

# Heirs of Promise Church

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*Num. 13:20*

**Title:** Weapons of our Warfare

5-31-26

**Text:** **Matthew 4:1-4** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [2] And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. [3] And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**Introduction:** We are in a daily battle to keep what the devil wants to steal. The battle ground is in our thought life. We have been given powerful spiritual weapons to win every time. We defeat the enemy by confessing the Word of God out of our mouth. The Holy Spirit is our advocate that will always be on our side.

## I. Our helmet of Salvation:

**Ephes. 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Take: Greek = receive

Helmet: Greek. = encircle the head

Salvation: Greek. = defense

A. Loins of our mind: **1 Peter 1:13** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Loins: **Greek** = procreative power. The ability to reproduce after the seed.

B. Sword of the Spirit: Word of God

Word: **Greek** = **rhema**, an utterance. The spoken Word. **Reference: Mark 11:22-23**

## II. Pulling down stronghold:

**2 Cor. 10:3-5** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: [4] (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

A. The thief: **John 10:10-11** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. [11] I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

B. The accuser: **Rev. 12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

C. Discerning good vs. evil: **Hebrews 5:13-14** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. [14] But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Philip. 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Think: Greek. = to take an inventory

## III. Our Advocate: He reminds us how to win our battle.

**John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Amp **Jn 14:26** But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

**Conclusion:** We must do what Jesus did when the tempter came with accusations and tried to make Him doubt the Word of God. Jesus said, **“It is Written.”**