

Bible Power

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God's Word is His **power** (Greek, *dunamis*) to save mankind, Romans 1:16. We have read it, said it, and heard it so much that I doubt we truly appreciate it. But it is true. God's Word is God's power because it contains the wisdom and knowledge of God (Eph. 3:3-5). God is powerful -- omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal -- how could His Word **not** be powerful. ***So why don't we realize this?***

First, we have to be willing to read and meditate upon God's Word and come to truly understand it. In the parable of the Sower, Jesus pointed out that the *fault* is not in the "Seed" (Word) but in the "soil" (man's heart), Luke 8. God's Word is alive, powerful and able to penetrate the inner depths of man's soul (Heb. 4:12) -- **if he wants it to**. And there is the rub; many of us do not want our souls to be searched, tried and proven.

Second, God's Word will **not** return to Him void. "***So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it***" (Isaiah 55:11). This is true 100% of the time! God's Word does what God wants it to do. It does **not** do what man wants it to, or what man thinks it should.

Third, God's wisdom far exceeds our own. "***For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe***" (1 Cor. 1:19-21). As someone once well put it: "**Man doesn't know 1/10th of 1% about anything!**" If you think otherwise, then try this little test: compare God's divinely-made eyeball, wrist, skin, or various body systems to man's substitutes. What do you find? Would you rather have your natural eye, or a glass eye? Would you rather have your own skin or a man-made substitute? Go down the list of all the things God has made *physically* and compare them to the feeble efforts of the wisest men among us and you will see that there is no contest. What is true in the *physical* realm is even more true in the *spiritual* realm!

So, if you want to be impressed with **power**, then try a little Divine Power on your heart, mind, soul, John 7:17 (KJV). "***If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.***"

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