

## **“The Word of God a Weapon of Choice”**

**Exodus 17: 13 [KJ]**

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- \* **Joshua:** Joshua = "Jehovah is salvation"
- \* **Discomfited:** Made To be weak, be prostrate: To weaken, disable: To defeat.
- \* **Amalek:** "Dweller in a valley"
- \* **“And his people”** = “The descendants of Amalek” = Simply a passed down position of living = a generational position of living.

### **Joshua defeated the attack with the edge of the sword!**

- \* **Right now lets come together in this House of God and go to war!**
- \* **We must never complain about what we permit** – simply today we come against that valley dweller spirit we will not permit that low living, spirit of bondage to take up residence in our life – that spirit of disobedience that is demon inspired
- \* **We must learn that when we want something we have never had, we have to do something we have never done** – for many that is to go to battle against a valley mentality, to allow the Word of God; the Sword of the Spirit to infiltrate our lives.
- \* **We must learn that we will never leave from where we are until we decide where we would rather be** – that my friend is free of a valley dweller spirit – that is living the abundant life God has for us!
- \* **We must learn that when fatigue walks in that’s when faith walks out!** – Are you tired of the valley mentality? Then today we are going to release out faith and discomfit the enemy with the Sword of God.
- \* **Remember what you respect you will attract.** [We become our environment]
- \* **Men decide their habits; their habits decide their future!**
- \* **You will only be remembered for two things = the problems you solve or the problems you create.**

**Remember this, you will never possess what you are unwilling to pursue.**

**Those who focus on the valley only focus on what they are going through, but true champions, those who understand they are favored of God; those who discomfit their enemy focus on the Sword of God – His Word.  
You will never reach the Palace talking like a Peasant – The Word of God is our weaponry of choice!**

2.

## **Prayer**

\* Lord today is “**THE DAY**” that you hath made and right now we will rejoice!

\* Lord your Word tells us in **Jeremiah 1:10** “**See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant**” – We bind generational cures in our family, sickness, addictions, divorce, hatred, bad habits, we bind a valley spirit and a low mentality, we take over, and root out, pull down and destroy the works of the enemy *by speaking the Word of God.*

\* **Psalm 91:10** “**No evil shall befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling**” – WE bind plagues, diseases off our family and personal life, we bind cancer, sugar diabetes, high blood pressure, bone diseases, mind problems and we loose a wall of protection around them!

\* Lord today we declare your blessings and your favor, today call forth salvations, healings and deliverance to become the norm in this place, that your super touch our natural to God be all the Glory! Amen.

### **Now I want us to speak forth:**

#### **Psalm 5: 12**

“For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him [me] as with a shield”

#### **Philippians 4: 19**

“But my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”

**Isaiah 8: 18** “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of host, which dwelleth in mount Zion”

This day Lord, we declare your blessings upon our lives and family.  
Today signs and wonders in our midst, to God be the glory!

Amen.

#### **Hebrews 4: 32**

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...”

3.

**The phrase “Two – Edged” is taken from the Greek word “distomos”**

**A compound word:**

1. **“di”** – meaning **Two**.
2. **“stomos”** – The Greek word for **one’s mouth**.

**When these two words are compounded into one [*distomos*] – together they describe something that is **“*two – mouthed*.”****

- \* The Word of God is like a sword that has two very sharp edges.
- \* Simply cutting and doing terrible damage to any aggressor.

**Ephesians 6: 17** calls it

**“The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God”**

- \* The term **“*Word*”** is taken from the Greek word **Rhema**.
- \* **Rhema**: Describes something that is spoken clearly, vividly, in unmistakable terms and undeniable language.
- \* In the New Testament the word **Rhema** carries the idea of a quickened word, a revelation or a revealed word.
- \* **Rhema word is a quickened word**: The Word of God that suddenly begins to release its power in you.

**Revelation 1: 16**

**“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and of his mouth *went a sharp two-edged sword*: and *his countenance* was as the sun shineth in his strength”**

- \* **John on the isle of Patmos received a vision of Jesus.**
- \* Seven stars in his right hand.
- \* And out of his mouth comes forth ***a sharp two-edged sword***
- \* In the Beginning the Word of God came out of the mouth of God, God spoke forth all of creation.
- \* His Spoken Word; in the book of Revelation John is given the vision of **Jesus speaking the Word of God** – Remember **Jesus Glorifies the Father** – **He is the Word of God – the living water.**

4.

**Out of His mouth came forth His Word.**

**“Once Spoken – Forever True – Foundation Laid”**

**Get this now words that were Ordained to be repeated – twice spoken**

\* **When the Word of God comes forth out of our mouth the Word is two-edged – it is simply or literally *“two – mouthed” – twice spoken!!!***

\* ***One edged come* forth when The Word initially proceeded out of God’s mouth.**

\* ***The second edged* is in place when the Word of God proceeds out of our mouth. “Twice Spoken” – “Two – Edged” “Two - Mouthed” [Twice]**

**Nothing is more powerful than when we speak the Word of God that has already been spoken!**

\* **Not just a spoken word no, it must be a spoken Rhema Word of God.**

\* **You see the living Word of God spoken forth.**

\* ***A quickened Rhema* – The Truth that sets the captive free.**

\* **A twice spoken faith Word of God.**

**Proverbs 4: 7**

**“Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get Wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding”**

\* **Wisdom is the Master Key to all the treasures of life.**

\* **True Wisdom is the Word of God.**

**The Bible tells us in:**

**Exodus 17: 8 “Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim”**

\* **Amalek: "Dweller in a valley"**

\* **Came to fight Israel [God Prevails – Mighty One – God – Almighty]**

\* **Israel was in a place called Rephidim [A place in the Desert - Wilderness]**

**The Enemy / That Low spirit / that principality -“Dweller in the Valley” looked at the position of Israel, they were found in a desert place.**

**[Note: Amalek was the eldest son of Essau = “Fruit of Disobedience”]**

5.

The Amalekites were a wandering tribe; they lived between Canaan [Gods Promise] and Egypt [The world / flesh / bondage]

\* There are a lot of church folk being attacked by this *Amalekite spirit* – because this spirit sees them in a desert place.

But they are not just in a desert place they are living like *they are in a desert wilderness place* – they are bound living between the promise of God and the bondage of the world.

As soon as Moses saw the Amalekites coming forth he told Joshua to choose men and go out and fight the Amalek.

\* Moses said that he would stand on the top of the hill with the rod [authority] of God in his hand.

\* When the hands of Moses were raised Joshua and his army would win, when the hands of Moses grew weary Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side the other on the other side, at that point the Bible says the hands of Moses were STEADY until the going down of the sun.

\* *The Bible tells us that then and only then Joshua defeated Amalek and his people, discomfited the enemy with the edge of the sword.*

Moses built an altar and called its name, “The – Lord – Is – My –Banner”

\* Jehova nissi

\* Yahweh – Nissi

\* The Lord is my Banner – A banner is flag or a pole like standard beneath which armies gather for battle.

\* When lifted up this banner was a call for the warriors to gather up for battle, for a meeting, for battle instruction.

\* A battle cry.

When Moses erected this altar he was giving recognition of the presence of the Lord.

\* At this altar Moses was honoring God as the giver of the victory, the day the super of God touch the natural of his people.

\* Simply Moses understood that God and God alone was to receive all the Glory for God brought them victory from the attack of the enemy.

6.

**Listen, just because you are in the desert, in the wilderness does not mean you have to live in the valley, to live between Gods promise and Egypt.**

**\* You hear me; just prior to this event and during this event, God food came forth daily.**

**Manna was in their desert – Manna was in their wilderness!**

- \* God food Daily!**
- \* Even in their wilderness!**
- \* Manna = “What is it?”**
- \* Coriander seed daily spread their tables.**
- \* God Provision, yes even in the wilderness.**

**Manna nurtured Gods people; Manna gave life for 40 years.**

- \* Manna a type of Christ.**
- \* A direct correlation can be drawn every time communion is observed  
“Take eat, this is my Body which is broken for you” [I Cor. 11:24]**

**Exodus 17 begins with the people of God complaining because they were thirsty, they thought they had a lack of water – simply they stopped trusting God and looked to Moses [Man] as their source.**

**\* Without going into detail, God told Moses to go on before the people and take with him some of the elders of Israel, and to take in his hand the rod [authority] that Moses had used to strike the river.**

**\* The Bible tells us that God told Moses that He would stand before him there on the rock in Horeb and to strike the rock and water will come forth.**

**Moses did and God did and they drank.**

**In the wilderness, in the desert as they complained God provided!**

7.

### Moses called the place, Massah and Meribah.

- \* **Massah:** A place in the wilderness called “**Temptation**”
- \* **Meribah:** A place in the wilderness, in the desert called “**Strife**”  
“**Contention**”

**At that place, during those times Exodus 17: 8 tells us that Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.**

\* We must learn that just because we are a desert place and wilderness place God has not left us or forsake us – that these places are involved in the journey from Egypt to the Promises of God.

\* And we must understand that the Lord will sustain us every time!

**The only problem you will ever have is a wisdom problem” [Mike Murdock]**

### Wisdom

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### Wisdom

Meaning skill in war: Wisdom in Administration: Shrewdness:  
Prudence in religious affairs: Wisdom ethical and religious

### 2 Chronicles 1: 11,12

“And God said to Solomon, because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life...Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee”

\* Solomon had a heart for a depth in God that draws, that brings forth, that sets in motion divine favor of God.

\* Seeking Godly Wisdom opens the blessing of God in all areas of your life.

8.

**“Your significance is not in your similarity to another, but in your point of difference from another”** *[Mike Murdock]*

\* How did Moses, Aaron, Hur and Joshua lead Gods people in and through the wilderness?

\* Godly Wisdom.

Godly Wisdom brings forth understanding;

*“Your significance is not in your similarity to another, but in your point of difference from another”*

You will never outperform the self-portrait, the image, the way you look at yourself.

Numbers 13 gives us a very clear picture of resisting popular opinion.

\* Moses was leading the children of Israel.

\* They had left Egypt [bondage].

\* They were headed for Canaan [God Promises].

Canaan had giants and enemies, all sorts of “ite” brothers.

\* Simply Canaan is a symbol of our dreams, goals, victories, success, blessings.

We all need to have our sites on our God Destiny, God Vision, God Goals.

Abraham had a dream – Isaac.

Joseph had a dream – freedom and leadership [prime minister]

Solomon had a dream – The Temple.

The Israelites had a dream – Canaan.

9.

**Moses sent 12 spies out, 12 gorilla scouts.**

- \* They were to review the land before entering the land.
- \* All 12 saw the same thing; land rich with honey, milk, grapes and the list went on and on, it was indeed a great place of abundance and blessing.

**When they came back the report of the 12 did not all agree.**

- \* 10 had evil reports
- \* 2 had good reports
- \* All 12 did see the giants; Joshua and Caleb saw the giants.

**All 12 spies had faith, but there was a great difference between the 10 and Joshua and Caleb's faith.**

- \* 10 had faith in giants.
- \* 2 had faith in God.

10 were giant-conscious.  
2 were God-conscious.

10 were grasshoppers.  
2 were giant killers and grape tasters.

**You see living in faith does not mean that you ignore giants.**

- \* You have to see it before you can address it.

**Moses in Exodus 17 did not ignore Amalek and his people when they came against Israel.**

- \* You see the enemy did not understand that even though Israel was in the desert or in the wilderness they did not lose their faith in God.

*Moses knew exactly what to do during the attack*, He called upon God, when he moved out in faith others came around him and the battle was won, Israel continued to move forward in the wilderness.

10.

## **Conclusion**

\* The answer to the old saying,  
“How far can a dog run into the woods? Half way!

\* You see the first half he is running into the woods, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half he is running out of the woods.

**Faith teaches us that God will lead us out!**

We have been given a most powerful weapon, the Word of God and we can choose to pick it up and use it, the choice is ours!

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**Today let’ make sure the enemy understands that we are not alone in our wilderness.**

## STUDY INFORMATION

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### The Sword of the Spirit

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17 [NKJV](#)

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The Sword of the Spirit is a powerful weapon of spiritual warfare.

The sword is formed by speaking God's word.

When we use the sword properly, God's power and resources are available to us.

In discussing the Sword of the Spirit, it is helpful to first examine the meaning of the Greek words *Logos* and *Rhema*, which are often used for the "word" of God.

***Logos* - the word of God** (Strong's #3056): *Logos* is often used to identify the written scriptures in the Bible, which were given to people under the inspiration of God (Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 1:10-11).

***Rhema* - the word of God** (Strong's #4487):

*Rhema* is the spoken word of God. Strong's concordance says that *rhema* is "that which is or has been uttered by the living voice."

*Rhema* carries a spiritual connotation that differentiates it from *logos*.

It also bears application to the specific context of our lives.

For example, we may be wrestling with an issue in our life and during our quiet time we read a verse that "speaks" directly to the situation we are dealing with.

That portion of the scripture becomes a "*Rhema* word" from God for us regarding our situation.

We can then stand in faith on the *Rhema* God has given us and confess it whenever the devil tries to attack us.

Another way of using the *Rhema* is to apply specific scriptures (*logos*) to the situations we are facing.

This is perhaps the most common of way of diffusing temptations.

While we may not have a special or emergent *Rhema* revelation from God regarding a temptation, we will likely have plenty of scriptures that we can speak that apply.

### **The Sword of the Spirit:**

*Rhema* is the Greek word used in the Sword of the Spirit passage (Ephesians 6:17 - "**..the sword of the Spirit, which is the *word* of God**"). Therefore, we use the Sword of the Spirit by:

- 1) Standing in faith on the word God has given us for our particular situation and confessing it in the face of the enemy's attacks and/or
- 2) Speaking or singing scriptures (*logos*) that apply to the situation we are facing

Spoken in faith, the Sword of the Spirit is the truth that sets people free from the lies that hold them captive ([John 8:31-32](#), [Psalm 119:160](#), [John 17:17](#)).

From the very beginning, God has spoken words that have powerfully influenced everything that exists.

For example, God created the heavens and earth by speaking them into existence!

The Bible says, "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the **\*word** of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3 [NASB](#), *\*rhema*).

Since God created us in his likeness, we too have the ability to release power through speech.

For example, our words can bring life and death (Proverbs 18:21). They can build people up or tear them down (James 3).

When using the Sword of the Spirit, we need to ensure that we are using the scripture in the proper context from where it was taken.

In order to understand the context, we'll need to learn the Bible.

Bible study not only familiarizes us with the word, but also builds our faith up (Romans 10:17) and sharpens our discernment skills for spiritual warfare (Hebrews 4:12).