

Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus.  
Welcome as we study the Bible together.

Have you ever wondered why battles fought by soldiers are always difficult? No matter how well-armored they are against weapons and bullets, war remains hard. Why is that?

It's because the enemy you face is equipped just like you. They hold weapons, have received training, and wear protective gear similar to yours. Almost everything a soldier possesses, the enemy has as well. That is what makes battle difficult.

This is true not only in physical wars but also in worldly competitions. Games and challenges are tough because opponents are equally prepared, have strategies, and possess intellect similar to ours.

Spiritual Battles Are Similar

In the spiritual realm, we must recognize that we are in a battle. Our enemy is not powerless; he is a soldier just like us. When we read Ephesians 6:11, it says:

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

This verse reminds us that Satan also holds weapons. If he were not a soldier, the Bible would not tell us to take up the shield. We are to prepare because our adversary is armed.

In the spiritual world, we and the enemy are similar in appearance: both are armored, both wield weapons. The Word of God is described as a sword — a spiritual weapon that cuts in two directions. Satan also possesses knowledge of the Word and may attempt to use it against God’s people, just as he did with Jesus.

Consider Luke 4:9-13, where Satan used Scripture in the wilderness to tempt the Lord. But Jesus overcame him by wielding the Word with authority and discernment.

Spiritual Warfare Requires Skill and Will

A true soldier does not rely solely on having a weapon or armor. A soldier must have skill, strategy, discipline, and courage. Likewise, in spiritual warfare, possessing the Word of God is not enough. We must know how to apply it with understanding and

authority.

Many believers fail because they have the Word but lack the will, skill, or experience to use it effectively. This is why the enemy can cause harm even when the Word is present.

To fight successfully, we must learn and internalize the Word, not just read it. Reading without understanding is like a child reciting a biology textbook without comprehension; memorization alone does not equate to mastery.

2 Timothy 2:15 says:

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

The goal is not only to memorize Scripture but to master it, to wield it with discernment and authority against the schemes of the enemy.

#### Spiritual Forces Are Organized

Satan and his demons are described as organized armies. Ephesians 6:12 emphasizes:

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Notice it says “armies,” not merely “multitudes.” This highlights that the spiritual realm is strategic and well-armed, requiring us to be equally disciplined and prepared.

In Luke 8:30, a demon identifies himself as “Legion” because many evil spirits had entered him. This shows their organization and strength. Christians must remain vigilant, stand firm, and increase their skill in using the Word of God.

#### Application for Believers

- Engage deeply in studying God’s Word, not superficially.
- Learn to apply Scripture effectively in spiritual battles.

- Develop skill, discernment, and courage in wielding the Word.
- Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you.

The Lord Jesus is our example. When tempted with Scripture, He used the Word decisively and with authority, demonstrating the importance of mastery and willpower.

May God help us to be filled with His Spirit so that we can wield His Word skillfully and overcome the schemes of the devil.

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