



STANDING ON THE PROMISES (Part 4) Speaking God's Promises

In this lesson you will learn to take God's Word and stand in faith for that Word to be fulfilled (Jeremiah 1:12; Isaiah 55:11). You need to hear, believe, speak, and act on God's Word (2 Corinthians 1:20, 4:13; Hebrews 4:2, 6:12).

- I. Jesus left us an example of speaking the Word of God – Matthew 4:1-11.
 - A. Verse 4 – When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones to bread, Jesus said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” (See also Deuteronomy 8:3.)
 - B. Verse 7 – The second temptation was for Jesus to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple and have the angels be in charge of Him, Jesus said, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” (See also Deuteronomy 6:16.)
 - C. Verse 10 – The third time the devil tempted Jesus by taking Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and told Him He would give Him all these things if He would fall down and worship him. Jesus said, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.’” (See also Deuteronomy 6:13.)
- II. The armor of God is needed to stand on the promises – Ephesians 6:10-18.
 - A. Verse 10 – “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”
 - B. Verse 11 – “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” “Wiles” are schemes, plots, plans, and strategies.
 - C. Verse 12 – You wrestle against four dimensions of demonic hierarchy.
 - D. Verse 13 – Be able to withstand and stand in the evil days.
 - E. Verse 14 – Girded waist with truth – be a truth teller.
 - F. Verse 14 – Breastplate of righteousness – gift of righteousness and also righteous acts – don't deliberately walk in sin.
 - G. Verse 15 – Feet shod with gospel of peace – peace with God, self, and others. Go and win souls.
 - H. Verse 16 – Shield of faith to stop fiery darts – don't attack message of faith. Don't mock or criticize faith.
 - I. Verse 17 – Helmet of salvation – your personal relationship with Jesus.
 - J. Verse 17 – Sword of the Spirit – speak the Word of God.
 - K. Verse 18 – Pray in the Spirit – last part of the armor.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share how you have recently spoken the Word of God in the face of temptation.
- Which part of the armor of God do you need to strengthen in your life?
- How has praying in the Spirit helped you overcome the works of the enemy?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Speak God's promises this week to overcome temptation in your life.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:11 – “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”