

“When you know enough to ask a question, find the answer.”

That’s been a guiding precept in my life for years, and the first place to go for an answer is The Spirit of God. Not only does He know everything, but He has been sent to lead us and guide us into all Truth (Jn 16:13), which is *logos aletheia*, the “design of reality”. (2Tim 2:15) So when it comes to the things of The Kingdom of God, ask Him, and

you’ll find yourself with the answer! That’s what happened, and I shared it yesterday.

Last Sunday, and here last week, one of the questions that we asked as we talked about the makeup of The Kingdom of The Heavens and the activity that goes on there was, “What do angels fight with?” Turns out, the answer was in plain view because we fight with it too! It is “...**the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**”. (Eph 6:17) “The sword of The Spirit”, God’s words in our mouth, is a weapon, for us, for the angels, and for Jesus too!

We presented evidence “before the court” from Jude 9, “**Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, arguing about Moses’ body, did not venture to pronounce a judgment of blasphemy, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you.’**” (Enhanced version). From the 103rd Psalm, “**Bless The Lord all His angels who excel in strength, performing His Word, hearkening, (acting on) the voice of His word.**” While pointing out that “**The weapons of our warfare are not worldly, but powerful in God engaged with the demolition of fortified positions.**” (2Cor 10:4) Our weapons are “other worldly”, they are “God powerful”. They are so powerful that Heb 1:3 tells us that Jesus is, “**upholding all things by the word of His power**”, which brings up another interesting question, which leads to another question. Hold that thought.

Now, you may decide that there’s not enough evidence to say that, at least a part of, the angelic weapons that they wage war with, are words. But for Jesus, it’s clear. He, “**cast out demons with His word**”. And, “**out of His mouth a sharp sword that with it He might strike down the nations and shepherd them with a rod of iron.**” (Rev 19:15) And, as a man in the earth, He would also be one of the “our” that has weapons that are not of this world, right? And that the word of God is a sword is also found in Heb 4:12, “**The Word of God is alive, and is energized, sharper than any two edged sword.**” So now let’s go back to the question that brings up a question. How does the word become a weapon? And how can something that creates also destroy? Well, when you know enough to ask a question...

The answer to the first question is sort of simple, it has to be spoken out from faith. Just like the picture of Jesus on the horse in Revelation 19, the sword comes out of your mouth. I like to declare it this way, “You are present in the words because they are Your words in my mouth out from Your thoughts in my mind.” God speaks to you, as you hear, faith is formed in you. Then you declare what He said, and the power of His presence, (He’s always there), causes it to become. That’s the most common way to “fire for effect”. Now, the “speaking” can also come from a messenger, like an angel, as we have numerous examples in scripture. Very commonly, it occurs when the Spirit speaks to you, energizing the written word into you as you read. But all of these are speaking, giving directions of how to proceed to conquer in any given situation. Just like Michael the archangel over the body of Moses, when you say what God says the disputing is over! But the next one is a bit tougher.

If the word of God is a weapon, how is it that it also creates? After all, all things were created by The Word of God! (Jn 1:3) God spoke and it became. (Gen 1) He sent His word and healed us and delivered us out of our destructions. (Ps 107:20) So how does a weapon, a powerful sword, also create, heal, and deliver? Maybe more on this later, but think about this, it is a two- edged sword!

Love never fails!

