

***“The Helmet & the Sword:  
Part IV”***

**Eph 6:10-20**

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# Three Key Words:

*Renewal – Transformation – Union*

1. Renewal: the process by which the Word of God, in the context of Christian community, reshapes our minds so that we come to think as God thinks about himself, ourselves, other people, and all things.

2. Transformation: the point of renewal is the transformation of our beings (2 Cor 3:18).

3. Union: the end-goal of renewal and transformation is union with Jesus Christ.

# The Connection to the Helmet & Sword:

*As Jesus Christ uses his Word to pierce, renew, transform and unite us to himself, he then uses that same Word to exercise his power through US.*

- We yield, he wields.
- We submit, he strikes.
- We listen, he speaks.

# Insights from Luke 4:1-15

1. No matter what the devil threw at him, Jesus always appealed to the ultimate source of authority, that is, the Word of God.

# Luke 4:3-4

*“<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’<sup>4</sup>*

*And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone.”’”*

# Deuteronomy 8:1-3

*“<sup>1</sup> The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of*

## Luke 4:5-8

*“<sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,*

*<sup>6</sup> and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ <sup>8</sup>*

*And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”’”*

# Deuteronomy 6:10-15

*“<sup>10</sup> And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build,<sup>11</sup> and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full,<sup>12</sup> then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

# Deuteronomy 6:10-15

*<sup>13</sup> It is the LORD your God you shall fear [this word can also be translated “worship”]. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. <sup>14</sup> You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—<sup>15</sup> for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”*

## **Luke 4:9-12**

*“<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup> for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,”<sup>11</sup> and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”’<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”’”*

# Deuteronomy 6:16-19

*“<sup>16</sup> You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. <sup>17</sup> You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. <sup>18</sup> And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers <sup>19</sup> by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.”*

# Luke 4:13-15

*“<sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. <sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.”*

# Revelation 1:16

*“In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.”*

# Revelation 19:11-16

*“<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*”

# Revelation 19:11-16

*<sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”*

# Insights from Luke 4:1-15

1. No matter what the devil threw at him, Jesus always appealed to the ultimate source of authority, that is, the Word of God.
2. Preparation for the day of battle must take place well before the day of battle.
3. Power in battle comes, not only from the Word of God, but also from union with the God of the Word.

# Lessons from the Lord of the Sword

1. In the day of battle we must learn not to be side-tracked by the devil but to keep appealing to the source of authority, the Word of God, over and over again.
2. In order to be able to appeal to the Word of God in the day of battle we must build a life in which we saturate our minds with the Word of God.
3. If the Word of God is to have power through us we must have union with the God of the Word through Jesus Christ.
4. We Christians are not called simply to defend against the attacks of the devil but rather to go into

all the world and infiltrate the hideouts of devils...

# Matthew 28:18-20

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*