Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Topic: The WORD

Areas of Discussion:

- 1. Why is the Word so important?
 - a. Without it you will never know the Heart & Mind
- 2. The Word Was, The is, and The Word will always be.
- 3. The Word is a weapon
- 4. The Word accomplishes the will of God.

I. The Word of God is so Important. "The Word and God are one"

John 1:1-4 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Here we learn who is the Word John 1:14 (NKJV) And the Word ______ became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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II. The Word Was, The is, and The Word will always be

Genesis 1:1-2 (NKJV) In the beginning **God** (${}^{\circ}el\bar{o}h\hat{m}$) created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (WOW NO MENTION OF JESUS)

Hebrew Word: אֵלהָים Transliteration: 'elōhîm Phonetic Pronunciation: <u>el-o-heem'</u> in the plural more that one. Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the Word Every time God spoke the Word was at work (JESUS)

1 John **5:7 (NKJV)** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Remember "God SAID"

- 1. 3 Gen 1:3 And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 2. 6 Gen 1:6 And **God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 3. 9 Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
- 4. 11 Gen 1:11 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- 5. 14 Gen 1:14 And **God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- 6. 20 Gen 1:20 And **God said**, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- 7. 24 Gen 1:24 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
- 8. 26 Gen 1:26 And **God said**, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 9. 28 Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and **God said** unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- 10. **29 Gen 1:29 And God said**, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

III. The Word is our weapon

Ephesians 6:13-18 (NKJV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of

salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**; ¹⁸ **praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

1. The "Belt of Truth"

The belt of truth holds everything together.

2. The "Breastplate of Righteousness"

The breastplate of righteousness protects our heart.

3. The "Shield of Faith"

The shield of faith is our trust in the promises of Jesus (The Word). Focusing on God's faithfulness can block accusations, doubts, and temptations that attack us.

4. The "Helmet of Salvation"

The helmet of salvation protects our thoughts.

5. The "Shoes of the Gospel"

That helps you remain standing even after some of the worst attacks. It also makes your feet beautiful!

6. The "Sword of the Spirit"

The sword of the spirit is the Word of God and our only weapon of attack. We must become skilled in using it.

7 Prayer: The Secret Weapon

The reason most people don't consider this last item to be part of the spiritual armor is because Paul doesn't have a parallel piece of armor from the soldier's armor to compare this weapon with.

IV. The Word accomplishes the will of God

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) 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.

Romans 4:17 (NKJV) (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Job 22:28 (NKJV) You will also **declare (Speak / Say)** a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

Mark 11:23-24 (NKJV) For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you **ask** when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK YOU WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU SPEAK

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.