

The Awesome Power Of The Word

In the midst of a long list of definitions of the word POWER, one stands out as having the ability to define POWER in its relation to the Word of God: that which has great INFLUENCE, FORCE or AUTHORITY.

When we consider the POWER of the Word, we are assured of its INFLUENCE. Recently a young woman who has a ministry to women in Afghanistan shared what happened when she began to read from the Bible to a Muslim woman. The wonder on this woman's face, the questions she asked were evidence of the POWER and INFLUENCE of the Word as it touched her heart.

INFLUENCE has the ability to change or effect others. Thus the POWER of the INFLUENCE of the Word can bring a lost person to Christ, change the way we think and purify our heart. Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is living and active; sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

When we think about the FORCE of God's Word, a portion of Isaiah 66 gives us insight into that principle. Isaiah 66:1 & 2 "Thus says the Lord: Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. For all these things My hand has made, and so all these things have come into being (by and for me) says the Lord. But this is the man to whom I will look and have regard, he who is humble and of a broken or wounded spirit, and who trembles at My word and reveres My commands." (AMP)

Why should we TREMBLE at His Word?

1. **God's Word is His Creative Power** Psalm 33:6, "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth"; vs. 9, "For He spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."

2. **God's Word Sustains the Universe** Hebrews 1:3, "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word."

Because God's Word is His creative POWER and because His Word sustains the universe we should TREMBLE at the FORCE of its CREATIVE AND SUSTAINING POWER.

The AUTHORITY of God's Word brings us to thoughts of the standard by which we as individuals and the whole world will be judged.

John 12:47 & 48 "As for the person who hears My words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects Me and does not accept My words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."

Jesus further stated in Matthew 28:18 - that "All AUTHORITY in heaven and earth has been given to Me"

He, as the Living Word possesses the AUTHORITY to condemn those who refuse to accept Him. Thus we see that the POWER of the Word is truly awesome. It has the POWER to INFLUENCE and thus produce change.

The FORCE of the Word produces the POWER to create and sustain the whole universe.

Lastly, the AUTHORITY of God's Word becomes the standard by which all of mankind will be judged.

To live a life of POWER, INFLUENCE, FORCE and AUTHORITY we must appropriate the Word and its principles into our life on a daily basis. To do less leaves us powerless with little or no effect to produce change in our lives or the lives of those we touch.

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:3 "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining All Things By His Powerful Word"