

SPEAK HIS WORD

I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you about God's word.

Let's start in the very beginning.

Eight times in Genesis chapter 1 God said, "let there be", and everything came into existence.

Hebrews 11.3 confirms this.

By faith we understand that the worlds were fashioned by the Word of God, and everything that is seen came into being out of those things which are unseen.

The scriptures declare the triune Godhead. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 3 in One. The Father determines it, He speaks His Word and the Holy Spirit accomplishes it. You don't get One without the Other.

John 1.1-4 reveals His Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word WAS God. HE was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through HIM, and apart from HIM nothing came into being that has come into being. In HIM was life, and the life was the Light of men.

Jesus is God's living Word. He is the perfect and powerful expression of God's will. He is the expression of God's life and the Light of all men.

Hebrews 4.12 confirms this.

The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 1.3 declares that,

He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Today, when people speak of God's word, they are referring to the Bible. They confess that IT is the truth.

But Jesus said in John 14.6, I AM the Way, I AM the TRUTH, and I AM the Life.

He also said, when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the Truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you. John 16.13

The Pharisees in Jesus' day made an all-consuming, life-long commitment to study God's written word, and practiced an extremely strict, meticulous observance of IT.

Jesus said of them,

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have the life.

In John 6.63 Jesus also stated that, it's the Spirit Who gives Life. Your flesh profits absolutely nothing. My Words are Spirit and they are Life.

The Apostle Paul added in 2 Corinthians 3.6 that the letter of the word kills, but the Spirit gives life.

He also explained how God's Spirit affects us.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom]. And we all, with unveiled face, *continually* seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are *progressively* being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3.17

In John 8.32, Jesus said,

“If you continue in My word (which is Christ) *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

I honor the Bible as the written word of God and I read it continually. But I've known many people, myself included, that knew Christ's teachings but were still bound by the carnal nature that His perfect sacrifice set us free from.

Jesus did NOT say, my teachings will set you free.

He said the Truth, the reality of My supernatural Life in you, sets you free from the fallen, spiritually dead life that you inherited from Adam and Eve.

Peter explained in his first letter that,

you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your useless way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

And

You have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding Word of God.

If the natural study of the Bible alone would have set man free from his old dead nature, established the new nature of Christ in us, and revealed the Kingdom of God to this Earth, the Pharisees would have accomplished it a very long time ago. They knew, and even memorized the letter, but completely missed the supernatural, spiritual, relationship with the Living Word, Christ Himself.

Jesus made it quite clear that it wasn't the knowledge and study of His words that gives Life. It's knowing He and the Father that gives us His Eternal Life.

He said, this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true [supreme and sovereign] God, and [in the same manner know] Jesus [as the] Christ whom You have sent. John 17.3 amp

The first church didn't even have a Bible to study for hundreds of years. It was the knowledge and presence of God within them that spread the gospel to the entire known world, without a Bible, without buildings, and without the Internet.

Here is John's description of how the Word was transmitted.

[I am writing about] what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life [the One who existed even before the beginning of the world, Christ]-- and the Life [an aspect of His being] was manifested, and we have seen [it as eyewitnesses] and testify and declare to you [the Life], the eternal Life who was [already existing] with the Father and was [actually] made visible to us [His followers]-- what we have seen and heard we also proclaim to you, so that you too may have fellowship [as partners] with us. And indeed, our fellowship [which is a distinguishing mark of born-again believers] is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1.1 amp

When I was a young Christian, I read the Bible ravenously. In most situations that I came across, I could find the appropriate scripture in the Bible that applied to it and make a prayer based on that teaching. But I was pretty powerless to speak God's Word and see the circumstance or situation change.

I was and still am in the process of "constantly being transformed into His very own image in ever increasing splendor from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, Who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3.13 amp

Peter said in 1 Peter 4.11amp, whoever speaks, let him do it as one who utters the oracles of God. I looked up the Greek word translated as "oracle". It means a divine declaration; a statement originating from God.

Let me wrap up this video with what I believe this means to us today.

God's supernatural work on our behalf, to put us in Christ, crucify us and raise us with Him to new Life and seat us with Him at the right hand of God, sets the gospel apart from every religious effort on the planet. Religion is done by men and for men. The Gospel is done by God and for God. (You can read about this further and 1 Corinthians 1.30 and all of Romans chapter 6)

God redeemed us back into His family by His own doing because of His tremendous love for us. He made us His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of His eternal life. Romans 8.16

Our acceptance of His perfect sacrifice, and the new identity that it creates for us, is critical to the fulfilling of our calling as His ambassadors of His Kingdom. Jesus came preaching, "repent for the Kingdom of God is here".

He is requiring us to submit the authority of our senses to His Living Word, and allow His Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform us into the Life-giving spirits that can fulfill God's Great Commission through us.

Then His Word in our mouth will have the same authority that His Word has had in our hearts and minds.

James 4.7 directs us to, submit to God, resist the enemy and he will flee from You.

It enables us to no longer quote Bible verses at the works of Satan.

It enables us to speak God's Word, Christ, the living Word into those situations.

He is the risen King of Kings, and "in Him, all the divine fullness, the sum total of the divine perfection, powers and attributes dwell in Him permanently. Colossians 1.19 amp

He has given His children the privilege of speaking His Word and manifesting His Kingdom to this entire Earth.

Let's accept God's perfect work on our behalf, and allow His Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform us into the life-giving spirits that He recreated us to be.

So that we can speak His Living Word to every nation and people group on the planet and fulfill His great commission.

God bless you.

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