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The Infallible Word of God - Power for Everyday Living

By the grace of God, this month, we are looking at the topic "Solid ground" and last week, we had a good overview of the fact that the word of God is a sure foundation, and a solid ground, we were reminded of its importance and the need to believe in the word of God so that we'll be established. This morning, we shall look deeply into some of the characteristics of the word of God, the fact that it is Infallible and it is the awesome power we need for everyday living.

The Webster and Cambridge dictionary's definition of Infallible – is - never wrong, failing or making a mistake, certain.

Other definitions include – perfect, reliable, dependable - trustworthy, faithful, loyal, steadfast, responsible, fail-safe, surefire - definite, sure, certain, staunch

This morning by the help of the Holy spirit, we'll look at different characteristics of the word of God that makes it never wrong, certain and I trust that we'll be encouraged to hold firm to the word of God, apply it to our lives so that we'll never be moved again by situation and circumstances; know it and grow in it to move unto greater heights in every area of our lives and possess our possessions.

The POWER, in the word of God

*Jeremiah 23:28-29 Let the one who has my **word speak it faithfully** ... [29] "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and **like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?**"*

*Hebs 4:12 - 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.***

God's Word has **irresistible** power! We need to tap the more into this **limitless** power!

Power from the word of God:

1. The word is able to save our souls.

Romans 1:16- "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

James 1:21- "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Psalms 19:7- "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;"

2. The word has the power to accomplish its purpose and be productive

Isaiah 55: 10-11 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed

to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Similarly in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:11), the seed is likened to the word of God. And we know that, a dormant seed, no matter how long it is stored, will still produce the same plant from which it comes. The word of God is ye and Amen. It is the same and it is able to produce fruits.

3. God's word has the power to be all sufficient for our needs

A. It comforts us.

Romans 15:4- "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

B. It strengthens us to be more faithful to the Lord. When you are down and you pick up the word of God it gives hope, joy and strength

Psalms 119:130- "The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."

Psalms 19:8- "The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;"

C. It protects us from error and sin.

Psalms 119:11- "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!"

Jesus was able to fight all the wiles of the Devil by using the Scriptures.

Matthew 4:4- "But He (Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'""

D. It cleanses us – word of God is like fire Jeremiah 23:29; renews our minds (Roms12:2)

E. It can set us free (deliverance)

*John 8:31-32. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make you free**.*

His words can set us free from all bondages, addictions, uncontrollable habits because we are more than conqueror through Him who loved us.

F. It heals us and gives us life –

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We are healed by His stripes if only we believe; Smith Wigglesworth (a renowned man of God) has a healing ministry, it was said that the only book he ever read was the Bible.

He was called the "**apostle of faith**" because of his high level of faith in the Lord. He believed everything he read in the Bible and was not afraid to push the envelope with the Lord. One of his favourite sayings was: "If the Spirit doesn't move me, I'll move Him."

G. It gives us life (spirit)

*John 8:51 I tell you the truth, if anyone **keeps** my word, he will **never see death**.*

4. God's word has the power to judge us on the last day.

Revelation 20:12- "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

Application of the word of God:

1. Sow the word in your life and in others

There is power in the word of God but **men must hear it to be saved**
Men must hear the word preached before they can be saved.

Acts 2:37- "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Acts 18:8- "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized."

Romans 10:17- "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

2. Don't be weary in sowing the word

Sow the word of God into your life and into other peoples lives because it will accomplish that which it has been sent to do and it will produce fruits.

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Smith Wigglesworth - You must be so soaked with the Word of God, you must be filled with it, that you yourself are a living epistle, known and read of all men

3. It is all you need, desire it and eat it – don't be a spiritual kwashiorkor

2 Peter 1:3- "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,"

1 Peter 2:2- "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,"

The Bible also says that it is the bread of life, wisdom to those who find it, thus we need to allow the word of God to dwell in us richly.

Smith Wigglesworth - **Believers are strong only as the Word of God abides in them.**
The Word of God is spirit and life to those who receive it in simple faith and it is a verifier of all who own its sway.

4. Receive it, apply and obey it - The word of God will be used to judge us, so we need to receive it and believe the word as well as apply the word

John 12:47 - 48 ""And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. {48} "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."

Conclusion:

Today we have looked at the fact that the word of God is power, life and healing, it is perfect, reliable, dependable, strong to accomplish that which it is sent forth to do, we have also seen that it can also meet all our needs, make us fruitful, make us healthy, righteous and be blameless before God and preserve us.

Jesus used it to fight against the wiles of the devil, he knew it and applied it to save, heal and deliver and so on;

This word of God is contained in the living Bible, nearly 2,000 years after it was written it is still changing peoples' lives.

Will you let it change your life (bring you success, prosperity) and the life of others as you use it and share it (bring them salvation, healing, deliverance.....).

There is nothing as dependable and solid as the word. It is infallible..... and it is the sure foundation.

If a thing is in the Bible, it is so; ...; it is to be received and acted upon. Inactivity of faith is a robber, which steals blessing. Increase comes by action, by using what we have and what we know. Your life must be one of going from faith to faith."

**"Great faith is the product of great fights"
-Smith Wigglesworth**

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