



WORDSPIRIT

The Sword of The Spirit



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The scripture talks about a man and his vision of the night. In narrating the vision, the man said the sword of Gideon struck the camp of the Midianites with such a force that it crumbled (**Judges 7:13-15**). In the night vision, the sword of Gideon that struck down the camp of the Midianites was not his physical sword as physical swords don't strike down houses. It was rather the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) that was with Gideon.

The Bible refers to the Word of God as the sword of the Spirit (**Ephesians 6:17**). In Gideon's case, at first, the scripture said it was a round loaf of barley bread (**Judges 7:13**). And then, it was later referred to as the sword of Gideon (**Judges 7:15**). All point to the Word of God. The Word of God is the bread which came down from heaven (**John 6:51**). It is also the sword of the Spirit (**Ephesians 6:17**). And so, what came against the camp of the Midianites was the word of God that was with Gideon.

It is the word of God that is with you that also rises against your adversaries. That is why the scripture calls the word of God a double-edged sword. It will cut in your favour, as well as against your adversaries. And so, without God's Word, you are useless to yourself, and a prey to your

adversaries. No wonder, when God sent Moses to Egypt, He gave Moses His Word (**Exodus 3:12**). That Word (Sword of the Spirit), cut in favour of Israel and against Egypt. This character of the word was also demonstrated when it brought light to Goshen, the part of Egypt where Israelites dwelt, and at the same time, brought darkness to the part where the Egyptians dwelt (**Exodus 10:21-23**). It was the same word that did that simultaneously because it is double-edged.

When you rise against a child of God, it is the word of God with him, which works in his favour, that also rises against you. A man, therefore, is as dangerous as his word level. This was the secret behind David's defence and protection. That was why he could say, "When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell" (**Psalms 27:2**). David was a man that would keep the night watch and stuff up his life with the Word of God (**Psalms 119:148**).

No wonder, E. W. Kenyon once defined prayer as digesting God's word until you are mingled with it. The quickest way to quench the devil is to carry a spirit full of God's Word. If you must have no worries about "enemies", then you must

stuff up your spirit with God's Word.

The Word of the Lord that came to Zerubbabel said, *"Who art thou, O mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shall become a plain..."* (**Zechariah 4:7**). That Scripture never said, "What art thou O mountain..." It rather says, "Who art thou..." Meaning that it was referring to a personality. The King James version of the Bible had the correct interpretation of that Scripture when it used "who". The original Hebrew word that was translated as "who" is "mee" which refers to a person. In the Hebrew language, it is "maw" that is translated to mean "what", and not "mee".

That "who" in the above Scripture refers to the person of the devil himself. In the early part of that scripture, when God brought Joshua's word, He was more direct with His words, as Satan stood against Joshua to accuse and resist him (**Zechariah 3:1-2**). God said, *"Satan, the Lord rebuke you..."* (**Zechariah 3:2**). It was the same devil that stood against Joshua in **Zachariah 3:2** that stood as a mountain against Zerubbabel in **Zachariah 4:7**, that was why God used the words "who art thou O mountain...", referring to the person of the devil.

In that Scripture, God said, the same devil that dared to stand against Zerubbabel as a mountain, shall become a plain before him. In other words, the devil that stood against others as a mountain, cannot be a mountain to you, but will be made a plain. Why is it so with Zerubbabel? The Word of God was with Zerubbabel (**Zechariah 4:6**). The word of God, therefore, is the sword of the Spirit that makes a mess of the devil. It forces the devil from being a mountain to becoming a plain.

There were some things I struggled with in life, but all of a sudden, at a point I discovered those things were no more. I had overcome them. I was talking with the Lord one day, and He said to me, "You overcame them at the point where you increased in the Word". Child of God, the key to soaring high in life is in gaining depth in the Word of God.

One pastor once told the story of how his son took ill with a high fever. The boy was carried from one hospital to another, all to no avail, he rather grew worse. The pastor said he brought the boy back

from the hospital, locked himself inside his prayer room, carried his Bible and began searching for scriptures with which to make a plain of the devil that stood as a mountain against his son's health. He went in with the intention to get seven scriptures, by the time he came out, the Holy Spirit had given him twenty - one scriptures. When he eventually approached his son to pray for him, as he laid hands on the boy, he discovered the fever had disappeared. The Word of God he received in God's presence had made a plain of the same devil that was standing against his son's health as a mountain.

I love the way Myles Munroe defined fasting, he said it is, "withdrawing from physical food, so you can eat the Word of God in place of the physical food". That same Word of God is the sword of the Spirit.

THE IMMUNITY DIMENSION OF GOD'S WORD

In medical sciences, it is the white blood cells that fight foreign bodies and diseases. They provide immunity for your body system. That is exactly what the Word of God does for you as a child of God.

The Word of God is the immunity that you have against the onslaughts of the devil and against evil in general. That was exactly what played out in the case of the Apostle Paul who was bitten by a deadly viper. The scripture says the people waited for him to swell up and die almost immediately which is the logical and expected outcome for everyone that is bitten by the snake. Nevertheless, Apostle Paul, with the venom in his system suffered no ill effects, all because he had the immunity of God's Word working in his system (**Acts 28:5**). He was Word-immunized.

Apostle Paul was an ardent eater of God's Word. That was why he demanded that his scroll be brought to him (**2 Timothy 4:13**). The scroll was a collection of scriptures. Each time you sit down to digest God's word, you immunize your system afresh against the venoms of the devil. Don't forget that the devil will always be venomous, which was why the scripture refers to him as the old serpent (**Revelation 20:2**). However, staying immuned by the word of God will always keep

you safe and sound.

When the scripture says you will eat deadly things and it shall not hurt you (**Mark 16:8**), it was talking about those that are immunized by the Word of God. Such people cannot be casualties of the poisons and venoms of this world.

I was asking the Lord why He did not stop the viper from biting Apostle Paul. And He said to me, "That was the only way I could have proven to the devil that his venoms cannot hurt those that live on my Word".

And so, the viper actually injected its venom into Apostle Paul when it bit him. But the venom would not hurt him because he was protected by the immunity of God's Word.

Whatever takes you away from the place of God's Word takes away your immunity. The farther you go from God's Word, the more you lose your immunity. It is the trick of the devil to replace the time for the Word of God with entertainments and other activities.

Look through the scripture and you will discover that it was every time the Israelites despised the place of God's Word that they went into captivity (**Deuteronomy 28:15-20**). They lost their immunity and became slaves to nations that should be serving them.

When scripture said you shall trample upon snakes and scorpions and overcome all the powers of the enemy (**Luke 10:19**), it was referring to those that are covered with the immunity against the venom of the serpent. You would also discover from the scriptures that Saul did not die until he had lost the immunity of God's Word and that was after God said He would not speak a word to Saul (**1 Samuel 28:5-6**). Meaning that Saul lacked the immunity of God's Word. And so, he got struck by the arrows of the archers of Philistine (**1 Samuel 31:3**).

Any pastor that allows activities to take the place of God's Word in his life will be running a ministry without divine immunity. That is when mysterious negative things begin to happen in the church. The Word - immunity is the immunity that neutralises the worst punch the devil can

throw. The man that had missed the place of the Word is bound to consult mediums; he will just find himself leaning towards mediums. That was why King Saul went as far as consulting the witch in Endor (**1 Samuel 28:7**). He looked for mediums because he had lost touch with God's Word (**1 Samuel 28:5-6**).

The scarcity of the Word of God is the multiplication of afflictions.

A lecturer was trying to take advantage of a certain sister. And she brought the case to me and asked that I pray for her. All I did was speak some scriptures over her life and also gave her some scriptures to stand upon. All of the lecturer's devilish advances stopped as from that day. Moreso, the lecturer became terrified by the sister's presence each time he saw her. She had come under the immunity of God's Word.

I was praying in tongues one day, and the Spirit of God was telling me the exact scriptures I was quoting in tongues. Most times, when you pray in tongues, it's scriptures that you are quoting in the language of the Holy Ghost. That was why the scripture says that when you pray in tongues, you edify your spirit (**1 Corinthians 14:4**), which is exactly what ruminating on God's Word would do to your spirit (**Jeremiah 15:16**). And the edified spirit is the immunized spirit. It will always overcome as well as pull through any circumstances and challenges.

THE WORD - MOTION

God said *"So shall My Word be that goes from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it"* (**Isaiah 56:11**). He did not just say that His word only goes forth; it goes forth, and after accomplishing the purpose unto which it was sent, it returns back to God to give Him the situation report. That was why Elisha had the audacity to say *"by this time tomorrow a seah of flour will sale for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria"* (**2 Kings 7:1**). This was when there was no food for the people to eat, when noble women ate their children because of the gravity of the famine (**2 Kings 6:28**).

Elisha saw the Word come to pass in his spirit

before he spoke it. He saw the accomplished Word before releasing the spoken Word. He had the receipt of what he had said even before saying it. It is a dimension of spiritual proclamation that every child of God must endeavor to operate in. Don't say words that you don't have their receipts or else you will making vain proclamations. It is because you have its receipt in your spirit that you can call those things that be not as though they were (**Romans 4.17**). The receipt is seeing the accomplished word with the eyes of faith even before you release the spoken word. This is because faith is the receipt of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (**Hebrews 11:1**).

Joshua made a decree that hung the sun over Gibeon and the moon over Aijalon. Neither the sun nor the moon could move for a whole day until he was done with what he was doing (**Joshua 10:12-13**). Such things don't happen in the third dimension. It is rather possible with them that see the Word not just as spoken, but also as accomplished. That is exactly how God sees His Word that made Him beat His chest and say *"it shall not return unto me void..."* (**Isaiah 55:11**).

One woman called me on phone around 12am and there was wailing and weeping from her own end as she spoke. I asked her what it was and she said she got up by 12 midnight to discover that her little boy of less than a year old had stopped breathing and had gone numb and cold. There was no way I could get to where she was that night because it was outside the state where I reside. I clearly heard the Lord say unto me, "son, send my Word in your mouth". With that assurance of seeing with the eyes of faith, the accomplished

word in my spirit, I told her to stop crying that her child would come back to life. I can still remember the very Word of I sent that night; it is written *"For this purpose was the son of man made manifest that He might destroy the works of the devil..."* (**1 John 3:8**). While I was still speaking those words, I heard another cry from her end and this time it was the cry of joy as she screamed " Hey! He has started breathing, his body has grown warm...! " That was how that spirit of death was checked out of her house that night.

When you decree God's Word as a man of the Spirit, listen in the spirit and you will get the situation report in your spirit of what it had accomplished. That is why prophets speak with some unusual authority. They see with the eyes of the Spirit the results of the work done by the Word they speak even before speaking it.

The prophet Ezekiel spoke the Word of God over the bones in the valley of dry bones and as he did, the Word moved with specifications, it never mixed one body's bones with that of another. The Word joined Mr "T"s skull to his shoulder bones. It didn't join it to that of Mr" K"s shoulder bone. It was a Word-motion, perfect and specific. It makes no mistakes Sir.

Heavens await your proclamations- it cannot be bound in heaven until you had bound it on earth (**Matthew 16:19**).

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