

WHEN IT COMES BACK EMPTY... IT'S NOT THE WORD



The Word

We're talking about words from the mouth of God.

Words which are Spirit and Life.

Words untainted by human vanity.

We're talking about the real thing, not the imitation.

Our focus is the Word that wakes the dead and brings down the mighty from their seats, sets the captives free.

The Word is precious and rare.

You won't hear the Word every time you listen to "Christian radio,"
or watch the evangelist waving his Bible in the air.

We need to be careful when we use the term, "the Word."

When a Pharisee quotes scripture,
it is not the Word.
It's empty words that fall to the earth like stones.

When the false prophet quotes scripture,
it is not the Word.
It's words with a deceitful twist.

When the politician sprinkles Bible quotes into his campaign speech,
it is not the Word.
It's more like blasphemy, for which he may one day pay a price.

When the preacher strings Bible quotes just to fill out his weekly sermon,
it is not the Word.
It's synthetic "Bible talk".

It's the Word... only when the Spirit of God is in it.

Only when the power of Jesus' death saturates it.

Only when the integrity of heaven covers it.

Only when it bears witness to the Lamb of God.

“You search the scriptures, because you think that it is in them that you have eternal life. And it is they that bear witness to me.”

John 5:39

When it comes back empty, it's not the Word, since the Word never comes back empty.

It always accomplishes what God (not we) sends it to do.

The Incarnate Word

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.”

John 1

The voice which created our universe with the Word, “Let there be light!” appeared eons later in human form at the least likely place on earth.

No one fully understood that this man was God speaking;

God arriving to drain evil from the heart of the human race;

God, offering to each of us a new start.

No one fully understands it to this day.

People of the Word

Yet those who recognize the voice of God in Jesus' words are mysteriously brought from Darkness to Light.

They are enabled to know God.

They are inhabited by the Spirit of God.

They think with the mind of their Messiah, which is the mind of a servant.

They do the Father's will.

They have been set free.

As long as they live by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God,
the Word in them will never return to God empty.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we grieve over the empty words we hear so often. Words that don't heal, don't bring light, and words that leave us thirsty. Give us a thirst for Your Living Words, Oh amazing and beautiful Lord. Words that bring us to Your feet, Oh Lamb of God, words that carry the power of Your death and are saturated with Your life. May your voice, inhabit us, allow us to think with your mind, and set us free to do your will.

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