

No word, No faith

“And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.”

(Jn. 5:38, NASB)

In that single statement, “His word” or logos was emphatic in the original Greek. The holy scriptures was the subject-matter. Jesus wasted no time to expose the fault of the religious man, Pharisee. Jesus saw straight through to a man’s heart and found the word was absent. He plainly told them that they did not have God’s word dwelling in them because they did not believe that Jesus was sent from God. Had God’s word been abiding in their heart, they would have no trouble recognizing who Jesus was. Does His word abide in your heart today?

What was the root of their doubts and unbelief? The word was not found in their heart. If the word of God abides in their heart, they would have believed in Him. For faith is the offspring of the word of God (Rom. 10:17). What is the significance of the above statement of Jesus? Simply, no word, no faith. This is the sole reason of spiritual bankruptcy of faith in the lives of many saints.

On 24 March 2007, while conversing with a businessman about this kairos season of prosperity, I was virtually shocked at this discovery: there was no word concerning prosperity abiding in his heart. The word was absent within him! He was prospering in the grace of God without the foundation of God’s word. He frankly and openly shared that he had an inward distaste for prosperity. He admitted that he had no faith to believe in the prosperity of God. For His mind was void of God’s word. Truly, no word, no faith.

On purpose, I shared numerous scriptures on finances to renew and enlighten his mind to believe God for the great harvest. After his departure, I wondered how many countless Christians living their busy lives without His word abiding in their hearts. This was the cause of the stirring of this letter. Living without His word is actually living a life void of His life and light (Jn. 1:1,4). Frankly, your faith will never rise higher than your level of God’s word. (Matt. 8:13, Jn. 4:39-42).

The critical need of our day is the need for His word to reside in us (Jn. 15:7). Remember His wonderful benefits (Ps. 103:1-5):

- 1) His word is the source and fountain head of our faith and victory in this world (1 Jn. 5:4).
- 2) His word is the begetter and origin of wisdom for our decision making (Ps. 119:98, 2 Tim. 3:15).

- 3) His word is the preserver and root of sanctification to our daily walk (Ps. 119:9-11,14).
- 4) His word is the counselor and teacher of morality (Ps. 119:36,37,68,104).
- 5) His word is our outlet of strength in God (Ps. 119:28).
- 6) His word brings the good news of encouragement and comfort to our heavy hearts (Ps. 119:49-52,76).
- 7) His word brings medicine and balm of joy to us (Ps. 119:14,162).
- 8) His word inoculates us with unexplainable wonderful peace to our inner man (Ps 119:165). This peace refreshes us (Isa. 48:18).
- 9) His word is a lamp that enlightens us (Ps. 19:8).
- 10) His word unloads countless blessings to us (Jos. 1:8, Ps. 68:19).
- 11) His word guarantees us favour for success (Ps. 119:41,58).
- 12) His word upholds and establishes you (Ps. 119:116).
- 13) His word is a tonic to rejuvenate your life (Ps. 119:25,88).
- 14) His word makes you a praiser of Jehovah (Ps. 119:7,164).
- 15) His word makes you a perfect man in Christ (Ps. 119:101).
- 16) His word makes you a lover of His logos (Ps. 119:97).
- 17) His word makes your life sweet (Ps. 119:103; 19:10).
- 18) His word makes you a visionary (Ps. 119:127,128).
- 19) His word makes you a man of prayer (Ps. 119:145-147).
- 20) His word makes you a good communicator of truth (Ps. 119:172).
- 21) His word makes you a wise man. (Ps. 119:100).
- 22) His word makes you an obedient servant (Ps. 119:124,125).

23)His word makes you an excellent life (Ps. 1:3).

24)His word makes you a man/woman of God (2 Tim. 3:16).

Could you not see that living a busy, hectic life neglecting God's word will forfeit you of all the above listed goodness. Simply, no word, no faith, no blessing! For faith is the mother of the manifestations of blessing. It will be faith that leads you into your promised land flowing with His goodness of milk and honey. Let His word fills your heart in abundance (Col. 3:16). For the abundance of word brings abundance of faith. The opposite is also true: zero word, zero faith. Thus, many believers deceive themselves into thinking that they are people of faith, talking faith language and vocabulary yet their heart have no room for His word.

The grand secret of the success of prayer is found in John 15:7. This is how we live our lives bringing glory to God. It didn't say that if you abide in Him and His word abides in you, you shall ask what He wills and it shall be granted to you. It says that you ask what you will and it shall be done. For when His word abides in you, it will be a shining lamp enlightening you concerning His ways and His will (Ps. 119:105, 130). His light brings the knowledge of His will. His light shall influence you to follow His ways (Ps. 119:30-33). You will ask in accordance with His word (1 Jn. 5:14) and fulfill the pleasures of His will (Isa. 55:11). Once, you see the light of the knowledge of His will concerning prosperity (Job 36:11, Ps. 35:27, Ecc. 5:19; 6:2, Isa. 1:19; 3 Jn 2), you will boldly ask in faith without shame or condemnation.

It is high time that we build our lives upon the word of God. This must become the motto of our living: "the just shall live by faith." Faith is the offspring of the word. So the just shall live by His word. His word must become the sole pattern of how we lived. We must become the living epistle of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:3). We must become proof-producer of the word abiding in us. The testimonies of the blessedness of our lives must be the authentication of the truth of God's word. Truly, the word works. Let His word prevails mightily in our lives, demonstrating the signs and wonders of the blessed word of faith (Acts 19:20, Mk. 16:20).