

WORD POWER - I

READ: **Luke 4:31-37**

LUK 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

God's Words are words of power. Words of power are words of purpose.

LUK 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, **What a word is this!** for **with authority and power** he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

The spoken words of Jesus produced an outcome. The unclean spirits came out at His commandment.

All believers need to be effective ministers of the Word with great power. Many of God's people are in hospitals because some elders/leaders lack Word authority. We can't wait till the anointed preacher comes to town. We have to believe God and step up with authority and power and heal the sick.

Read **John 1:1-5**

JN 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

God manifests Himself by the power of His Word. Except God had spoken with creative words, there would be have been no creative outcome. God's wants His people to speak words that have authority, substance and performance. God's words never return void. (Isa 55:11)

Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void,** but it shall accomplish that which I please, and **it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

Jer 1:12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for **I will hasten my word to perform it.**

Let's consider the personal aspects of our own ministry word performance. Our employers judge us on our natural work performance; how much more does God judge us on our ministry work (WORD) performance. (1 Cor 3:13-15)

According to the Word of God many shall not receive the rewards they think they will receive.

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:** but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

How much of God's creative power is found in your words?
Do you perform well?

JN 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

The more of His word we speak the more God releases His creative power. The Person (Christ) who creates "all things" is within us.

In Genesis Chapter 1 we see that God was pleased with his work.
God had job satisfaction. (Gen 1:31)

GEN 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

His creative work started and finished with spoken Words.
The wise believer will listen when God speaks.

LUK 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, "**Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.** "

Jesus may have finished preaching, but there were still more words of "power" that needed to be spoken. "let down your nets for a draught". Peter was tired from working all night, but he obeyed saying, "**at thy word I will let down the net**".

LUK 5:6 And when they had this done, **they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.**

PSA 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: **in thy light shall we see light.**

Hannah experienced great changes when she allowed the fountains of God to touch her life. Her spoken words changed into authoritative prophetic praise. She

conquered personal defeat and her inspiring story and later her prophetic song is written in the Bible for those like her who encounter difficulties in this life. Her prophetic words had creative power.

1 SAM 2:1 My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, **mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;** because I rejoice in thy salvation.

1 SAM 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, **and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill**, to set *them* among princes, and **to make them inherit the throne of glory:**

When we read **Rev 21:10–14; 19-23**, we find that heaven is completely permeated with the Light of God. It needs no outside natural light, for God's glory fills all parts of Heaven.

REV 21:23: And **the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon**, to shine in it: for **the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

The Word "the Lamb" is the light thereof. The power of the Word has a much greater function than what is known by man. We will find out in heaven.

REV 21:11 **Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious**, even like a jasper stone, **clear as crystal.**

REV 21:21 As it were **transparent glass.**

Once we commit ourselves to seeing some of the revelation of the wonders of the "Word" of heaven, we will naturally want to move onto the next wonder.

HEB 4:12 For **the word of God is quick, and powerful**, and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing even to **the dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

HEB 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are **naked and opened unto the eyes of him** with who we have to do.

God's word has the power to change every believer. It will do a quick work separating soul (flesh) and spirit. The believer's heart intent must be "Word changed".

REV 1:16: And he had in his right hand seven stars: **and out of his mouth sent a sharp twoedged sword:** and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

REV 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: **These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;**

God's spoken Word (truth) cuts like a two-edged sword. This is why the Old Testament prophets met strong opposition. In the New Testament John the Baptist is beheaded; Stephen is stoned to death; Thomas was flayed with knives; and Peter was crucified. We cannot change the characteristics of the word of God. It will remain sharp today and forever. (Rev 2:12)

Read Eze 2: 8-10 and Eze 3: 1- 5

EZE 2:10 And he spread it before me; and **it was written within and without:** and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

EZE 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; **eat this roll,** and go speak unto the house of Israel. 2 So **I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.** 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, **cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee.** Then did I eat *it*; and **it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.** 4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

The Word of God was and always will be a double-sided word, which must be consumed completely and allowed to penetrate into our inner most being. Before eating Ezekial noted unpleasant writings, but whilst eating he found the taste of the Word was as sweet as honey.

Only after Ezekial had eaten and filled his being with the double-sided written roll did God send him on his way to prophesy to His people.

AMOS 7:12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and **prophesy there:** 13**But prophesy not again any more at Bethel:** for it is the king' chapel, and it *is* the king' court.

Strong words are acceptable, but prophetic words direct from God were far too authoritative in the chapel of the king. Amos lived and worked in humble circumstances caring for flocks of sheep. He ended up in the king's court. Amos stayed his course and became a prophet with a word for our times.

AMOS 7:14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, **I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet' son; but I was an herdman,** and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: 15**And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.**

AMOS 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will send a famine in the land**, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD**: 12And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, **they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it** .

One of the greatest famines on earth is the hearing of the words of the Lord. Amos had the Word in season; however the people were not hungry to hear the Word of the Lord. Later he prophesied that there would be a famine of the word of God; many would run to and fro looking for the word of the Lord. The prophetic ministry they had rejected previously was no longer available.

We need to hunger and thirst for the power of the Word that the prophet brings. We need the light and direction that comes from hearing God's prophets sounding out "thus saith the Lord". We need their wisdom, correction, direction and Holy Spirit impartation.