated Satan by using the word of God correctly. He used it to defend himself and also to attack Satan. He was also led by the Spirit (4:1). Holy Spirit was reminding him, what to say to Satan. This was possible because Christ has hidden God's word in his heart.**

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- **It is very important that we should read, study, memorize, meditate and apply God's word consistently in our life.**
- **When we have hidden God's word in our heart, Holy Spirit will remind us what to say and do when we are tempted by Satan. Mt. 10:17-20**

Conclusion

In the garden of Eden, Adam was defeated by Satan because he failed to use the word of God to defend himself. But, Jesus Christ, defeated Satan in the wilderness of Judea with the power of God's word. He has shown us the art of swordsmanship.

Let us defeat the enemy with the Sword of the Spirit.