

# The Art of Spiritual Warfare Part 6 of 10: Sword of the Spirit and Belt of Truth; Being Armed (Presented in 2016)

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We are going to continue our series by looking at the weapons of our warfare according to the framework that Paul gives us in Ephesians 6. Today we're going to be looking at the sword of the Spirit and the belt of truth.

Historically speaking, the belt of truth had one primary purpose. Some would say it was to gird up your loins and tuck it in your belt. Others would say the belt was used to hold the breastplate in place so that it did not move around during battle. However, the primary function of the belt was to hold a sheath, which is a case for a sword.

I don't believe it was a coincidence that Paul used these two imageries of applying the sword to the Word of God and applying truth to the belt. The reason I say that is because they are all about the same thing. In other words, what I'm telling you is the sword is the belt of truth, and the belt of truth is the sword of the Spirit because it is the Word of God.



Let's look at this briefly by going to Psalm 119:160—**The entirety of Your word [God's Word] is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.** Moving to Psalm 119:142—**Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law [Torah] is truth.** What is the Torah? The Torah is the Word of the LORD. It is truth.

Over and over again in Scripture, we are seeing the Word of the LORD defined as truth. Psalm 119:151—**You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth.** The commandments are what? The Word of the LORD. So when we're talking about the belt of truth, and we're talking about the sword of the Spirit, we are in effect talking about the same thing.

Having covered that, today we are primarily going to focus on the imagery of the sword. When you think about warfare and the function of the sword in battle, there are a couple of things I want you to consider. First, the sword was a weapon that was used in hand to hand combat. This is not about catapulting. This is not about arrows flying. This is not about long range war. The sword is utilized in hand to hand combat. It is used in close quarters where you can see the whites of the enemy's eyes, and smell his breath. That is the environment where you pull the sword from its sheath. That is where you find out how powerful and deadly of a weapon it is.

Second, typically when you think about the sword we tend to think of it in the context of simply an offensive or proactive weapon of attack. I don't want you to think of it in that context alone because the nature of the sword is much deeper than that. The sword also gives the soldier the ability to defend his life.

Let's bring this into modern-day terms for a second. Typically, when you go to buy a firearm, whether it's a nine millimeter or forty-five millimeter, you are buying it for one reason. You are not buying it to be proactive or go on the attack. You are buying it for self-defense.

The sword works in the very same way. It can be used proactively as a weapon of attack, but it can also be used as a defense. Today, I want to primarily focus on the defense reality. However, we will also look at it in an offensive measure at the end of today's sermon. Right now I want to look at this in the defensive application where you're getting into close quarters and hand to hand combat. This is where we are seeing the whites of the enemy's eyes.

To start, I want to take you to the Matthew 4 and focusing on that aspect of spiritual warfare. What is happening here in Matthew 4 is one of the most epic battles ever recorded in Scripture. We have the titan of the faith, Yeshua the Messiah, battling against HaSatan, the captain of wickedness. Within this battle, we discover Satan's warfare methods. We see how Satan moves to attack Yeshua and learn a lot about his modus operandi. We will also look at how we're supposed to respond to such attacks.

I want to break into Matthew 4:1-2—<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

So Yeshua is being led by the Spirit to what? Is He being led out to the desert to starve? No. Is He being led out to the desert to fast? No. The Spirit is leading Him out to go to war against the adversary.

There is a component here we need to pay attention to. In these verses we are given the principles of war. What is that principle in preparation for war? Fasting. Yeshua is preparing for war through fasting. That is a compelling principle for us to take into consideration because it is this principle that gives success. We will probably talk more about that as we go further in this study in the coming weeks.

Moving on to Matthew 4:3—Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." I want you to keep in mind the context here. Satan is in the mode of attack and is the one gauging Yeshua. This is going to be the first of three attacks that Yeshua is going to experience.

With this first attack, what does Satan say and do? I want you to step back and look at this because you want to recognize things that could be happening in your own life. Has Satan come out to entice Yeshua to eat bread? Is that Satan's goal? I am telling you that is not the goal. If you are seeing that as the goal, you are missing the big picture.

Here is the tip-off. Satan says— If You are the Son of God. That statement is where you need to draw your attention. Satan is calling out Yeshua. He is saying, "If you are who you say you are, then, by all means, let me see your power. Let me see all this power by commanding these stones to become bread." Satan is exploiting Yeshua, "I know you're hungry." Satan is exploiting Yeshua's weakness in the flesh. Satan is provoking Him.

If you're a follower of Yeshua, you can expect, at some point if not quite often, in your walk to find yourself in this exact situation where Satan is going to come to you to provoke you. Here, however, is the difference. Instead of saying, "If you are the Son of God," Satan is going to step up and say, "If you are a child of God. If you supposedly have the Spirit of God living in you and Yeshua's blood has set you free and has empowered you, by all means, go forth and prophesy."

Do you see what Satan does? He provokes Yeshua. He is going to provoke you to do things you are not commanded to do. He might get you to look at all the other people who seem so righteous and get you thinking, "They all look so holy. I might as well do it as well." That is how Satan will get you. He will get you to cry out, "Thus says the LORD," when in fact the LORD has not spoken. We are called to be still and know that He is LORD.

A perfect example of this provoking is tongues. I grew up in the Assemblies of God where tongues are a common thing. There are true manifestations. There are also others who Satan comes in to provoke. He turns their heads and says, "Look at how spiritual everyone is. If you are who you say you are, and you have the power of God and the Spirit of God lives in you, let me see it."

So Satan prompts them and hooks them hook, line, and sinker. They go forth spitting out a bunch of gibberish that the LORD did not say. Satan is a provoker. He wants us to move when we are not commanded to move.

Another perfect example of Satan's masterful cleverness can be found in Matthew 16. There is this interchange between Yeshua and His disciple, Peter. Yeshua is conveying, "I'm going to be betrayed at the hands of men. My brethren, the chief priests, are going to betray me. I'm going to suffer at the hands of the elders." What is Peter's response? Matthew 16:22— **Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, LORD; this shall not happen to You!"**

That is interesting. God called Yeshua to do a specific work, and Satan comes in like a flood and says, "No. No. Don't. This isn't going to happen to you." Why do you think Peter was saying this? Because Yeshua is the Son of God. How does Yeshua respond to Peter? **Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men** (Matthew 12:23).

Satan is a cunning adversary. He is very effective in how he can work in our life by provoking us to do things outside of the will of God. Instead, we need to be still and know that He is God.

When the enemy comes to provoke you to do things that you are not called to do, that is called a satanic attack. It is demonic. He is trying to get you to be disobedient to the LORD. Keep in mind this is spiritual warfare, and we need to know from Yeshua how to gain victory.

How does Yeshua respond to these satanic attacks that happened while in the desert? Matthew 4:4— **But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "** This is exactly how we are to fight in spiritual warfare. This is how we come against the adversary. It is with the sword of the Spirit.

I love what Yeshua did here when the enemy attacked him. He pulled the sword out of his sheath, and He went to battle. This is an awesome display of spiritual warfare.

The thing about what was recorded here is that Satan doesn't give up. As we continue, we're going to find he comes right back at Yeshua. He does not stop.

Have you ever read articles or seen some clips on what is called Artificial Intelligence? We now have what is called learning computers. A guy can play chess against a computer, but every time the guy plays the game the computer learns his maneuvers. The computer learns about his adversary and adjusts to get smarter, and smarter, and smarter.

I want to show you something. The adversary operates the same way. He first came to Yeshua and attacked Him. Yeshua fought him off with the Word. But what happened next? The enemy learned. Satan starts advancing. He starts getting more seductive and stealth. You are going to see this as we continue.

Look at what Satan does as Yeshua counters with the sword of the Spirit. Matthew 4:5-6—<sup>4</sup> **Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God....** I want to stop here for a second. You need to understand one thing. There was no question who Yeshua was. Satan knew exactly who Yeshua was. This is getting to my point of provoking us to do things. Satan wasn't coming up to Yeshua and feeling Him out to see, "Is this the guy that I need to be worried about who is going to set the captives free and heal the brokenhearted?" Satan knew exactly who Yeshua was. Satan is provoking Yeshua.

If you want proof of this, go through the Gospels such as Matthew 8:29 where we find all demons fall down before Him and cry out— **What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God?** None of the hosts of wickedness is confused as to who Yeshua is. This is a very important point to understand as we're going through this study. You need to remember that Satan is purely provoking. He provokes and taunts to get us to move out from where God wants us to be.

So Satan says—**If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down** (Matthew 4:6). Do you see how Satan learns? This is like Artificial Intelligence insanity. Satan learns from what has already happened—**For it is written** (Matthew 4:6). Yeshua had quoted Scripture to Satan. Now Satan comes back with the attack by bringing Scripture. This is wickedly brilliant. And then Satan quotes Psalm 91:11—**He shall give His angels charge over you.** That sounds a lot like what happened in Matthew 12 between Peter and Yeshua.

Then Satan continues—**'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone (Matthew 4:6).'** When it comes to this war where we have to fight these demonic principalities and powers, literally going toe to toe and hand to hand combat, you better believe Satan is going to use Scripture against you. Who would have ever thought that in spiritual warfare we would have to combat with the Word of God against the Word of God? He's going to do it because he's going to try to seduce you, confuse you, and make you fall.

When we look at the depth of his wickedness, craftiness, and the lengths that Satan is willing to go even to the point of using Scripture, I have to tell you it doesn't get more diabolical or ruthless than this. Satan is holding nothing back. He does not operate according to our rules. He is going to do whatever it takes to destroy you. Just because you defend him once, he isn't giving up. He's going to come back again. There is a reason Yeshua tells us—**He who endures to the end will be saved** (Matthew 10:22). Perseverance of the saints is required. We need to be on guard. Amen?

We need to be prepared to fight Scripture with Scripture which is exactly what we see Yeshua do next in Matthew 4:7—**Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "** I absolutely love it! Satan is coming against Yeshua with Scripture, and then Yeshua pulls out the sword in its holy context and goes to battle yet once again. He will not be moved or provoked. He knows He's the Son of God. He also knows that if He was to jump off, he would not need angels to deliver Him because He could levitate. This is the guy who walked on water. This is the guy who raises the dead. He is not confused about the power He has, but He will not be provoked to move despite having that power. The enemy is seducing Yeshua to get Him to do what the enemy wants. Satan wants Yeshua to obey his command.

When we look at how Yeshua responds, do we recognize that we are trained to do this? This is spiritual warfare. Are we trained to do what Yeshua is doing? This battle shows us that we need to be equipped not just with a sword, the Bible, but we need to know how to handle the Word. You have heard me say before; a person who is holding a mighty sword and doesn't know how to handle it is going to cut himself to ribbons. He is not going to hurt anyone other than himself.

I want to move this to a modern day illustration from a mental picture I got this morning. Yeshua was an expert at using the sword. He pulled it out flawlessly; there was no hesitation because He is a skilled swordsman. Now imagine an intruder breaks into your house. You have your firearm, but if you don't know how to handle the gun, and you are fumbling with it, the intruder is not going to slow down. You don't get to say, "Wait for a second while I figure out this gun. I don't know how to use this gun. If you can get some coffee and wait while I figure this out, then we can proceed. You can try to kill my family and me."

That is a silly illustration; however, it has a point. If you think you're going to learn as you go, that's not a good way to learn. You don't want to be scrambling around trying to become an expert swordsman as Satan is coming at you full blast with Scripture. That is a dangerous environment to be in.

I love what Zechariah 4:6 says—**Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.** I want you to think about that statement. What is the Spirit of God? It is the Word of God.

What He is saying is this— **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit [Word of God], saith the LORD of hosts.**

Do you want to know how powerful the Bible is? Start to study it. Start to read the story, and you will start to see the spiritual warfare. All the power is right there in the Bible for us to come against the adversary.

Hebrews 4:12—**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** I want to say that again—a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

We also find the same thought in Jeremiah 17:9—**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?** You cannot plumb the depths of how deceitful your own heart is. We try to make the joke regarding the heart, "Well, isn't that great because we all have one." The heart is downright deceitful. How do we manage it? There's only one way to do that. That is with the Word of God.

Our emotions are so strong. We feel things so strongly in our hearts and our minds. We also have demonic spirits convincing us about things. We are being influenced from all directions. What do you do about this? You go to the Word because it is a razor that can divide a piece of paper into three sections. The Word is that powerful.

The Word will tell you whether the things you are feeling are of God or whether you are being bated, provoked, or seduced. We need to pull this sword out of its sheath and start training with it.

Now as we continue in our story, Satan is going to come back one last time. This time his approach is going to be a little bit different which isn't a big surprise. He learns from every encounter and comes back at a different angle. This is what Satan says in Matthew 4:8-9—<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." You need to understand something here. There is one special prize above all else for HaSatan. That is he wants to be worshiped.

Worship, however, is depicted by obedience. That's a fact. If you read the Word of God, you will find that worship is depicted by obedience. So when Satan comes to you provoking, tantalizing, and attempting to seduce you, what is he doing? He is trying to get you to pull away from the Word of God. When you have pulled away from the Word of God, you have obeyed him which means you are worshipping him.

I want you to notice something interesting in that verse. Notice what Satan said to Yeshua—**All these things I will give You.** In this attack, this spiritual warfare, Satan comes to Yeshua and offers Yeshua everything. We are told in Luke 4:6 that Satan has been given all the kingdoms of the Earth. Now he is telling Yeshua, "Everything you see here is mine. I will give it to You if You fall down and worship me." What does Satan want? He wants the throne of God. He wants something that solely belongs to the God of Israel.

You better believe as you go through your life Satan is going to come to you and offer you the desires of your heart. He is going to offer you the things you fantasize about in your mind. He is going to offer you the fame, fortune, power, lust, and the debauchery. Satan is willing to give it to you because he wants you to worship him.

This is spiritual warfare. It happens in the mind. It is constantly going on. Am I the only one with a mind that never stops running? Of course not. I am constantly saturating my mind and heart with the Word of God. If I leave the Word for a little bit, my life turns into a complete mess. You need to saturate and clothe yourself in the garments of righteousness, wisdom, and understanding of the Living God.

I want to warn you, do not sell your soul to the devil for a piece of bread or a bowl a stew like Esau did. He sold his birthright for a measly bowl of stew to satisfy the desires of his heart. Because he did that, he did not survive what Yeshua survived. Yeshua did not cater to His hunger. He did not cater to His flesh. Esau was willing to give everything to satisfy his fleshy cravings, and Satan was willing to oblige. Esau gave up everything; Jacob, who desired righteousness, received it.

1 Peter 5:8—**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.** What do lions do? They hunt to devour. The enemy is hunting us. Peter tells us this. The majority of the Bible tells us this. We are being hunted.

That makes me not want to put my sword in its sheath. You should want to keep it at your side at all times ready to go to war. No matter what the enemy promises to give you, I can guarantee you this; he is not looking out for your well being or your best interest.

We believers in Yeshua are at war. We need to put on the whole armor of God. We need to remove the sword, cling to the commandments of the Living God, and go to war.

I want to get back to our story in Matthew 4:10-11—<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

As I mentioned before, this exchange between Satan and Yeshua is one of the best examples you will ever find regarding spiritual warfare. This story shows us what it looks like and how to deal with the adversary. This story shows us how to have success in war and the importance of knowing Scripture (Torah) which is the Word of God. How did Yeshua fight Satan? By quoting the Law of God over and over and over again.

I want you to consider something; when we truly understand just how powerful the Scriptures are, how powerful the sword (the word or Bible) of the LORD is, what might the enemy want to do? The answer is simple. He's going to attempt to get you to lower or drop your weapon at your feet. When cops or a SWAT team go in, what do they say? Drop your weapon. Why do they want them to drop their weapon? Because the police don't want to get shot in the face; they don't want to get killed. That is why they call out, "Drop your weapon."

You better understand Satan is going to do that same thing. Why? Because he wants total power over you. He wants the ability to afflict, oppress, influence, and control you. This is what he seeks all without having to worry about getting hurt.

One of the founding fathers of this nation, Noah Webster author of the Webster's dictionary, was a man who lived through the Revolutionary War. That was a time when freedom and liberty were consuming the thoughts of men. That is something that should be consuming the thoughts of believers. Spiritual freedom and liberty should consume us.

Well, Noah Webster made an interesting statement regarding war, and I think it's profound. Keep in mind this is the man who knew the cost of freedom and liberty. This is what he said—[Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed \(Noah Webster. 1787. An Examination into the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution\).](#)

Think about that statement for a second. [Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed.](#) This is the case for the Church today. We are up against an army of spiritual hosts of wickedness that rule over us. But guess what? For them to come to us, take possession of us, and control us, they're going to have to disarm us. They're going to have to get us to drop our weapons because we cannot be defeated if we're standing in the faith of Yeshua and are armed to the teeth bearing the armor of God. We may fall, but we're going to get back up. A righteous man may fall seven times, and he will rise up again.

That is what the Bible tells us, and Satan knows this. So he's going to try to disarm every single one of us. Make no mistake; he's already tried to do it in our lives. I hope he's not successful. Amen?

I want to take you to the Garden of Eden. I want to show you that from the very beginning of time Satan's mode of operation, his plan, was to disarm us. Look at what it says in Genesis 3:1—<sup>1</sup> **Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"** Are you kidding me? Satan calls into question the commandment of God. God gave a commandment to Adam and Eve, and Satan comes to them and calls the commandment into question.

Continuing in Genesis 3:2-3—<sup>2</sup> **And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'** "

My point here is simple. Look at what Eve said at the end of this verse—**You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.** She pulls the sword out of the sheath. She reveals to Satan the reality of the situation regarding what God has commanded. That is what the sword is. The commandment of the LORD is that if they eat of that tree, they will die.

Going on we find recorded in verse 4 how Satan responded—<sup>4</sup> **Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.** In other words, Satan is telling Eve, "That sword you just pulled out and showed me, it does not scare me. That sword has no power." He is trying to convince Eve to drop that weapon because it won't do any good against him. In fact, in the coming weeks, we're going to get deeper into the concept regarding how Satan works, and how effective he can be against us.

Moving on to Genesis 3:5—<sup>5</sup> **For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.** Here's what's amazing. Satan is discounting the Word of God; he's discounting the commandment of God. Satan has come to provoke and seduce her. He knows that our eyes are going to be opened, so it's tantalizing. He wants to show her that she's missing out. He wants to show her that God hasn't given her everything that she should have. God is selling it short.

Think about our lives regarding spiritual warfare. Think about how many times we get enticed thinking, "Well, that's not enough." We end up getting provoked, and we ended up doing specific things that are not of God.

I'll give you just a simple example of this. A guy takes a special promotion at his job. But now he has to work an extra twenty-five hours a week, and he has to travel the whole week. Because of this, he doesn't get to spend time with his family. I'm going to tell you something, that's exactly what Satan wants. He wants to get the man out of the house and separate the family. It is always an attack on the family.

Returning to our story in Genesis 3:6. Satan is tantalizing and seducing her here. This is what happens—<sup>6</sup> **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eye.** Satan effectively turned her eyes away from looking at the Tree of Life to looking at the Tree of the Knowledge

of Good and Evil. Satan gets her to look at all the wicked things that are of the world such as covertness, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Satan wants us to look over there too because just as it looked to Eve, it will be pleasant to your eyes. This is how we're going to see it.

Continuing in Genesis 3:6—**and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** So the moral of the story is very simple. Be sober, as Peter says, be vigilant, and be watching because Satan is hunting you. He's coming to take something from you that God has given every one of us, which is the sword of the spirit.

There's an interesting passage in 1 Samuel 13, and who knew that there was a passage in the Bible about gun control, but there is. This is what it says in 1 Samuel 13:19—**Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears."** I want to ask you something, why were the Philistines concerned about Israel possessing swords? The answer is very simple. If the Israelites had them, they would be empowered, and they would no longer be enslaved. The Philistines knew that they would lose control over the Israelites.

Think about that. What gives you freedom and liberty in the spiritual realm from bondage and the spiritual host of wickedness? It is the Bible, the Word of God, and how many of us refuse to pick it up? This book is freedom and liberty, but Satan wants to put other things in your life that prevent you from picking this sword up and giving you life.

George Mason was a contemporary in the Revolutionary War, and this is what he says—**to disarm the people — that was the best and most effectual way to enslave them** (George Mason. 3 Elliot. Debates at 380).

This is the motive of operation of Satan. This is what he is coming to do. Satan doesn't want you reading your Bible or meditating on God's Word. He wants you thinking about things of the world. He wants to seduce and enslave you. He wants to enslave your children. He wants to take you all down.

Look at what it says in Deuteronomy 6:6-7—**<sup>6</sup> And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.** Why do we teach them to our children? Because Satan wants our children. We are commanded to train them up in the ways of the LORD.

Think about that. We are talking about the Bible all day long. There is not to be any breaking from that. The sword is constantly out of its sheath.

Richard Henry Lee says this—**To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms, and be taught alike especially when young, how to use them** (Richard Henry Lee, Walter Bennett, ed., 1975. *Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republican*, at 21,22,124. University of Alabama Press). This could be viewed in the context of the Church. The whole body of people is to always possess arms.

That principle goes right back to what we just covered in Deuteronomy 6 regarding training our children. We need to arm and equip our children with the wisdom and knowledge of God because we are living in Sodom and Gomorrah. Satan is waiting to pick off our kids. Kids are a massive part of spiritual warfare. They need protection. They need to be trained.

Unfortunately, this is where the modern-day Church has suffered a mighty blow. They have taken the Old Testament, which is Scripture or the Word of God, and have fallen into the seduction that Satan has painted in that the Old Testament is no longer valid. Never mind what Yeshua said in Matthew 5:17—**Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.** Never mind the words that Yeshua spoke to Satan when He fought Satan in hand to hand combat. All Yeshua spoke came from the Torah. Never mind all of that. The modern Church clearly presents the idea you don't need the Old Testament or Torah.

Satan is telling us that the Torah is antiquated. He is telling us it's not valuable or powerful. He told Eve the same thing. There's nothing new under the sun. Satan keeps paddling the same things over and over. He repackages them differently and comes at us from different angles, but it's always an attack against the commandments of the LORD.

I want to take you to Revelation 19 because I want to give you a more in-depth perspective of the sword. It is so imperative that you pay close attention. Revelation 19:11-13—<sup>11</sup> **Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.** <sup>12</sup> **His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.** <sup>13</sup> **He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

His name is called the Word of God. Now if the sword of the Spirit is, in fact, the Word of God, and now I learn the Word of God is, in fact, Yeshua, that takes this whole concept and the power of the sword to a whole other dimension. When you speak the name of Yeshua out loud, with your mouth, and you proclaim Yeshua as LORD there is immense power. Amen?

I want to take you to Luke 10 to give you an example of this power. This verse shows the Word being used in attack mode. So far we have been looking at it in the defensive mode. Now I want to show you the sword going out in attack mode. Luke 10:1—<sup>1</sup> **After these things the LORD appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.**

So he commissions His disciples to go out. We also read this in Matthew 28:19—**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Today, we are these disciples.

Yeshua takes these disciples in the first century and sends them out to do what? He sends them out to proclaim His name. And we find as we continue that they stumble upon something. What was it? Luke 10:17—<sup>17</sup> **Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "LORD, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."**

Think about that concept for a second. The disciples went out against the principalities, powers, and spiritual host of wickedness and the disciples had these powers of wickedness bowing and obeying their commands because they spoke the name of Yeshua. That is power! That is a power that you want.

It is always funny when people get in trouble, and they're in an emergency situation. That is the name they should be using. That is the name they should go to. You should know in your heart when you call upon the name of Yeshua the demons do tremble. They tremble before Him, the pure and Holy One.