

Attached are... documents of the April 3rd Manna Text, for your consideration.

**Rom. 13:12 ...Put on the armor of light!**

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Soldiers of the Cross are of a different kind and are differently armed from the soldiers of the world. Ours is a fight against the spirit of the world and against the flesh... The flesh instinctively struggles to avoid sacrifice... Our fight is against unseen spiritual foes... And the Lord has provided us an armor; namely, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the Sword of the Spirit, and the sandals of "the preparation of the Gospel of Peace." These are all weapons of defense, except the Sword. The Sword is an aggressive weapon. (Eph. 6:11-17)

In the case of the Christian, "the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," is to be handled to accomplish good, to be used in opposition to Satan and sin... Not that we are commissioned to fight the world, but that we are to strive to be loyal to the Lord, to fight sin in ourselves and wherever it might properly be under our jurisdiction, and to repel the attacks of the Adversary. The exercise of our powers in bringing *self* into subjection means a great deal in the way of sacrifice, much in the way of battling.