

## GOD'S WORD, MORE THAN JUST WORDS

### Isaiah 55:11

**Introduction:** In the beginning God "spoke" and things happened, things were created out of nothing, God "simply" spoke. God has "spoken" to many through the history of man, revealing His will, His character and the Bible is a record of many of the words that God has spoken. When God speaks, things happen and in helping people understand the power and authority of God's words, several "likenesses" are given throughout the Bible.

### I. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE THE RAIN

1. *"...For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth..." (Isaiah 55:10, 11a)*
  - God speaks to the prophet Isaiah words of encouragement for Israel was suffering, withered by unbelief, parched, barren as the Arabian desert.
    - It was a dry time, fruitless, joyless and the soul of Israel was like the baked soil of waterless ground until the rains would come and soften, quicken the ground and the buds would break forth into flowers and seeds would spring into plants.
  - So God's Word comes refreshingly upon parched souls.

### II. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE SEED

1. The field is the world and the "seed" is the word of God.
  - *"...We are born again of incorruptible seed..." "...the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as in deed in the whole world at its bearing fruit and growing. (Colossians 1:5-6)*
  - Frequently the harvest of one's soul into Christian faith and character springs directly from the Word of God, either by reading or by hearing.
2. Sometimes the harvest of the soul is slow, sometimes it is swift.
  - Many have been saved years after hearing for the first time God's Word about God's Son.
  - Then many have been saved in moments after hearing God's Word about God's Son.
  - Therefore God's Word can bring a swift harvest or a slow harvest of the sacred "seed."

### III. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A MIRROR

1. *"...For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass, for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was..." (James 1:22-25)*
  - *Hebrews 11* gives biblical examples wherein one can find/compare him/herself with others.
  - *Romans 15:4* - *"...For whatsoever things written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope..."*

2. A missionary met a wealthy man of that country and gave that man some scripture pamphlets to read. The man read them, staying up all night. The next day the man went back to the missionary and said that what he had read made him feel awful in his heart for his behavior and lifestyle had changed from what it had been at one time and that he had been brought back to the Lord Jesus.

#### **IV. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A LIGHT/LAMP**

1. *"...Thy word is a lamp unto my feet..." (Psalm 119:105)*
  - God's Word does not always light up everything in the future of a person's life, but God's Word will always give one enough light to walk/live by day by day.
2. For God's Word to light up one's path, one must read God's Word every day.

#### **V. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A SWORD**

1. *"...For the word of God is quick, and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit..." (Hebrews 4:12-13)*
  - God's Word lays open the hearts and souls of people, revealing the secrets therein.
  - *Ephesians 6:17* - God's Word is the sword of the Spirit.
  - *Revelation 1:16* - Jesus Christ is seen with a two-edged sword proceeding from His mouth, very clearly spoken words, Words of God.
2. The Word of God in wise and skillful hands is a weapon sure and deadly.
  - A young man listening to a public reading of God's Word exclaimed "these are words which pierce the heart..." "May I take it home, May I read it in my little town? These words make holes in my heart..."

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Wonderful, wonderful are the Words of life, God's Words.
2. God's Words are like rain that refreshes, seed that springs up and grows, a mirror that reveals the heart and soul of man, a lamp that lights up one's walk in life and a sword that is a weapon.
3. God's Word is more than just words! God's Word is alive! God's Word is power, God's Word is salvation.
4. Read God's Word, live by God's Word, serve God by following, obeying His Word.