

God's Word - the Sword of the Spirit

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God's Word is the powerful weapon we use to overcome Satan's accusations and temptations, and to live a life of victory and freedom.

Scripture: Psalm 119:11, Matthew 4:4, John 14:26, Ephesians 6:17, Revelation 12:11

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Description

Zac Poonen emphasizes the power of God's Word as the weapon in our spiritual warfare against Satan, referring to it as 'the sword of the Spirit' in Ephesians 6:17. By following Jesus' example in countering temptations with 'It is written...' (Matthew 4:4,7,10), we can also overcome the enemy's schemes. Poonen highlights the importance of distinguishing between Satan's accusations and the gentle conviction of the Holy Spirit, emphasizing that we overcome the Accuser by the blood of the Lamb and our testimony (Revelation 12:11). Confessing God's Word is key to overcoming various temptations and staying rooted in truth, underscoring the necessity of daily meditation on Scripture to combat discouragement and anxiety.

Transcript

God's Word is also the weapon that we use in our warfare against Satan.

It is called "the sword of the Spirit" in Ephesians 6:17.

Jesus Himself used this weapon with great effect, during the last three temptations in the wilderness. Each time, he countered Satan's temptations with "It is written...." (Matt. 4:4,7,10).

That's how He overcame; and that's how we can overcome too.

Satan is the Accuser. We must distinguish between his accusations and the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Satan always seeks to harass us and make us feel condemned by his accusations. The Holy Spirit's conviction, on the other hand, is always gentle and full of hope.

We can overcome the Accuser only by "the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony" (Rev. 12:11). His accusations concerning our past sins can be overcome only as we give him our testimony that the blood of Christ has cleansed us and justified us thoroughly. We have to use the same weapon that Jesus used : "It is written..."

Confessing God's Word to Satan is the way to overcome not only Satan's accusations, but also discouragement and anxiety and a host of other temptations with which Satan assails our mind.

That's why it is important to know God's Word well, so that the Holy Spirit can bring to our mind the right Scripture at the time of our need.

It is good therefore to have a time every day when we meditate on God's Word asking Him to speak to us. As we hide God's Word in our heart, it will keep us from sinning against Him (Psa. 119:11).

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