

**Aim:** Sword of the Spirit: The Word of God**Refer:** Steps to Personal Revival

If you had been here last week, you would have learned that there are two types of baptisms.

- **Physical Baptism** – like a wedding ceremony, shows the world that someone is committing their life to Jesus and wants to live with Jesus forever.
- **Spiritual Baptism** – when someone is filled with the Holy Spirit

If we are to successfully withstand Satan's attacks, we need to have God's Spirit in us.

How often do we get physically baptised? (Once usually)

How often do we need Spiritual Baptism? (Daily)

How do we get Spiritual Baptism? (By spending time with God and asking Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit)

Read Luke 11:13

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Paul describes the Word of God as the Sword of the Spirit

Discuss: What is a sword used for? (Attacking and defending)

Last week we learned that the Holy Spirit is like a general, guiding us in this spiritual battle. When we pray, God's angels fight Satan's angels for us. They fight for both us and for other people whom we pray for.

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Jesus used bible verses in another way to attack and defeat Satan.

Look at our story from this morning in Matthew 4:1-11

- Discuss the implications of each test
- Discuss Jesus used the Word of God to defeat Satan
- Discuss in what similar ways might we be tested

Read Hebrews 4:15

The world that Jesus lived in 2000 years ago was very different from the world that we live in now; yet, examples can be found in the Bible that can help with any situation that we might face even today. Although Jesus did not face the exact temptations that you face, He faced the same types of situations including:

- Physical needs (hunger, tiredness)
  - Temptation to show off, to be proud
  - Temptation to take a short cut – an easier way
  - Problems with friends and family
  - Hatred, cruelty, meanness, death
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Now we can talk to God about anything and everything and He hears us. And we can ask God anything too. Sometimes God answers these prayers in three possible ways, "Yes", "No", and "Wait".

But when we use the sword of the Spirit in our prayers, then we can pray knowing that God will say 'Yes'.

For example, in Philippians 4:19, God promises to provide our needs. Therefore, if we really truly, need something, and there is nothing else that will do, an no other way, then we can pray and say Philippians 4:19, and know with 100% confidence that God will provide what we need.

God gives us the promises in the Bible for our use and our benefit.

Read 2 Peter 1:4