

# **GOD'S WORD**

## **I. HAVING A REVELATION THAT GOD'S WRITTEN WORD IS INSPIRED**

2 Tim.3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- theopneustos - God breathed or inspired

## **MY TESTIMONY OF SEEING THE DEVINE INSPIRATION OF PAUL'S LETTERS**

### **II. CREATION AND THE WORD**

Gen.1:1-4 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Jn.1:1-5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

### **III. THE WORD BECAME A MAN**

Jn.1:14 - And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **IV. THE HEALING POWER OF THE WORD**

Pro.4:20-23 - My son, pay attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

They are not to escape from your sight;

Keep them in the midst of your heart.

For they are life to those who find them,

And healing to all their body.

Matthew 8:5-13 - And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him, and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented." Jesus \*said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." Now when Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such

great faith with anyone in Israel. And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## **V. MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD**

Ps. 1:1-3 - Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners,  
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!  
But his delight is in the Law of the LORD,  
And on His Law he meditates day and night.  
He will be like a tree planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season,  
And its leaf does not wither;  
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Joshua 1:8 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success.

## **VI. THE PROPHETIC NATURE OF GOD’S WORD**

### **BLESSING ON JOSEPH**

Gen. 49:22-26 - Joseph is a fruitful branch, A fruitful branch by a spring; Its branches hang over a wall. “The archers provoked him, And shot at him and were hostile toward him; But his bow remained firm, And his arms were agile, From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), From the God of your father who helps you, And by the Almighty who blesses you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors Up to the furthest boundary of the everlasting hills; May they be on the head of Joseph, And on the top of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

Today’s scripture passage was actually a word spoken over my life around 1980. I had just begun to pastor our church here in New Orleans when Mike McIntosh, one of the pastors from our Bible School in California, came to visit me and to speak at our church. Mike had a strong prophetic edge on his life and he spoke this passage from Genesis over my life. Obviously this is the word that Isaac (Jacob) spoke over his son Joseph just before his death. I had no idea that forty two years later I would still be reflecting on the words of this prophesy and how it relates to my life. I have broken this word down into eight words of prophesy that have all been part of my story over all of these years. Check out these eight specific words.

1. The favor of God
2. Fruitfulness - souls
3. Resistance - the archers
4. Blessing despite attacks from your brothers
5. Blessings of heaven
6. Blessings of the deep - the internal blessings of the Spirit
7. The blessings of the breast and of the womb
8. The blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

All of us like to focus on the blessing rather than the other stuff. I have had way more than my share of blessing and favor during all of these years but I have also felt the sting of the arrows shot at me. Too often, like Joseph's story, they came from my "brothers". The beauty of this word is that our branches grow over the wall even in times of adversity. To this day I am still taking in the blessings of heaven, the blessings of the deep, and the blessing of the breast and the womb (soul winning and discipleship). The amazing thing about Joseph, he became God's vehicle of blessing and deliverance even for his brothers who had dumped him in the well and sold him into slavery. So what do I say after all these years, "I am Joseph and what others meant for evil God meant for good".