

IT STARTS WITH THE WORD (Of God):



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Millions of God's people are looking for changes in their lives. Changes such as healing, deliverance, provision or protection. Yet most have forgotten, or never learned that everything that God has for us **BEGINS** with His Word - And it is thru His word, and only by faith in His Word that the changes so desperately needed take place.

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IT STARTS WITH THE WORD:

• "In the **BEGINNING** was the **WORD**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..... [14] And the Word was made 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." [John 1:1,14]

What most people do NOT understand is that change, when it comes, **BEGINS** with the Word of God being sown into our hearts which produces the fruit of the promise contained in the word that was sown. Much like planting a field, if there is no seed sown then there is no harvest. It is the same thing with **ALL** the promised blessing of God.

In the book of Revelation; Jesus when speaking to the Church reminds of this important fact by saying: "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the BEGINNING and the end, the FIRST and the last**" [Rev 22:13]

Revelation chapter 19 explains that there is much more to this than the average Christian understands. "**I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called: THE WORD OF GOD!**" [Rev 19:11-13]

JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD:

In John chapter 1 we discover that the **WORD** of God created everything. We also discover this same fact in the first book of Genesis where it tells us the "**In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth**". ~ Hebrews 11:3 also tells us: "**Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed BY THE WORD OF GOD**".

It is important to notice that **NOTHING** happened – **NO** changes occurred **UNTIL** the **WORD** of God was spoken! This is why in Genesis chapter 1 we see it stated over and over again: "**And God said**". God is trying to get us to understand that it is **HIS** Word that brings about the changes. We can see a great example what the Lord is endeavoring to teach us by examining various passages in the New Testament. There are many we could cite, but the example in Acts chapter 3 is one of the best.

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In Acts Chapter 3-4 we see an amazing miracle take place where a lame man is healed by the Apostle Peter. The priests and Sadducees realize that a ‘**Notable miracle**’ has taken place and ask: “**By what NAME or what power have YOU done this**”. [Acts 4:7,16]

Peter has already explained HOW this was accomplished when addressing the crowd of amazed onlookers. Speaking of JESUS he boldly declares: “**And HIS NAME through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**”

[Acts 3:16]

This is where we must remember that His NAME is ‘called’ THE WORD OF GOD”. How then was the lame man healed? By the Name of Jesus (and thru faith IN His Name) –and His NAME is “THE WORD OF GOD”.

It was thru faith in the WORD of God that the lame man was healed! Peter acted upon his faith in the Name of Jesus (Who is the living Word of God) - and when he did, all of the power that is contained in the Word of God for healing exploded out of him and into the body of the lame man bring forth the promise of healing that is contained in that Word.

IT BEGINS WITH THE WORD:

What many do not realize is that even our very *salvation* BEGAN with the WORD of God. Scripture tells us that it was thru the Word of God that we were ‘born-again’: “**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.**” [1Peter 1:23]

Question:

Someone might ask: ‘I thought we were saved by grace thru faith!’ [Eph. 2:8-9]

Answer:

We were! Yet it is because of the stated promises of God (His WORD) – that salvation by grace became available. Furthermore, the faith that enabled us to RECEIVE that salvation BEGAN with the WORD of God: “**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of God.**” [Rom. 10:17]

HEALING • DELIVERANCE • PROVISION:

- “**He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**” [Psalm 107:20]

Notice HOW the Lord heals and delivers: It is by His WORD!

What About Provision?

- “**But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**” Philippians 4:19]

What many do NOT understand about this promise in scripture is that it is by Christ JESUS that the supernatural provision of God (our ‘supply’) is manifested in our life. What many fail to realize is that His NAME (Christ Jesus) is called “THE WORD OF GOD” [Rev 19:13]

How then does God see to it that all our needs are met? Thru His name and by faith in His Name (Christ Jesus: **The Word of God**)

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GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD:

- "For the **WORD OF GOD** is alive and full of power" [Heb. 4:12 CEV]
- "My son, attend to my Words; incline your ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those that find them, and **HEALTH** to all their flesh." [Prov. 4:20-22]
- "The Words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [John 6:63]
- "Then said the **LORD** unto me... for I will hasten my **WORD** to perform it." [Jer.:1:12]

Notice that every one of these verses has something in common: God's Word has the **POWER** to transform (to change) things – And, God watches over His Word to make sure that it **DOES** what it is supposed to do!

When **WE** take the Word of God and **LEARN** it, **BELIEVE** it, **APPLY** it, **TRUST** it, **DEPEND** upon it, and **STAND** on it ~ It **WILL DO** what it promises to do.

THIEVES AND ROBBERS:

Unfortunately, many of God's people are trying to obtain the promises of God for healing, deliverance, provision safety, etc. – Yet they are **NOT** going about it in the **WAY** that the Lord has instructed. The result is that not only do they **FAIL** to obtain what is rightfully theirs, but the Lord states that they are the same as thieves and robbers.

- "Very truly I tell you that **ANYONE** who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ... Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved (healed, delivered, provided for, etc.). They will come in and go out, and find pasture." [John 1:1, 7-8 NIV]

Notice that the Lord tells us that in order to obtain salvation, as well as any of the other promised blessing we **MUST** enter in to by going thru Him. And, exactly who is Jesus? Again, He is identified over and over again in scriptures as "**THE WORD OF GOD**".

THE WORD WORKS!

- "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the **WORD OF GOD** which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the **WORD OF GOD**, which **WORKS EFFECTIVELY** also in you that **BELIEVE**." [1Thess 2:13]

Beloved, "In the beginning" everything started with the Word of God. Jesus stated that **HE** (the Word) is the **FIRST** and the **LAST** – the **BEGINNING** and the **END**. Everything **STARTS** and **ENDS** with the Word.

- Salvation Starts with the **WORD** of God
- Healing Starts with the Word of God
- Deliverance Starts with the Word of God
- Provision Starts with the Word of God
- Safety and Protection Starts with the Word of God

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No matter what it is that we need, or ask the lord for – It will ALWAYS START with the Word of God – and it is when we BELIEVE the Word of God, and act upon it in faith - The END result is the manifestation of the PROMISE that is contained in that WORD.

ASK WHAT YOU WILL!

Finally, we have the promise of the Lord Himself that is we will abide in Him (the Word) and His Words abide in us – Then we can ask whatever WE will, and it WILL be done for us [John 15:1-7]

Therefore I encourage you to dig deep into the Word of God, Begin to study it daily and to meditate on it. In this way it will begin to come alive in you. In this way all of its power can begin to work IN you to bring about the changes so desperately needed in the lives of so many.

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