

EPHESIANS - Our Heavenly Account Statement

“TACTICS AGAINST THE SWORD” (Part 3)

Ephesians 6:17

Lesson #41

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REVIEW: If the *rhema* word I have becomes *uncertain*, *untruthful* (corrupted), *unnecessary*, or *unavailing* it will be useless in battle.

A. UNOCCUPIED word

- 1) When we DOUBT the word that once had been OPERATING IN our lives.
- 2) Some of the areas in our spiritual life this can apply
- 3) God has made such things for us to inhabit, but somehow we left them abandoned and uninhabited.

B. John the Baptist Luke 7:18-28

- 1) John's rhema word (John 1:29–34)
- 2) What John Saw Matthew 3:13-17
- 3) John nears the end of his life and sitting in prison he has time to rethink things. (Luke 7:18-28)
- 4) John went from hearing what God spoke to him
 - a) To seeing it unfold (John 1:32-33)
 - b) To speaking it confidently (John 1:29,34)
 - c) To doubting what he knew, saw, and walked in.
- 5) No simple yes or no here.

C. Elijah 1 Kings 17:1 - 19:4

- 1) Here's your sword!
- 2) But the brook dried up. The word was not that the brook would not dry up, but that the Ravens would feed him there.
- 3) A new word is given. Would you have let it go when you hear the condition of the widow?
- 4) In the face of this Elijah continues to speak the word of the Lord.
- 5) Everything in this account Elijah did according to what they Lord said
- 6) But then Elijah PUTS THE SWORD DOWN

APPLICATION: Why do we leave what we once walked in?

- 1) What we see DOESN'T MATCH what we heard, understood or expected.
- 2) When we DON'T SEE what we heard or understood, when we expected to.
- 3) When we see THINGS UNFOLD DIFFERENTLY than what we expected or understood.

How can we guard against it?

- 1) BE CONVINCED of the word God spoke
- 2) STAY CONVINCED of the word God spoke
- 3) SPEAK WORDS BORN of the word God spoke
- 4) SEE THE FULFILLING of the word God spoke
- 5) TOLERATE NO QUESTIONING of the word God spoke