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## **Under Attack**

**Have you ever felt like you were under attack? Have you ever known that evil had come against you? Has it ever seemed like the devil was shooting flaming arrows at you?** I can say yes to all your questions. I have definitely been under attack from the devil and all his evil. **What protection do you have against the devil and all his evil? How will you be able to stand up when you are under attack?** You will make me able to withstand up when I am under attack. **How so?** Right now, I can think of four ways that you will protect me when I am under attack. **I'm listening.** First, you have given me the shield of faith. You have helped me to place all my faith in you. You have helped me to come to rely fully on you. When I am under attack, I can come to you. I can draw near to you. I can submit myself to you. I can resist the devil and all his evil and he will flee from me. This shield of faith will protect me from whatever the devil tries to launch against me. **Yes, it will. What else?** You have given me a helmet of salvation. The life of salvation you have given me to live will protect my mind. You will help me to fix my thoughts on you. Instead of thinking evil thoughts, you will help me to think thoughts that are good and right and pleasing to you. You will guard my thoughts as I love, follow and serve you. **Yes, I will. What else?** You have given me your word. You have filled my heart and mind and life with your word. It is my delight to meet with you in your word. Your word is changing my heart, transforming my mind, and guiding my life. It is my joy to hear you speaking to me in and through your word. I am especially thankful that your Holy Spirit takes your word, and at just the right time, uses it like a sword to fight in me, with me, for me, and through me. Your word is making me able to resist temptation and fight against evil. **Yes, it is. What else?** Your Holy Spirit is helping me to remain alert and watchful and prayerful. You are helping me to live and walk through life with you in an ongoing dialogue of prayer. You are giving me prayers to pray. You are granting answers to my prayers. You are leading to pray for both myself and others. This life of prayer you have given me will be protecting me whenever I am under attack. **Yes, it will. It pleases me that you know that you will have my protection when you come under attack.** Thank you, Lord. I will rely on all your protection. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, thank you for your armor of protection. Thank you for the life of salvation you have given me to live. Help me to think your thoughts, speak your words and take your actions. Use your word as a sword to fight for me. Help me to be alert and prayerful. Amen*

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

NIV Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

NLT Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

NRSV Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

AMP Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

NASB Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

ESV Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

NKJV Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Indispensable Weapon*

faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an *indispensable* weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

MSG Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. And you will need the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the Word of God. Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

TLB Ephesians 6:16-18

### **Becoming Like Christ** *Sword Of The Spirit*

And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One. Accept God's salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people.

NCV Ephesians 6:16-18

# Sword Of The Spirit

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Ephesians 6:16-18

**In Context:** *Read Ephesians 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for your armor of protection. Thank you for the life of salvation you have given me to live. Help me to think your thoughts, speak your words and take your actions. Use your word as a sword to fight for me. Help me to be alert and prayerful. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you felt like you were under spiritual attack by the devil?

How has your faith in the Lord helped you to be able to withstand the devil's attacks?

How is the salvation that you have in Christ been protecting the thoughts of your mind?

How are you taking God's word deeply into your heart and mind and life?

**When has God's word fought like a sword in you, with you, for you and through you?**

**How are living with the Lord in an ongoing dialogue of prayer as you love, follow and serve Him?**

**How are you living an alert and prayerful life; making requests for both yourself and others?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the armor of God to protect you against every attack of evil you will face in life.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the armor of God will make you able to withstand all the attacks of evil you will face in life.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Holy Spirit has used God's word like a sword to fight for you.

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**Close With Prayer:**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you allow the Holy Spirit to use God's word like a sword to fight in you, with you, for you, and through you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Holy Spirit, take God's word and use it like a sword to fight in me, with me, for me and through me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Holy Spirit, how do you want to use God's word to fight in me, with me, for me and through me today?*

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