

THE WORD OF GOD

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The Power of the Word

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The Properties of the Word

The Seed—“*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so*” (Gen. 1:11). “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (I Pet. 1:23-25).

The Sword—“*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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*” (Heb. 4:12). “Now when they heard this, they were pricked [cut, NKJV; pierced, NASV] in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17).

The Salve—“*Wherefore comfort one another with these words*” (I Thess. 4:18).

The Shining—“*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*” (Psa. 119:105).

The Permanence of the Word

“Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89). “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matt. 24:35).

The Pattern of the Word

“In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity” (Titus 2:7). “Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount” (Heb. 8:5). “It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these” (Heb. 9:23). “Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting” (I Tim. 1:16). “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17-18).

The Perfection of the Word

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7). “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2). “But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away” (I Cor. 13:10). “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (Jas. 1:25).