

The power of proclaiming God's Word

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without bringing forth the earth and making it fertile and fruitful, and giving seed to the seed 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 be prosperous in the thing whereto I sent it. Amen." Isaiah 55:10-11

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The first thing we need to recognise about Scripture is the power behind the Word of God. We need to realise that this is a supernatural book. Just like the staff that Moses carried, it contains power that is not apparent at first glance. But when we begin to understand it, its power is limitless. I will give you a few scriptures to illustrate the power behind God's Word. Psalm 33:6: *"The heavens were made by the word of the LORD, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."* The Hebrew word for breath or spirit is actually translated as "Ruach." According to this, the entire creation was created by two agents: by the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Everything that exists, has ever existed, and will ever exist owes its origin to only two powers: the cooperation of the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Note that the Word must work together with the Spirit.

The Word of God creates, sustains and ends

How do you speak? You release a breath from your lungs. The essential truth is that you cannot speak without breathing. You have to breathe to be able to speak. And this is a symbol of God. Every time God speaks, His breath accompanies His Word. His breath is His Spirit. That is why the Word and the Spirit of God always go hand in hand. The Word and the Spirit of God brought the universe into being, and they sustain the life of the universe.

There is a very powerful passage in 2 Peter chapter 3 that tells us three things: the Word creates, the Word sustains, and the Word ends. 2 Peter 3. We begin in verse 5: *"For they deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. So also, with the same word, the heavens and the earth that now exist are stored up for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly."* So, by the word of God, the heavens and the earth were brought into existence, by the word of God they are being maintained, and by the word of God, when the time comes, they will pass away. From this we conclude that the word of God creates, maintains, and ends. (Excerpt from the teaching article "The Power of Proclamation" by Derek Prince. Full article at www.ibl-dpm.de)

The invitation: "He who has ears, let him hear!"

We all receive invitations throughout our lives. To baptisms, graduations, birthdays, weddings, funerals, etc. Depending on the occasion, we go joyfully, enthusiastically, or sadly and depressed. In the Christian realm, we receive invitations almost daily to conferences, seminars, training courses, etc., depending on our areas of interest. And now another invitation from ? Why should we accept it? Because we are followers of the One who invites us. This is not an invitation from a ministry, a church, an association, an alliance or a leadership committee. We feel that this is an invitation and a call from our Saviour, Redeemer

and King, Jesus Christ! And HE calls and invites not just a certain group (only the elderly, teenagers, families, students, children, etc.). No! Jesus calls and invites HIS people. We are all called and deemed worthy to proclaim HIS WORD aloud over our families, churches, villages, cities, country and people. All we need is a Bible, a place (room) and people whose hearts are burning because they love, honour and appreciate Jesus and HIS WORD, and expect that HIS WORD will accomplish what pleases HIM and carry out what HE has sent it to do! Jesus Himself – HE is the WORD! HE wants to reveal Himself to us far more than we have experienced so far. Simply by letting HIM speak HIS WORD through us.

His Word is like a fire (Jer 23:29). Imagine that wherever His Word is read or proclaimed, it will burn. If this happens in many places throughout the country, it will result in a conflagration. His Word is also a hammer that breaks rocks (Jer 23:29). It is a double-edged, sharp sword, it is light, food, a cleansing bath, and much more. HIS zeal for the Father and for us motivates Jesus to another "cleansing of the temple." Change happens simply and easily through the WORD; through the proclamation of HIS WORD and the work of the Holy Spirit! Let us set our hearts on fire again! Let us pray for the grace that the ears of all HIS people in Switzerland will once again be directed to the book of the Father! (Neh 8:3).

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing comes from the word of God. But I ask, have they not heard? Yes, they have! "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world" (Rom 10:17-18).

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