

Psalm 119:105
“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”
The Word of God-II
The Word That Profits

Background Scripture: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, a make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My Mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where I sent it.

Note: The power and effect of God’s Word are never canceled or rendered void; His Word will bring either spiritual life to those who receive it or just condemnation to those who reject it. ***[Numbers 23:19] “God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: Has He not said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good”?***

God is not unreliable, fickle or changeable, but by His very nature He is faithful to His promises and commitments. This attitude of God does not exclude the possibility, however, of God changing His mind or plans under certain circumstances. For example, His plans regarding judgment as a response to the intercessory prayers of His faithful people.

The Word which does not profit
[Hebrews 4:2]
“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the Word preach did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

The Word which profits
[Matthew 8:8]
“The Centurion answered and said. Lord I am not worthy that Thou should come under my roof; but speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed.”

Note: The Centurion’s faith surpassed anything Jesus found among the Jews, for it combined a loving concern for another person with great trust in Christ. This story, along with Christ’s application to the unbelieving Jews (**vs.11-12**), warns us that we may be excluded from what God is doing by adhering to human traditions or by failing to believe in the power of His Kingdom.

The Parable of the Sower:

[Mark 4:1-20]

[Mark 4:9]

“And said unto them, **he that has ears to hear, let him hear**”

[Mark 4:10-20]

The Parable Explained

Note: Jesus uses this parable to tell how the gospel will be received in the world. Three truths can be learned: **(1)** Conversion and fruitfulness depend upon how one responds to God’s Word **(vs. 14)**. **(2)** There will be a mixed reaction to the gospel by the world. Some who hear will not understand **(vs. 15)**; others will believe unto salvation but will later fall away **(vs. 16-19)**; still others will believe unto salvation, persevere and bear fruit in varying degrees **(vs. 20)**. **(3)** The enemies of God’s Word are Satan, worldly concerns, riches and pleasures

Final Thought: *And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knew not, neither did your fathers know: that He might make thee to know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord does man live. [Deuteronomy 8:4]*