

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

## THE AWESOME POWER IN THE WORD OF GOD

### Introduction:

This month, we have concentrated all our efforts on the need for us to be established and rooted in the word of God. We have established that the word is our only solid foundation. John 5: 39 maintain that the word is the only mechanism that can reveal to us that we do have eternal life and they are they word that testifies of the Lord. We also had very powerful seminar about: “Understanding the Word of God”. I pray that the Lord will continue to reveal Himself to us through His word in the name of Jesus.

### 1. the Source of the Word possesses power, hence the word is powerful

Isaiah 55:10-11 ...[11] *so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

- God’s Word is full of **power**; it will **not** return to Him **empty**. This is because it flows from the source of power itself: Ps. 62:11
- God’s Word will **accomplish** His desires and purposes. It purpose driven! God’s word is not spoken for the fun of it: Amos 3: 4-8.
- God’s Word has **irresistible** power!
- When you **speak** the **Word of God**, you are tapping into **limitless** power!

### 2. The word is a tool that can be used in every situation and circumstances:

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?”*

- Think of God’s Word as a **hammer**. Picture it.
- This hammer can drive home a nail = **positive** results.
- This hammer can **break down obstacles** = overcoming negatives.
- “**SPEAK [God’s Word] faithfully**” and (1) all kinds of **positive** things will begin to happen, and (2) all kinds of obstacles and opposition will begin to be **broken**.
- Three times Jesus spoke to Satan: “**It is WRITTEN!**”, and Satan’s schemes were **defeated**. There is great **power** in the **spoken word of God**.

### 3. The Word is potent with a lot of active ingredients: It is that ingredient that makes the word potent:

John 11:43-44a *When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” [44] The dead man came out...*

• In Genesis “**God said, ‘Let there be...’**” and light; sun, moon, and stars; animals, birds, and fish; and more **came into being** from God's **spoken word**.

• **Speak out** God’s Word to your "Lazarus":

• “**Devil, come out, because you are overcome by the blood of the Lamb.**”

• “**Cancer, leave this body, because by the wounds of Jesus this child of God was healed.**”

• “**Finances, come into line, because my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory.**”

**Use the word for your situation.**

#### **4. The word of God is a defence:**

**The word is able to defend us from all the attacks of the devil. Jesus did that with success in his encounter with the devil – Mat 4: 1-11.**

#### **5. The Word of God is our source of liberty**

John 8:31-32, KJV *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 **Word** will set you **FREE!**

• “**Drugs/alcohol, I don’t need you, because the Son of God has set me free!**”

• That **addictive** behavior — “**You have no more control over me, because Jesus has set me free.**”

• An uncontrollable **habit?** — “**I am more than a conqueror through Him that loved me.**”

John 17:17 ***Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth***

#### **6. The Word is a safeguard from sin:**

Psalms 119:11 *I have hidden your **word in my heart** that I might **not sin** against you.*

• The Word of God in our hearts is a powerful **antidote to sin**.

• **Temptation** comes through the eyes? — “**I made a covenant with my eyes.**”

• Temptation to **pride?** — “**God exalts the humble.**”

• Temptation to the **flesh?** — “**God will with the temptation make a way of escape.**”

• Temptation to **dishonesty?** — Psalms 51:6 ***Surely you desire truth in the inner parts.***

#### **7. The word has self implementing capabilities and God honors the word:**

Acts 10:44, 46 While Peter was still **speaking** these words, the **Holy Spirit came on all** who heard the message.... [46] For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

- **Speak** God's Word to people to open for them **new dimensions** in the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Tell** people what God's Word says about the mighty **baptism** with the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Tell** people what the Word of God says about **healings, prophecy, miracles...**
- **Tell** people from God's Word to pray for and expect the **demonstration** of the Holy Ghost and power.

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "**The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,**" that is, the **word of faith** we are **proclaiming**.

- That **centurion** in the bible understood this. He asked Jesus to **speak** that word of faith, and his servant would be **healed**.
- **Peter** understood this. He spoke out: "**Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you**" (condensing several healing Scriptures into five words!).
- **Paul** understood the importance of the **spoken** Word of God: "**Timothy, preach the Word!**"
- God's all-powerful Word — "**the word of faith**" — "**is in YOUR MOUTH**" to be **spoken**.
- **SPEAK God's Word**, and expect its **infinite power** to bring forth **astounding results**.

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