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The Power of Words:

Words communicate
(Jesus was God's ultimate communication to man – Heb. 1:1-2)

Words command
(Jesus "by speaking the word only" gave orders that were carried out with swiftness and accuracy – Matt. 8:8, 4:20)

Words create
(Jesus' words not merely created impressions, they created reality – Heb. 11:3)

Our words can motivate action and thereby influence reality, but Jesus' words create reality (out on nothing; with no pre-existing materials).

Today, we will study 3 aspects of God's Word and our need to trust it.
The Written Word, The Spoken Word, and The Living Word,

Note: The failure of mankind in the Garden of Eden was a failure to trust God's Word.
God said, "the day you eat" of the forbidden tree you shall surely die. And this would be the very object of Satan's attack.

We need to trust His Word. By "trust" I mean RELY on God to do what He said He would do. This acknowledges God's Trustworthiness or His Faithfulness. He does not fail on a single promise. He is not a deceiver, like Satan is (who promises one thing and delivers another).

God delivers on every promise made.

Paul describes the Trust of Abraham in Romans 4 this way: "Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara s womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Illustration: My need to trust God's Word to gain assurance of salvation. (Romans 10:13)

We gain assurance of salvation by God's Word but also we enter into relationship with God by His written Word:

I. Trust His Written Word

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word (λόγος logos) of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

"Being born again" **-** (perfect, passive, participle) lit. "having been born again"; having already received the new birth. Having been regenerated at a point in the past and abiding in that state.

"Being born again" - This passive participle proves that the birth does not originate with man. It is a work of God.

Features of the new birth:

A. The new birth is not of human origin (v. 23a, 24)
"not of corruptible seed"

V. 23
The "new birth" did not originate from corruptible (perishable) seed (i.e. not from natural, procreation. It did not come genetically from your earthly parents (Jn. 1:13).

The "seed" of a human father will beget (give birth to) life that is perishable; however, the "seed" of our Heavenly Father begets life that is impossible.

V. 24
All flesh (all natural born, mortal, physical flesh) has a limited life-span. Like grass and flowers, the flesh of man, though it may have a temporal "glory" (beauty, splendor) but it eventually *"withereth"* (drys up and wrinkles) and *"falleth away"* (lit. falls out or down or dies).

B. The new birth is accomplished by the eternal Word of God (v. 23b, 25)
"by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever"

V. 23
The "new birth" came about in your life out of *(ek)* the imperishable (incorruptible) Word *(logos)* of God.

God's Word is likened unto *"seed"* - imperishable seed.

The "seed" when planted (witnessing), accepted by the soil (the heart); and germinated (believed), gives life, growth, and fruit! (Mt. 13).

"By the Word of God" - Peter (under inspiration) digresses a bit and discloses the eternal nature of God's Word.

No one is born again without the *"Word of God"*. Whenever someone has a "born again" experience, if their hearing and believing the Word of God is not part of their testimony, they were <u>not</u> "born again" by God. They may have had an "experience", but they did not have the "new birth."

God's Word is not dead nor will it ever die.

Two words attest to this fact:

--*"Liveth"* - right now the Word is alive
(Heb. 4:12 - "For the word (λόγος logos) 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.")

--*"Abideth"* - to remain, to last, to stay without dying off

V. 25

"But" in contrast to man whose life ends, *"the Word (rhema)"* of the Lord remains into the eternal ages.

What God says (His spoken word) will never cease, never end, never die, never perish.

And this eternal Word is the same word which was proclaimed or preached unto you.

God's Word will never go out of existence and never fail.

Is. 40: 8 - *"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.*

Is. 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.*"

Is. 59:21 - *"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever."*

He promised to preserve His Word, and He has!

Forever, "*Thy word is settled in heaven*

Mt. 5:18 - *"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

THE BIBLE STANDS

The Bible stands
Like a rock undaunted
Midst the raging storms of time.
Its pages burn with a truth eternal
And they glow with a light sublime.

The Bible stands
Though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand
Though the earth shall crumble,
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands
The Bible stands

II. Trust The <u>Proclaimed</u> Word

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word (ῥῆμα rhema) of God.
Rhema – God's Spoken Word

Used of God speaking the universe into existence.
Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word (ῥῆμα rhema) of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Example: Christ speaking a miracle into existence:
Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Note: the progression of thought in Romans 10:13-17.

"The Apostle works backward by stages, dwelling on the
1) calling, 2) believing, 3) hearing, 4) preaching, 5) sending.

"Hearing (comes) by the Word of God"

"Word" = "rhema" - oral communication, the spoken word, the Gospel articulated.

God is referring to our speaking what He has written.

A different word: "Logos" - refers primarily to the written word. Our oral testimony is always based on the Bible.

Faith comes when we verbally share God's Word with the lost.

Many own a Bible, but will never understand it's theme without a Christian filled with the Author of the Bible (the Spirit of God - II Pet. 1:21) coming to them and explaining its message.

EX: Philip and the Eunich - "How can I (understand) except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:31).

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Many will never read God's Word until you spark their interest in it by quoting it to them; The written Word then becomes unleashed from the paper of sacred text and goes to work in someone's heart!

This does not mean that we should be gullible and just believe everyone's word (message or sermon) without comparing it with the Scripture. "prove all things…" Be a Berean!

Ephesians 6:17 - And take the . . . sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"
The weapon He uses to convict, rebuke, encourage the hearts of men is His inscripturated oracles, the preached Bible

III. Trust The Living Word

John 1:1, 14 - "In the beginning was the Word (λόγος logos), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. . ."

John begins his epistle of I John with a similar description of Jesus Christ --
1 John 1:1
That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

Who is the **"Word"** referring to? None other than eternal God (v. 1), who created all things (v. 3); who entered the world by becoming incarnate (v. 14) and who dwelt on earth in the days of John (v. 14).

Christ is identified as the "Word of God" in Revelation 19:11 – 13.

"A word is composed of letters, and Jesus Christ is "alpha and omega" (Rev. 1:11), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet" (Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, p. 284).

Jesus Christ is called "the Word" (*logos*) because He is the Revealer of God (Jn. 1:18). He is the outward expression of God. He is the manifestation of God.

When He speaks, God speaks. What He does, God does. Ever major act that God the Father ever accomplished, He accomplished through the instrumentality of His Son.

--He created through His Son (Heb. 1:2)
--He provided redemption through His Son (Col. 1:14)
--He sustains creation through His Son (Col. 1:17)
--He will judge through His Son (John 5:22)

Jesus is the self-disclosure of the Father.

He is the REVELATION (unveiler) of God's:

- Nature/Character
- Will/Desire
- Plan/Purpose

As the *logos*, He expresses God by the powerful acts of creation, revelation, salvation, judgment.

A. The Word existed <u>before time, space, & matter</u>

v. 1

"In the beginning" – John's Gospel begins with the same three words as the book of <u>Genesis</u> (which is the book of beginnings).

The word "beginning" points to the time when all forms of substance and life had their origin. In other words, the Word, Jesus Christ, existed prior to the beginning of the material and immaterial *cosmos*. Before the creation of physical and spiritual realities.

The WORD (Jesus Christ) is <u>Eternal</u>

Before God created the sun, moon, and the orbit of the earth (features by which we measure time), He existed.

<u>Jesus Christ</u> is Eternal!

Proof:

1. His name is *"Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end"* (Rev. 1:11, 21:6, 22:13)
2. He is the eternal *"I AM"* (John 8:58, 18:5-6)
3. He gives eternal life (Jn. 10:28)
4. His descriptive name is *"eternal life"* (I Jn. 1;2, 5:20)
5. He is called *"the <u>everlasting</u> Father"* (Is. 9:6)
6. The Redeemer said, *"I am the first and I am the last, and beside me there is no God"* (cp. Rev. 1:8, 11)
7. Christ is the Creator of Heaven and earth and all the contents thereof (Jn. 1:3, 10; I Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2)
8. Christ did not begin to exist in Mary's womb but came from Heaven (Jn. 6:51; I Tim. 1:15; II Cor. 8:9; I Cor. 15:47)
9. Christ's *"goings forth have been from of old, from <u>everlasting</u>"* (Micah 5:2; Mt. 2:6)

B. The Word existed <u>with God</u>

v. 1
An apparent paradox: The Word is distinguished from God and yet is identified as being God. Such a truth seems contradictory, yet it is not, when you understand the nature of the Godhead. God is one God, yet exists in three Persons.

The word Trinity is a theological term which refers to the "tri-unity" of God. God is "three in one." God is three distinct and eternal persons, yet indivisibly one in nature and essence.

The Word existed <u>as God</u>

v. 1
"The Word was God" – the Greek word order is significant. The Greek text reads: "God was the Word" (θεος ην ο λογος).

By putting the predicate nominative first in the sentence, John is emphasizing the quality of the word "God" and is demonstrating Christ's deity.

The Jehovah's Witness cult, which denies the deity of Christ points out that the absence of the article before the word "God" means that Jesus is not "<u>the</u> God but "<u>a</u> God" (hence, they add the indefinite article "a").

Such an addition implies polytheism (that more than one God exists), and such an addition violates the rules of the *koine* Greek language.

One such rules states that whenever the predicate nominative precedes (comes before) the main verb, it never takes the definite article ("the") but still retains its definiteness.

B. The Word became <u>Flesh to dwell among us</u>

v. 14
"The word was made flesh" – implied: The Word pre-existed, and then entered the human race. He became what He was not prior (Heb. 2:14).

"Dwelt among us" – The Word made His home in this world for 33 ½ years.

"And we beheld His glory" -
John and the other disciples were eye and ear witnesses of Christ's splendid glory.

They saw His perfection, His brilliance, His shining, glowing radiance.

Everyone could plainly see that He was different than everyone else. No one else ever talked like Jesus, conducted Himself like Jesus, taught like He did, worked like He did, cared like He, forgave like He, performed wonders and signs and miracles like He, lived sinlessly like He did, etc.

His glory surpassed all, because His glory was that of the **"only begotten"** (one of a kind or unique) Son of the Father.

The visible manifestation of God the Father radiated from Christ's life.

"full of grace and truth" – Christ was completely full of grace and truth.

His every act demonstrated grace, and His every word was filled with truth.

Man can at times demonstrate grace, and can frequently speak truth (but not to perfection).

Jesus was absolutely, 100% of the time gracious and truthful.

v. 11
Not only was Christ unrecognized by the world He made and visited (v. 10, but John goes a step further and shows how He was rejected by the nation He chose and blessed.

Jesus came to His own people (those related to Him – the Jewish people), and His own, by and large, did not welcome Him. They did not take Him to be their Light.

Isaiah 65:2-3
I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;

v. 12
"As many as" – To <u>all</u> who receive Him, to everyone who welcomes Him.

"Received" – *lambano* – to accept unto one's self, to welcome into one's life. To "take" or receive as one would receive money offered to him (Mt. 10:8; Acts 20:35). This is where faith enters in.

The word is used of the disciples' receiving Jesus into the ship with them (John 6:21).

"Power" = Authority, or the right.

Jesus, who has all the authority in the universe (Mt. 28:18), gives authority to all who receive Him to become a child of God.

"Sons of God" – Children of God (not natural children, but adopted children).

There is only One "only begotten Son" (unique, one of a kind, divine Son) (John 3:16). All other sons of God are made sons by means of spiritual adoption into the family of God (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5). This is the "new birth."

"Even to them that believe" – This phrase is added to explain what it means to "receive Him." God is saying that "receiving is believing" and "believing is receiving."

"On His name" – The "name" represents the specific person who is named. The new birth only comes to those who sincerely trust upon the specific Person of Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

TRUST the Living Word (The Word Who became incarnate).

Note: The exhortation to make God the object of our trust is a major theme in Scripture! The written and spoken Word of God has as it's goal, our trust not merely in the Word of God, but in the God of the Word.

2 Samuel 22:3 The God of my rock; in him will I **<u>trust</u>**: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour...

2 Samuel 22:31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler *(shield)* to all them that **<u>trust</u>** in him.

Psalm 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their **<u>trust</u>** in him.

Psalm 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your **<u>trust</u>** in the LORD.

Psalm 5:11 But let all those that put their **<u>trust</u>** in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalm 18:2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will **trust**; my buckler *(shield)*, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

Psalm 20:7 Some ***trust*** in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 25:2 O my God, I **trust** in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Psalm 25:20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my **trust** in thee.

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; **trust** also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall **trust** in the LORD.

Psalm 40:4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his **trust**, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Conclusion:

Salvation has always been obtained by believing God's Word.
Romans 4:3 - For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Salvation is obtained by faith (believing, Trusting) in the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:16; John 3:36; Ephesians 2:8-9

- Faith in the Living Word
- Is based on the Written Word
- Heard through the Spoken Word

Victorious Living is obtained the same way!
Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

The "unpardonable sin" today? A refusal to trust His Word!