

Men's Bible Study **Calvary Chapel** Cajon

Ephesians 6:17 - Helmet of Salvation; Sword of the Spirit

This week we will concentrate on Ephesians 6:17. Read verse 17 and record it below.

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:8 instructs us to *put on the breastplate of faith and love*. What other piece of armor are we told to *put on*?

a. What *hope* did Job express in Job 19:25.

1.) How do you think this *hope* protected Job in the midst of his trials?

2. What part of the body does a *helmet* protect?

a. According to 2 Corinthians 11:3, what is one of Satan's goals for your *mind*?

3. Satan constantly attacks the believer's assurance of *salvation*. According to the following verses, what can we know?

Romans 10:9-10

1 John 5:11-13

4. What would Satan like us to believe about *salvation*?

5. What effect does doubting *salvation* have on a believer?

6. Jesus is the author and finisher of our *salvation*. What do Galatians 1:4 and Hebrews 7:25 say about Him?

7. The believer is responsible to *put on the helmet of salvation* which God has provided. What do Galatians 5:1 and Hebrews 10:23 tell us to do?
 - a. Practically, how does the believer do this?

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

1. What does the *sword of the Spirit* represent?

2. Jesus used *the Word of God* to combat the temptations of Satan in the wilderness. Matthew 4 begins with Jesus being led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. According to Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15, why was Jesus tempted?
 - a. We might tend to credit Jesus' victory over temptation to His Diety. Yet, as we look at the *armor* He used to resist the devil in Matthew 4, we see that rather than use supernatural powers, what did He use?

3. How would you define a *temptation*?
 - a. What additional information does the parallel passage in Luke 4:13 reveal?
 - 1.) Why do you think satan continues to look for *opportune* times in a believer's life, even though the believer has successfully used the *Word of God* against him?

4. Who came and ministered to Jesus when all was said and done? Matthew 4:11
 - a. Share a time when the Lord ministered to you after a time of battling the enemy?
 - 1.) What did you learn?
5. Jesus drew from the Old Testament to resist the *wiles of the devil*. As New Testament believers, we have both the Old and New Testaments. What did David say he did to resist the enemy (*that he might not sin*)? See Psalm 119:11.
6. The *Word of God* has been referred to as a *sword* in other verses of the Bible. What does Hebrews 4:12 say about *God's Word*?
7. The *Holy Spirit* used the *Word of God* as a *sword*. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in each of the following verses?
Luke 12:12

1 Corinthians 2:12-13
8. Read Psalm 19:7-11 and list the benefits of God's Word.

9. What lessons can we learn from Jesus' example of resisting the devil?

10. Why is it profitable to know God's Word **before** we are attacked by the enemy?

11. How does one practically *take the sword of the Spirit*?

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to
withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
– Ephesians 6:13 ESV