



“The Shield & The Sword” part 2 July 3, 2022

I. **Ephesians 6:10-17**

A. **The Shield of Faith**

1. The purpose: to protect from the persecution of the wicked
2. **Genesis 15:1** *“Fear Not Abram, I am your shield and your exceeding great reward.”*
 - *Your responsibility: Put on the whole armor of God and set yourself ready for battle.*
 - *God’s responsibility: He goes in front of us and clears the way!*
(Revelation 19:11, vs. 14)
3. Words have power and Satan knows it; most of his victories against believers come when they are distracted by what others say (persecution). The shield of faith quenches every fiery dart.

B. **Above All...**

1. Take it....
 - Preparation every single day!
 - Remember, Satan comes as a roaring lion (*Very few Christians realize how their enemy works throughout the day to disrupt their calling in life. Satan has no concern on where a person ends up: he is only concerned with their position on this earth!*)
2. Your shield operates on the grounds of faith. Stand strong and focus on your promise.

II. **The Sword of the Spirit**

A. The Word of God

1. The offensive mentality vs. defensive
 - Are you holding on or are you taking back?
 - Remember, the whole armor of God reveals what is in front not behind. Pursue, and you shall without fail, recover all. (David had a different armor when he defeated Goliath....man’s armor would not fit!)
2. **I John 2:14** (In the beginning...)

B. How do you overcome?

1. The Blood and The Word
2. **Revelation 1:12-16**
3. What is proceeding from your mouth? Words or THE WORD?
4. Speak God’s Word with authority; don’t become slack concerning God’s promises; See the Salvation of God!