



Lecture 6

The Power of the Word

In order to experience the power, love and absolute truth of the Bible **WE NEED TO DECIDE TO BELIEVE THE WORD IS EQUAL TO JESUS**. Jesus is the Creator of all, our Saviour, Healer and Deliverer. We have received the life of Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 30:19

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

We choose life by receiving God’s Word and by living by the Holy Spirit. Our thoughts and the words we speak ought to reflect the life of Jesus. The seed (the Word) will bear its fruit in our lives and will become a fountain of life to those around us.

If we could only realise our loving God is far more eager to give than we are to receive. In fact, He already GAVE. Jesus has given to us everything His Word offers. Jesus is the Saviour, High Priest, but also the soon coming King, God and creator of all. Jesus is The Word that created us. Jesus in us by the Holy Spirit has given us His righteousness in order that we can receive His will, our inheritance in Christ. GOD IS LOVE, thus we have inherited His love. Before the foundation of the world, God’s marvellous plan was birthed through HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

WE NEED TO SEE THE BIBLE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF RELATIONSHIP

"How can Jesus and the Bible both be the Word of God?" Is God’s Word (personal letter) real to us?

In the same way we receive a letter from a family member or a friend, we need to read the Word of God as His personal letter to us. If, for instance, your father sends you a letter, you will receive the letter as coming straight from your father’s heart: you will read his message and be able to discern his emotions, his personality, even ‘hear’ his voice in the words he has written. This letter is a perfect personification of your father to the extent of his writing.

When we read the Bible as “just a book,” or as “religion,” and fail to discern that Jesus is The Word, it will seem like a strange, impersonal message we cannot receive. We will have no connection with Jesus, because we do not acknowledge He is connecting with us personally through His Word.

The Bible is Jesus. When we are saved by faith in Christ, we are saved because we receive the message of salvation directed to us personally. We can’t be saved unless we relate His message to us personally. In the same way, we need to read the Word as being Jesus relating to us.

When reading the Old Testament, we are reading creation, history, as well as the unfolding plan of God. We also read the prophecies pointing to Jesus, His coming, His death, resurrection, His return, etc. We need to read the Bible from our position as sons and daughters. The Old Testament has been **legally** nullified. The New Testament of Grace (beginning with the Cross of Jesus) is in place until the soon coming rapture of the Church.

John 1:1 (Wuest translation)

“In the beginning the Word (the seed) was existing. And the Word was in fellowship with God the Father And the Word was as to His essence absolute deity.” The Word is deity because it is Jesus.

Revelation 19:13 (Wuest translation)

“And He (Jesus) is clothed with a garment which has been stained with blood. And His name has been called, and the Name is on record, The Word of God.”

The Word of God (Jesus) created the universe, our planet, us and everything in it. Jesus sustains everything by the power of His Word (Hebrews 1:13). Only in time, when His Word will be fulfilled, this universe and everything in it will change. **All prophecies prior to the rapture have been fulfilled and the prophecies relating to the time after the rapture will also be fulfilled. Praise God.**

Revelation 21:1 (Wuest translation)

“And I saw a heaven new in quality and an earth new in quality, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away. And the sea does not exist any longer. And the city, the holy city, Jerusalem, the one new in quality, I saw coming down out of heaven from God, having been prepared as a bride who has been adorned for her groom.”

To fully comprehend the great significance of God’s Word we need to read Hebrews 4:12,

“For actively alive is the Word of God and energetic, and sharper than any two edged sword, going through even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a sifter and analyser of the reflections and conceptions of the heart.”

When we acknowledge Jesus is the Word, we will be able to go beyond the intellectual, and receive revelation by the Holy Spirit. This is what The Word is to us:

God’s authority, God’s Truth, God’s love, God’s wisdom, God’s plan and prophetic insight, God’s righteousness, God’s power, the Gospel of Grace, salvation by faith.

Isaiah 55:11 (NASB)

“So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”

It is interesting how easily we are able to believe a virus or poison can penetrate our bodies to make us sick. We believe in the power of the virus or poison and expect to get sick. Without realising it, we “have faith” in the virus, we believe in its consequences. God shows us that when we believe in the power of the Word, when we receive the Word by faith, the Word (Jesus) penetrates into our beings and accomplishes its purpose.

Our inheritance is received through receiving God’s Word (1 Peter 1:4) i.e. the will, the testament Jesus left us at the Cross. This we receive by faith in the power, truth and integrity of God. Unbelief is the only thing which will interfere and inhibit us from receiving the promises of God.

Ephesians 1:9-11 (Wuest translation)

“having made known to us the mystery of His will according to that which seemed good to Him, which good thing He purposed in himself, with respect to an administration of the completion of the epochs of time to bring back again to their original state all things in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him, in whom also we were made an inheritance, having been previously marked out according to the purpose of the One who operates all things according to the counsel of His will.”

It is a sad reality that many Christians don’t read the Bible as God’s will, God’s testament for every believer. It is not just a book of good instructions, good principles, wisdom, love... It is our inheritance and with this inheritance we receive the attributes and nature of God. The Word gives us destiny, conquers death, and with Jesus we have been introduced into the family of God as sons and daughters.