## Mission: Glorifying God and His Goodness

Our mission in the Lord's service involves spiritual warfare, and we normally think of this as something extremely violent. But there is a level of our mission, and warfare, that goes greatly beyond that. The Word of God, described as a sword<sup>1</sup>, is truly the greatest weapon that we can have, because it expresses God's great sacrificial Love. It is a weapon that never suffers real damage, and always has tremendous power.

We must be armed with its message, and know how to use it in Love, not violence to those who don't believe exactly as we do<sup>2</sup>. God is the personification of Goodness, and our battle cry must glorify him in that. His Presence is always with us in every struggle. The battle plan is to aggressively promote God's Goodness, striving to reflect that in our own character. We embrace rather than push away, to try to turn enemies into friends and family. We strive to enable people to see the Glory of God – lighting the way for others. And His Love can shield us and protect us much as a cloak can that wraps around us<sup>3</sup>.

- 1. Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12
- 2. 1 Peter 3:15
- 3. Colossians 3:14 (put on love), 1 Thessalonians 5:8 (faith and love as a breastplate)
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