

**"THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS, LIKE SILVER TRIED IN  
A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES.  
YOU SHALL KEEP THEM, O LORD, YOU SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM  
THIS GENERATION FOREVER." (PSALM 12: 6 & 7)**

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## **THE WORD OF GOD!**

### **Part Six**

**“For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.” (Jeremiah 4:22)**

**“Who is the wise man who may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that no one can pass through? And the Lord said, “Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts.....,” (Jeremiah 9:12-14)**

The vast majority of professing Christians are without wisdom and do not enjoy the favor of the Lord, simply because we have rejected His word. I have come to the conclusion, after living more than sixty years, and after searching out my Father’s word, that every major problem that I have had, or have now, is the direct result of my “rebellion against”, or “neglect of”, God’s word. That includes: all business problems, marital problems, health problems --- all problems that deprive me of peace and joy --- all! --- are due to my rebellion or neglect of God’s word. Man cannot live life as Father desires that we live it, apart from believing and obeying His every word ---- not the preacher’s word ---- not the prophet’s word, nor the evangelist’s ---- Matthew 4:4 is literally true and it applies to me, and believe it or not, dear reader, it applies to you. Many of Father’s sons and daughters of the past have received this revelation, and one of those was Oswald Chambers. Brother Chambers made the following statement concerning the truth of Matthew 4:4, please listen:

“My personal experience is this: I have never once in my life been sick without being to blame for it. As soon as I turned my mind to asking why the sickness was allowed, I learned a lesson that I have never forgotten, viz. that my physical health depends absolutely on my relationship to God.”

Not only is our physical health dependent upon God, but so is our prosperity, our peace, our joy and our future, as we cross over into eternity. Admit it or not, we are totally dependent upon our God and Father; and His word contains everything that we need to enjoy, not only this life, but also the life to come. The word of God is to the whole of our being, as blood is to the physical body (Leviticus 17:11). Drain the blood out of the body, and death follows. In fact, one need not drain all of the blood

from the body, but only a part of it, and the person becomes anemic, weak, frail, unstable and vulnerable to sickness and disease.

As it is with the blood and the body, so it is with the Word of God and a person's life. For the body, soul and spirit of man to flourish, he or she must feed on God's word, His "every" word (Matthew 4:4), otherwise he becomes spiritually anemic ---- spiritually malnourished, and soon death follows.

When Father tells us that we need "His every word" to live life as He desires we live it, and we choose to reject or ignore any part of it, we should not be surprised when we find ourselves in all sorts of trouble. The Word of God is like an Ark of Safety, a place of rest, of peace and protection. Move outside the Ark, and trouble is as certain as life and death, it cannot be avoided. The ancient men of God understood this spiritual law and spoke as follows:

**"This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life."**

**"You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep Your words. I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to Your word."**

**"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."**

**"Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life."**

**(Psalm 119:50, 57, 58, 89, 92&93)**

**"He who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Galatians 6:8)**

"Sowing to the flesh" is nothing more than turning away from or ignoring God's word, in thought, in word or in deed. "Corruption" (which denotes by definition, rotting – spoiling and the loss of blessing leading to death), always follows man, when he chooses his, or another man's word, rather than God's. This explains "why"? --- Why are we (the Christian community) so divided, so unloving, so unforgiving, so bankrupt, so physically sick, so hooked on tobacco, alcohol, drugs, pornography and gambling? Why is our divorce rate just as high as that of the secular world? God's word clearly tells us that these things ought not to be among the "Born Again" (John 3:3) – but they are! Why?

Approximately seven years ago, I began to ask – why? I had been spiritually awake for nearly twenty years, believed God's word, and was very zealous for the things of God. However, I came to the realization that conditions within the Christian community did not line up with the certainty of God's word. I began to quietly wonder, why? When I consulted with numerous pastors, theologians or Bible teachers I always got a "company" response. If I spoke to a Baptist brother, I got a Baptist response; if to a full-gospel-charismatic brother, I got a like-kind response, and so on; none of which satisfied my question --- why? Why is Mark 16: 15-20 not the "rule" among believers, rather than the "exception"?

**"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."**

**And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out Demons; they will speak with new tongues;**

**They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”**

**“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.**

**And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.”**

I soon came to the conclusion that if I wanted to know “why”?, I would have to submit to the only One who could provide the answer-----

**“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”  
(John 14:26)**

**“When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;” (John 16:13)**

For the first time in my entire life, I realized that I was being conformed, not into the likeness and image of Christ (Romans 8:29), but rather into something less than Christ, and it frightened me; so, I cried out to Father and told Him that I did not want to die and not have obtained as much “Truth” as He deemed to be in my best interest. I asked for no more than that, and begged for no less. He heard my cry and called me into a season of transition where the noise of religion was silent, and the voice of the Teacher was heard by the grace of revelation. I had become a Truth Seeker --- a lover of the Truth. I was now free to go where ever Truth led me. Father’s word was now alive in me. I thank God for His grace and mercy!

Now, please allow me to make a short disclaimer. While I am a lover and a seeker of the Truth, I make no claim as to having attained any more revelation of God’s word than anyone else. We know, at best, only in part (1 Corinthians 13:9) and I am continually aware of just how easily one can fall into deception. I do not trust my own heart; nor will I trust any man concerning the Word of Life regardless of his position in what we so loosely refer to as “the church”. If we have, within our being, so much as one jot of Truth, it is only because of His gift to us. It belongs to Him, we did not earn it, nor do we own it. Finally, I am absolutely convinced that all of God’s children are eligible to receive the blessing of Truth regardless of race, education, sex or position. Father is no respecter of persons (Galatians 2:6). However, if a person has no sincere love of the Truth – if they are content with their “form of religion” – then be warned!

**“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

**And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.** (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) *Emphasis Added*

In the book of John, chapter seventeen, our Lord prays for Himself, for His Disciples, and for us who believe. If you will take the time to digest His words, you will find that the “Word of God” is essential to man, if he desires to receive his Father’s blessing. In fact, man cannot be sanctified except by the Word. Please listen to our Lord:

**“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” (vs. 17)**

In Ephesians chapter 5, verses 26 and 27, Paul tells us that our Lord is preparing a holy people for Himself; and that the “word of God” would be used to wash and cleanse them. Please listen:

**“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”**

Clearly, the Word of God is critical to our salvation ---to our sanctification---and to our quality of life here on earth. In fact, Father declared that He honors His word, even above His name! Listen----

**“For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.” (Psalm 138:2)**

**“The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.” (Isaiah 42:21)**

When our lord was here in the flesh, His greatest emphasis was placed on the Word that Father had sent Him here to deliver. The prophets that preceded Him, all, likewise placed their greatest emphasis on God’s word; and the Apostles that followed our Lord Jesus never failed to do, as did their King, to place the Word of God before all flesh – even to declare:

**“Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.” (Romans 3:4)**

Dear reader, have you ever wondered what the main difference is between “we” modern day believers, and the prophets of old? We both have the same Word; or what the main difference is between our Lord and us, or His Apostles, who wrote the letters that we refer to as the New Testament; what characteristic distinguishes us apart from them? We all have the same Word, or, we at least have access to the same Word. Why? Why are we so different? Why were they so consumed with the things of God, and we, so consumed with the cares and worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches and the desire for other things (Mark 4:19)? Why did they seem to reflect the likeness and image of God, and we the image of man? Why? Why were they so “spiritual”, and we so “religious”? Think about my question, and be honest before God as you offer an answer!

To me, the answer is obvious. They believed God-----and we do not! They had God's word --- they believed God's word -----and they proclaimed God's word even unto death. Nearly all suffered persecution, and many, including our Lord, were martyred for the sake of the Word of God. They approached God's word as a little child approaches their father's word. They believed what Father had said, because they believed that God was who He said He was; and they knew that if they were disobedient, they would suffer for their rebellion. On occasion an Uzzah (2 Samuel 6:3-11), an Achan (Joshua 7:16-25), or an Nadab, Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-3), or Eli, and his sons (1 Samuel 3:11-13 & 4:14-18), or an Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) came along and mocked God's word and ---- He killed them!

**“So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.”  
(Acts 5:11)**

Not only do we, as a whole, not believe God, but we have no fear of Him what-so-ever. Compared to our forefathers of old and Jesus Christ, the modern day church, as a whole, bears no resemblance. I make this statement without fear of contradiction, and rest my case on the Word of God and the obvious behavior of the current body of professing believers.

As it was written (2 Timothy, chapter 3), so we have become: lovers of self, lovers of money, blasphemers of God's word, unholy, unloving, headstrong, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, spiritually powerless, unable to come to the knowledge of the truth, etc. We are living witnesses of the certainty of God's word. When Paul wrote to Timothy, just prior to being martyred for the sake of God's word, he spoke about us. May God have mercy on us all in these latter days.

As I pause here, I speak a word of prophetic encouragement to those who have an ear to hear, and a heart that loves Father's word. Regardless of the condition of what we call “the church”, and regardless of the magnitude of the firestorm of God's holy judgment; regardless of how spiritually dark it may become; our God will have a small remnant that He will personally look upon with favor and use for the benefit of His Kingdom and His government. There is a “safe place” when the sword, the pestilence and famine sweep across the nations. It is written.

**“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” (Psalm 91:1)**

**“On this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.” (Isaiah 66:2b) Emphasis Added**

We will continue as Father wills.

Your brother,  
Thomas

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