



# I. THE HAMMER RELATES TO WORD OF GOD.

THE WORD OF GOD IS LIKE A HAMMER. YOU CAN USE IT TO BUILD YOUR LIFE OVER TIME AND YOU CAN USE IT TO PULL THINGS OUT OF YOUR LIFE THAT NEED TO GET OUT. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

HEBREWS 4:12 NLT

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NLT

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

JOHN 8:31-32 ESV

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the

EPHESIANS 6:13-17 NLT

peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

EPHESIANS 6:13-17 NLT

# IL HOW DOES JESUS USE THE "HAMMER" IN COMBAT AGAINST THE ENEMY?

<sup>2</sup> For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

<sup>3</sup> During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

MATTHEW 4:2-4 NLT

<sup>4</sup>But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

MATTHEW 4:2-4 NLT

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5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'

MATTHEW 4:5-7 NLT

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God."

MATTHEW 4:5-7 NLT

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<sup>8</sup> Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

MATTHEW 4:8-11 NLT

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

MATTHEW 4:8-11 NLT

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<sup>13</sup> Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1 TIMOTHY 4:13 NIV

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

ROMANS 10:17 NLT

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<sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

JAMES 1:22 NLT

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<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

PSALMS 119:11 NLT

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<sup>8</sup> Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

JOSHUA 1:8 NLT

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<sup>11</sup> And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.

**ACTS 17:11 NLT** 

<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

MARK 16:15 NLT