

Power of the Word of the Lord

“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”

(II Timothy 3:16)

Everywhere Jesus went He had spoken the Word. Before the beginning of His ministry He was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. When the tempter came to Him the only weapon Jesus used to defeat the devil was:

“**It is written...**” (Matthew 4:4)

In another place Jesus said:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

and:

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." (Luke 16:17)

...confirming the unchanging power of His Word. The whole earth shall pass away but His Word shall not pass away. It will withstand the test of ages and generations.

During the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ there were signs of healing, deliverances, and restorations. It was done by the power of His spoken Word just like it was from the beginning of the creation when God created the heaven and the earth:

Genesis 1:1, 3

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

His spoken Word was so powerful that it brought things into existence. The Word of the Lord has a creative power.

Psalms 33:6

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

“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.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

And as John said:

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

As we begin to read the Word of the Lord we have to understand that man did not just decide to write about God. Bible was inspired by God.

As Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:16:

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Bible is the Word of the Lord given to men as a roadmap to guide our lives. God breathed upon holy men who wrote Holy Scriptures as they were moved by the Holy Ghost:

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Our faith is changed when we believe the Word of the Lord. Bible says in the Book of Hebrews 11:6 that:

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

But how our faith can be increased? Bible says:

“So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

The Word of the Lord strengthens our faith. When the Lord had confirmed the promise of son to Abraham even when his wife was still barren Abraham believed God:

Genesis 15:4-6

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

And in the Book of Galatians:

Galatians 3:6

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Below are some of the beautiful things about the Word of the Lord and what it is able to do for us when we believe it.

- The Word of the Lord will keep us from the evil ways and guide our feet

Psalms 17:4-5

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

Psalms 19:11

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

Proverbs 13:13

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

Psalms 119:105

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- The Word of the Lord will revive us

David said in the Book of Psalms:

Psalms 119:49-50

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Quicken – keep or make alive, recover, revive

Psalms 119:25

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

Psalms 119:40

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Psalms 119:156

156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Jesus said:

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

In the story of Lazarus Jesus Christ had spoken the Word which was able to bring back to live Lazarus who was dead 4 days already:

John 11:25

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

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John 11:43-45

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

- The Word of the Lord will heal us

A centurion's servant received healing through the spoken word of the Lord:

Matthew 8:5-13

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

A son of a nobleman was healed because that nobleman believed the Word that Jesus had spoken unto him:

John 4:46-53

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, **Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth.** And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, **Thy son liveth:** and himself believed, and his whole house.

- The Word of the Lord will cleanse and purify us

Psalms 119:9

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

Proverbs 30:5

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Jesus said in John 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

And then Paul recorded in Ephesians 5:25-27

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- The Word of the Lord will save our souls

1 Timothy 4:16

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Mark 16:15-16

15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

John 12:46-48

46 **I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**

47 **And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.**

48 **He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

- The Word of the Lord will become the very weapon for us to use to defeat the enemies of our soul which are the devil, the world and our flesh

Ephesians 6:10-17

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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

Hebrews 4:12

12 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.

1 John 2:14

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, **because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you,** and ye have overcome the wicked one.