

# The Word is the Way!



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With all the complex issues facing us today, we need to ask: *What does the Word say?*—and then follow those instructions. Seeing the situation, the issue, or the temptation facing us through the lens of the Word, is accepting by faith what Jesus says in Scripture. It is not what we see with our *natural* vision, but what we see with *spiritual* vision.

God asked Jeremiah 24:3 “*What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.*” The good figs represent those who return to the Lord <sup>7</sup> “*With their whole heart*” in repentance and faith; and the evil figs represent all those who do *not* return to God and do *not* repent of their sins.

To look in the direction of the *Word* is to see things from the *Lord’s* viewpoint—with *victory* and *blessings* in sight; but looking in the direction

of the *world* is seeing things from the devil’s perspective—with *defeat* and *loss* as the result. What we see *spiritually* soon becomes a *reality*!

If we see things as the Word of God says they are, we see *protection, prosperity, health, healing, and victory*; but if we see things as Satan says they are, we will see *defeat, disease, problems, poverty, and pain*. What we *think* the situation to be, is really what we *believe* in our heart.

It is the same with finances—if we *see* victory, we will *have* the money; if we *see* defeat, we will be *short*; if we *see* Jesus as resurrected to life, we will *know* Satan is defeated. We first *present* the situation to God—*then* we James 4:7 “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*” What we *believe* in our heart is what we eventually *see* in our life.

After praying, God’s Word says it is *true*; but Satan says it is *not true*. If we believe it is absolutely true, it *will* be true—but if we believe Satan and that it is *not* true, then it will *not* be a reality. We are to *see thru the Word* and believe in our heart that God is always faithful to His Word.

We must ask what the *Word* says, and believe that the Word of God *is* absolutely true. Proverbs 4:20 “*My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.*” Whose word we give our *attention* to and what we *believe* to be a fact, makes *all* the difference. We pay *no attention* to what Satan suggests—but give *all attention* to what *God* has *promised*!

We incline our ears only to what *God’s* Word is saying and accept as true what *He* has promised. We do *not* accept *nor* believe anything Satan suggests. Proverbs 4:20 “*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

It is so easy to let God’s Word *slip* from our mind—we often *attend* to the Lord’s *promises* for

a *little* while, and then give our *attention* to the devil’s *suggestions* for a *long* while. If we accept Satan’s lies as true, we will see *darkness, defeat, and unanswered* prayers—physically, spiritually, financially, in the home, and with everything else.

Too often we are seeing through the *lies* of the devil and not thru the *lens* of the Word. If we accept the lies of Satan, we see lack of supplies; no house to rent; no vehicle to drive; no work in sight; the physical oppression no better; disobedient children, and defeat with everything. What we willingly *believe* is what we *receive*.

*What does the Word say*—is the question. The blind received *sight* when they believed the *Lord*. Jesus asked them Matthew 9:28 “*Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened.*” That is seeing *victory* through the *Words* of the Lord; and *not* defeat through the lies of the devil.

If our boss gives us *instructions* that we are to do just what his manager said to do, then we must pay close attention to the *words* he says and not listen to words from anyone else. God says we are to pay attention to *His Word* Proverbs 4:20 and *not* to the devil’s lies.

The greatest advice we can be given is that God’s Word *means* what it says. We are to not *look away* from, and not allow ourselves to *drift away* from, His words; Proverbs 4:21 “*Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

God’s Word gives *spiritual life, physical healing, peace* in the home, *deliverance* at work, *blessings* in finances, and *victory* in all things. We are to pay attention to *this* marvelous advice and *not* to Satan’s suggestions—because if we listen to *his* lies the reverse results—we continue to be

oppressed; our peace is gone; problems persist at work; and we suffer defeat in other things.

Satan does not enter by the door, but *Climbs over some other way* John 10:1 because he “*Is a thief and a robber.*” And John 10:10 “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have Life, and may have it in abundance.*”

The moment we offer a prayer, Satan presents his *lie*—suggesting: the deliverance is *not* received; there is *no* peace; the prayer will *not* be answered; and everything is just as it was. If we accept what *he* presents, we have allowed God’s *Word* to depart from our heart. But *The Word is the Way*—Proverbs 4:22 “*For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

The centurion knew that *the Word was the Way*. A loved one was ill, so he went to the Lord. Matthew 8:6 “*Sir,*” he said, “*my servant at home is lying ill with paralysis, and is suffering great pain.*” Jesus said 7, “*I will come and heal him.*” The Lord would visit his home and heal the servant, but the centurion said, Matthew 8:8 “*Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*”

Jesus marveled at the man’s faith in His *word*—the centurion *believed* that any *Words* from the Master would be *true*. If Jesus would *say* the servant was already healed, the man would *believe* and *act* on those words. We can be *sure* that the devil was *not* on vacation when the centurion spoke with the Lord. Satan would be suggesting many things to the man—just like Satan does today—*Do not believe it; Do not be deceived; Just words would not heal the servant; Jesus is not able to do that.*

The centurion *refused* to accept any *lies* or *thoughts* from the devil, and was willing to see thru the lens of the *Word* of the Lord. He believed that Jesus’ words *meant* what they stated—there was *power* in His *Word*. Jesus says Matthew 8:13 “*Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done*

*unto thee,*”—or: *Since you are willing to accept My words in faith, then your servant is healed by that same faith in God.*”

Jesus presented a *healed* servant; Satan pictured a *sick* servant. Every step on his way back home, the centurion would have had to *hold* on to, or *keep*, the words Jesus spoke in memory. He did not allow his eyes to *look away* from that *Word*—and we can imagine that he repeated over and over Proverbs 4:21 “*Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;*” which resulted in Matthew 8:13 “*His servant was healed that same hour.*”

The battle of faith is often like a pendulum of a clock—back and forth; yes and no. God’s *Word* says “*Yes;*” and Satan’s lies say “*No.*” God’s *Word* says the victory is *won*; Satan says the battle is *lost*. God says the prayer *is* answered; the devil says it is *not* answered.

Wherever the pendulum of the clock *stops*, that is what the devil wants us to *see* and *accept*. We are not to accept Satan’s “*No,*” but only God’s “*Yes.*” 2 Corinthians 1:20 “*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*”

The centurion saw his servant well and held onto God’s *Word*—that says Proverbs 4:20-22 “*Attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

Bible examples reveal that healing is *not* received *from* God, until they were willing to believe the *Word* of God. A house was packed to the doors with people listening to the words of Jesus—however, not one person received healing, except the one who was *seeing through the Word*, and believed that his sins *were* forgiven—Mark 2:5; Luke 5:25; Matthew 9:7 “*He arose, and departed to his house.*”

Most religious organizations and ministries do not teach the Truth about *seeing through the lens of God’s Word*; believing in our heart, and then *acting* on His promises. The minute Satan sees we are holding onto the *Word*, he tries to get us *away* from it, and to *steal* it out of our heart. Therefore, if we *hold* onto the *Word*, we can have the *victory* that is promised.

Abraham was promised a son against all human possibilities, but he looked at the *Word* and not at his age or the situation—so a son was given. God’s words are *so* important—“*Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*” Abraham knew *The Word is the Way* so he received the promise.

Another example shows *how* to accept what the *Word* says. This man’s son was seriously oppressed, so he begged Jesus to visit his house. Jesus replies John 4:48 “*Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe*”—or, you have more confidence in what *Satan* is saying, than what *God* is saying. It is no use for Me to *visit* your house—if you cannot *believe* My Words in faith.

Jesus did, however, give the man words he could *take* for the victory—if he *chose* to do that. John 4:50 “*Go thy way; thy son liveth.*” On the way home, the devil would have pictured the reverse of what Jesus had promised—the devil never gives up easy. But the man “*Believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way.*”

He asked *What does the Word say*; believed what it said, and *saw* his son fully *delivered*.



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