

# ***God's word is powerful!***

God simply said, "Let there be light; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). "Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:8, 9).

## **God's word is like a fire and like a hammer.**

God condemns those who speak falsely in His name.

"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

'The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?' says the LORD. '*Is* not My word like a fire?' says the LORD, 'And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets,' says the LORD, 'who steal My words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I *am* against the prophets,' says the LORD, 'who use their tongues and say, "He says." Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams,' says the LORD, 'and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,' says the LORD" (Jeremiah 23:24-32).

God's word is powerful. It is like a fire, like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. He who has God's word must speak His work faithfully.

## **God's word brings salvation.**

Paul wrote, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

## **God's word is sufficient.**

Paul wrote to Timothy: "But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:13-17).

## **God's word must simply be proclaimed.**

Paul wrote to Timothy: "I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:1, 2).

The power of God's word is based on the power and authority of Christ. At His coming, everyone will be judged by His word. Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's word may not be changed. It must simply be preached. He who has God's mighty word must speak God's word faithfully.

Paul warns Timothy that there will be false teachers among Christians: "For the

time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:3-5).

"For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account" (Hebrews 4:12, 13).

***God's word accomplishes God's purpose.***

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it”

(Isaiah 55:10, 11).

“Has He said? and will He not do? Or has He spoken? and will He not make it good?”

(Numbers 23:19).

God's word always hits the mark. The proclamation of God's word is never in vain.

## **What have we learned?**

God's word is powerful: like a fire, like a hammer. He who has God's word must speak God's word faithfully. It may not be changed. God's word always accomplishes God's purpose.

Amen!

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