

The Sword Is Yours

by C.H. Spurgeon

Christians are armed with the invincible word of God, which enables them to conquer spiritual foes and bring joy to their lives.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19, Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that Christians are equipped with the powerful word of God, which serves as a weapon to combat spiritual foes and to evangelize the world for Christ. Just as the Israelites were tasked with conquering Canaan, believers are called to confront the forces of evil armed solely with the gospel, which guarantees victory. Spurgeon encourages Christians to rejoice in the possession of this 'two-edged sword' that provides assurance, strength, and the ability to overcome doubt and fear. He highlights the joy and privilege of having access to God's promises and the transformative power of Scripture. Ultimately, he calls on believers to embrace their role as conquerors through the gospel.

Transcript

We are armed with the word of God, not only that we may smite our own spiritual foes, but that we may win men for Christ. As the Israelites had to conquer Canaan, so have we to conquer the world for Jesus. Go ye up against the ramparts of error, go ye up against the hosts of evil, with no weapon in your hand but the story of the cross, the revelation of the Most High, the declaration of the gospel of Jesus, for by this sign we conquer; it is impossible that we should fail with the gospel in our hands. How happy God's people ought to be when they think of this. Armed with an invincible weapon, ought we not to rejoice in anticipation of victory?

A man who has a Bible of his own - I mean not the paper and the letterpress, but all that is in the inspired volume, - is there anything more that he can desire? He finds from Genesis to Revelation every promise his, every dear assurance of almighty power and love all his own, what more doth he need? He who can use this two-edged sword may defy doubt, fear, anxiety, care, temptation, worldliness, yea, and death and the devil. At the very sight of this sword our adversaries tremble, for it cuts through joints and marrow, and leaves a deadly wound wherever it cuts. Be happy, Christian; the Lord help thee to be happy as thou seest this sword of the Spirit to be thine.

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