

A String of Pearls

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The Living Word

We are daily tempted to doubt that what God has said is true, but if we really understood the power of the spirit breathed into the word we would NEVER doubt. God used His word infused with the Ruach Hako-desh (the Holy Spirit) to manifest whatever He saw and said. God up-holds all things by the word of His power, not by the power of His word. He manifested His son (the living Word) to destroy the works of the ad-versary. Notice He manifested His son to destroy the enemy's *works* and not the enemy himself. The enemy destroyed himself when he thought to exalt himself above the throne of the Most High God. It doesn't look like he's destroyed, but he is nonetheless! He has a fire burning on the inside that will ultimately be his end.

You can tell just how much you trust in God's word by the amount of time you spend in the word. "Ouch!" And again I say, "Ouch"! If we be-lieved what God said in His word, we would be more absorbed with it than anything else on the planet. Why? Because the word is God speak-ing to us! If we really wanted to hear God's voice and obey, we would become so familiar with the word, when God speaks to us we would jump.

Yesterday I was weed whacking my yard. I finished whacking the main yard and headed to do the trees in my driveway. I heard God say, "Leave them alone", but I didn't listen? I overrode the voice I had heard. I began whacking and a baby rabbit ran out. I felt bad, but kept whack-ing. I then saw another baby rabbit. What does it take to obey? I ended up moving four baby rabbits into the main field after having to rescue one from my cat's mouth. Had I been MORE sensitive to the voice that I heard, I would have stopped whacking at the yard and left the weeds around my pecan trees alone. Phooey. How often have I done this? I also know that when I'm in the word more often I don't override the voice, but obey it. It's these little things that speak volumes to me about how

Special points of interest:

- I need your prayers of agreement that I will be able to keep the Proverbial Woman website updated. I am dealing with software issues and com-puter upgrades. I know God will work it out, but your prayers are appreciated.
- I also need the prayer of agree-ment for a vehicle and dependable transportation. Again it's a matter of faith and pa-tience. I'm believ-ing and learning to be ok with the wait.
- Praising God that the barn is up and the roof is about to go on. Once the roof sheathing is on I can begin to felt and shingle it. I have volunteers to paint it and then the rest is a piece of cake. What a huge miracle!

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vital it is to be in **constant** contact with God.

Hebrews 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.



The word here, “quick” means alive like the quick of your fingernail bed. We can all think back to a time when we tore our fingernails into the quick and how painful it was. That lets us know just how alive the word is.

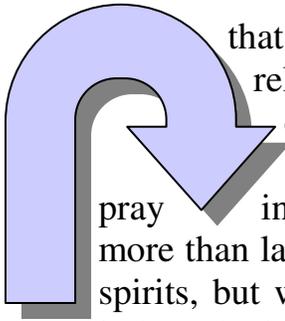
Yeshua/Jesus spoke of two men, a foolish man and a wise man. Both of these men faced the same storms of life. Both built their homes on substance, one built on natural substance, but one built his home or life on the substance of the bedrock of the spiritual or on the word of God. The storms came to destroy both homes, but the one whose house or life was built on the word of God “weathered” the storm. The natural man lost everything.

It's hard to face the failures and mistakes we make in our lives, but those who are honest with God and with themselves will do so quickly. We're promised if we judge ourselves we shall NOT be judged. Judging ourselves should be a daily thing. Of course, it pays to be in constant contact with God because His vantage point is far greater than ours. He can look into our hearts and see the areas we are deceived in. That is why staying in the word is also important. When we look into the written word we can see clearly where we have gotten off course. The church calls this course failure “backsliding”. It's easy to fall back into our old life habits and patterns. Everything we do in the kingdom of heaven is uphill and upstream. Quit paddling or moving forward and we find ourselves sliding back to our natural pattern of living.

In these last days we as the Body of Messiah/Christ should be praying for the spirit of Elijah to be released on the planet. In order for the Word of God to enter into the hearts of man, repentance must happen. The preparation of the gospel of peace is repentance from dead works and is also called a work of the spirit of Elijah. With some time in the word we will see that **before** each time God moved He sent a man to speak repentance so that the group of people or nation could find repentance. The word tells us that the *goodness of God* leads men to repentance, and because God gave man dominion on the planet man must allow God entrance into the earth by prayer or by speaking His will OUT LOUD. His will is His word and in order for His word to be engrafted into our spirits we have to have repentance from dead works. Repentance is like going south and realizing you need to go north and making a course change.

Prayers not spoken have no power. I'll say that again, prayers not spoken have no power. We have been given the power of life and death in our *tongues*, not in our minds. The mind of man is enmity with God. Now mind you there are cases where we don't know how to pray and

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that is where praying in the spirit or in tongues comes into play. Again, we are releasing the spirit thorough our words, even if those words aren't known to our minds. We're told that when we pray in the spirit our minds aren't fruitful, but our spirits are. God speaks mysteries in the spirit to us when we pray in the spirit or in tongues. Many are afraid of tongues, but tongues is nothing more than languages you don't know. God is gracious to allow us to understand with our spirits, but when we need to and ask for the interpretation we then have the ability to judge whether to notify the adversary or not about what God has revealed to our minds.

Let me give you an illustration that may make sense and give you peace with praying in tongues. Consider the allied forces during WWII. They were fighting an enemy that had great technology and were driven of the adversary. The goal of the adversary was to eliminate the children of Israel. The man possessed of the devil (Hitler) was driven to kill every Jew on the planet. He painted them as wicked, frightening, and the enemy of all flesh. Of course his plan would never succeed due to the fact that they were the children of God. American military strategists discovered the Navajo and their language. They became the secret weapon of the war. The “code talkers” had a language the Germans were totally unfamiliar with. They were able to communicate unmolested and their code was effective in keeping the secrets of the U. S. military. It was simply a language not known to the average person. They themselves knew exactly what they were saying. Now tongues is not naturally understood. It is a gift of the Spirit of God and enables its users to talk directly to the Spirit of God. The user can ask for interpretation if need be, but when one prays in the spirit and studies the word, understanding comes.

Isaiah 28:11 tells us: *For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.*

It's weird to me when Christians pick and choose which verses in the bible they will believe and act upon. If you continue in this chapter you will see that many refuse to receive this gift! It was no surprise to God that men would refuse His gifts. The tree of knowledge of good and evil is a tasty tree. Humans like to have control or at least like to think they have control. They like to “figure out” and know things using logic. God's word always makes sense to the spiritually led person, but one must trust and obey the word in order to understand. You don't get to understand and then trust and obey. You also can't tear pages out of your bible and create a personal doctrine. Man doesn't live by bread alone but by EVERY word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

As a herald of the gospel I will continue to shout it, “It's the word, the word, the word that

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we must depend upon.” The more you know the better off you are. It is truly alive, powerful, and sharper than ANY two-edged sword. It has power to create universes and to destroy all the death filled works of the adversary. Get in the word, get the word in you and it will transform you into the very likeness of God Himself. We are called to be imitators of God. We are called to be godly! God wouldn't ask us to do anything that He wasn't willing to equip us to do. Selah.



Seeing Into the Future?



I like to know what's ahead. Or at least I like to think I like to know what's ahead. My call allows me to see things ahead, but the things I see aren't always pleasant. We are living in perilous times, but that shouldn't frighten us. God warned us way ahead of time that we'd be living in perilous times if we lived in the last days. Did He warn us to scare us? No. God doesn't use that sort of fear to motivate. When you

see the words “the fear of God” it means the reverence of God not terror. Ok, so if you're lost and you hate God you will definitely fear Him. I see men and women all the time that despise and fear God in that way. The very mention of Christ, Christians, God and the bible makes them manifest hate in such violent ways it's clear that they are terrified of God. They, like the adversary their father, want to believe they can will themselves to live forever and do whatever they want forever. If you tell them they can't do the things they want, such as sin, they rebel and become hateful and violent. But enough about the children of destruction. This is about God's plan for us and His preparation for us to succeed in perilous times. God prepares His children for success. He is a God of hope not of devastation. That is why He warned us about what was ahead. That is another reason we need to take time daily in the word and in true fellowship with God.

I am constantly reminded that God has the best seat in the house. He saw the end from the beginning and can direct our steps with divine precision.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

We start out so hopeful in life. We have ideas, dreams and plans. We consider a career path and start out working towards that end. We get our “degrees” and begin in earnest trying to establish our own ways and dreams. Oddly after we have achieved those dreams they seem very hollow and we feel unfulfilled. If we are fortunate we hear someone share the gospel (good

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news) of God's plan and we shift gears. The earlier we shift our gears to trust and obey Him, the better things are. We delight ourselves in the Lord, and HE give US the desires (fulfilling desires) of our hearts!

Man was created for God's purposes, not God for man's. It's fruitless to have dreams and focus on the dreams hoping God will cause them to come to pass. God's whole plan for mankind was to destroy the works of the adversary. If we are on His track the dreams we have will fall in line with His will and He will see to it that they are established.

I once was instructed of God to play a war game for a short period of time. The object of the game was to drive the barbarians out of the land and occupy the land. I played for about three months. I discovered that the players were incapable of achieving the goal. Instead they fought among themselves and ended up NEVER driving the enemy out. They just continued to fight amongst themselves over and over. They were completely involved and you couldn't reason with them. At the end of my short visit with the game I realized folks who are deceived by the enemy can't be reached with ordinary means or reasoned with. They have to be reached by God and God alone.

I keep settling on one conclusion and that is we need God's goodness to release repentance on the planet for these final days ahead. Those of us who can hear must pray for those who can't. We are the intercessors and intermediaries for the spiritually deaf, dumb and blind.

2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

I've mentioned it before, but we need each other. We need the most feeble. No man lives to himself and no man dies to himself. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "the most feeble are the most necessary". We are like a chain with many links. You can't remove a link without becoming segmented. Now God can remove links, but then He will replace that link with another, but that's another subject entirely.

We are all tempted to write others off. We are tempted to dump brothers and sisters, but I've learned the hard way that that isn't how God works. He is very long suffering and patient. There is a time and a way to deal with those who refuse to submit to the word, but that process comes after prayer and intercession. If we get offended at one another, we are supposed to go to those who have offended us and be open with them. Once we do that IF that person can't see, we are supposed to bring someone with us in an attempt to remove all strife. Then and only



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then do we withdraw fellowship.

For the Body of Messiah/Christ to be able to stand in these last days, we must walk in unity. That means we need to see to the healing and deliverance of those who have fallen or have been deceived by the adversary. I've heard it said that Christians are the only ones who kill their wounded. Let that be a rumor rather than truth. Praying for others opens us up for healing as well. We all know someone who is in need of God's goodness and so let us judge ourselves and pray for our brethren so we can walk in the unity of the faith.

Psalms 133 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious (the anointing) ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

In the beginning of the bible the Father told us that He set before us life and blessing and death and cursing. He prayed we would choose life. It seems odd that we would choose death and cursing, but if we are honest in our own hearts when we choose to do things our own way we are choosing death. It isn't easy to look at yourself and pick out the log that may be in your eye. Chastening is never pleasant, but we're told it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Every child of God that ended his/her life successfully lived with his/her mistakes. Those who ended poorly refused to acknowledge that he/she was wrong until it was far too late. For this reason we need to walk in a deeper kind of love and pray for the goodness of God to lead all to repentance. That includes everyone of us. What I speak I must be willing to walk, otherwise I become a castaway.

Time is short. We've heard that, but the closer we get to the Lord's return the truer that becomes. We can't look at our worldly calendars and decide God has lied. We must understand that our calendars are faulty and that God is taking His time for a reason. He is slow to wrath! God is the epitome of long suffering and it is His will that ALL men come to the knowledge of His son! If we really want this thing to end we will all get on our knees and begin asking God to send the spirit of Elijah onto the planet. Let's come together and pray!