

Matthew 10:34-39 KJV Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.



Ask most people about their opinion of a man of God and they will tell you, that he is a man of the Word and a man of peace! Yet, the ultimate man of God is the only begotten Son of God! But Wait! What did He say in Matthew 10:34:

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It seems that Jesus, who we say was God's peace on earth was not so peaceable! In fact, He even said so Himself! Now if Jesus came to bring a sword — what about those who are said to be like Jesus, His ministers, should not they be like their Lord too! When a minister preaches the Word of God, he is preaching the very words of Jesus!

**Ephesians 6:17 KJV** And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God:

Psalms 104:4 KJV Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

When God's word is preached in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, I acts much like a sword and in the Hand of God! God says it this way:

Hebrews 4:12 KJV For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



According to Jesus, the Word of God is like a sword and is not supposed to always be something that feels good when we are living in sin or neglect. The Word of God will come between family members if one member wants to do right, and the other wants to continue in sin! Old Timers used to say, "The preacher stepped on my toes, but I needed that!"

2 Corinthians 7:6-10 KJV 6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. 8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season. 9 Now I rejoice,



not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.