

# The Power of The Creative Word of God

**Psalms 119:162** - *I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.*

**Job 23:12** - *... I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.*

I want to speak to you today about the importance of the Word of God in our lives. How's your relationship with the Word of God? Do you engage with it? Is it a treasure to you? Do you seek to grow in the Word? Do you have a full revelation of the power contained within the pages of your bible?

**Opening Scripture: Genesis 1:1-3** - *In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

## 1. The world without the Word

**a) Verse 2** is the picture of the earth without the Word in it yet: chaos, darkness, void. A life without the Word in it, will also look like that: without purpose and chaotic at best.

The Word arrived in **verse 3** (*then God said*). We don't know how long it took between verse 2 and verse 3. What we know is that when the Word arrived, chaos ceased to exist.

There is only one antidote to chaos, and that is God's Word. The Word of God brings order, purpose, light, form, and beauty (Gen. 1:11 – *God saw everything that He had made and indeed it was very good*)

**b) John 1:1-4** - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the **life was the light** of men.*

*In the beginning was The Word* – The end of chaos and all darkness, and the beginning of light and order is always connected to the entrance of God's word. *Light* made a 'grand entrance' into our world when God spoke.

**Psalms 119:130** - *"The entrance of your word brings light".*

**Psalms 119:105** - *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Gods' Word was not just for the 'world', the great 'cosmos' out there, but it applies to our individual lives – it is *light to my feet and a lamp to my path*.

God's Word is crucial to dealing and defeating chaos in our own lives.

## 2. Our world was not designed for chaos.

God is not the author of confusion, emptiness and darkness. No, He designed form and beauty. God is a magnificent artist. As a master sculptor, He shaped what was without form and void. Chaos was simply what existed before the Word entered the world.

**Isaiah 45:18** (International Standard Version) - *For this is what the LORD says, who created the heavens he is God, and the one who formed the earth and made it, and he is the one who established it; he didn't create it for **chaos** but formed it to be inhabited "I am the LORD and there is no other.*

You need to know that God didn't create you and I for chaos! Regardless of your experience, you need to know that God has a wonderful blueprint for your life. That blueprint is in His Word. As you become acquainted with His Word and allow it to penetrate your world and your life, you will see what Creator God will do!

### **3. The creative power of the Word of God.**

<sup>2</sup>*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>**Then God said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

a) *Then God said – **God spoke 10 times** (v.3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,28,29).*

With **10 utterances** God spoke the world into existence and defeated chaos and darkness.

b) *God said, let there be light.*

That is the first thing he spoke into existence: light. If light travels at almost 300,000kms a second and the earth's diameter is about 40,000Kms, then, in just over a second, **light covered the earth 10 times!**

Darkness was not able to stop it. All that God has spoken in His Word carries that same power. We need to look at His promises and believe that they are powered in the same way to come to pass – and nothing will stop them.

God spoke **10** times, light covered the earth **10** times in one second. Also,

c) *God gave **10 commandments** to Moses.*

God didn't just speak to the cosmos, but He also spoke to us - mankind. He gave us His Word so we would stay out of chaos. He gave us practical commandments so that we would not create our own chaos (we're pretty good at that). He said, "*you shall not kill, you shall not steal* etc.

**Joshua 1:8** - *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

That sounds like the opposite to chaos, doesn't it?

Those 10 statements were designed as pillars that ensured God's order, prosperity and success and not a return to chaos. We need to understand that **it was the Word that brought order to the world - but without the Word, the world returns to chaos. It goes back.**

At one stage we read how Israel's disregard for the Word brought them back to chaos. They went backward:

**Jeremiah 7:23-24** - *But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'* <sup>24</sup> *Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.*

The chaos of the world we see today is only evidence of how far we, as a created beings, have drifted away from the Creator and His Word. The more we disregard His word the more we travel in reverse, rather than forward.

When Pharaoh disregarded the Word from God to let His people go and serve Him, Egypt experienced 10 plagues.

**God spoke 10 times, light covered the earth 10 times in one second, and God gave His word in the form of 10 commandments to Moses.**

d) **10** is such an interesting number: "**10**" **also points to Jesus:** The Passover lamb was chosen on **day 10** of the first month (Exodus 12:3). Jesus is that perfect Passover Lamb who came to atone for our sins.

What that means is that we had all been unable to fully keep the commandments of Moses. We have all transgressed. We were all driving in reverse towards destruction. But **God sent His Word again** into our world, and His Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus came to bring us out of our chaos, and confusion, and restore us back to the plan of God.

### **Conclusion**

There is so much more to say about the power and the importance of God's Word. It is impossible to summarise it all in one message. This is but a brief introduction. We will definitely have to return to this topic and spend more time in it. However, let us just end with the words of Jesus:

**John 15:7** - *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

Abide means more than to visit or to occasionally read, it means to immerse oneself. When you get inside the pages of the Bible, the Word of God gets inside us.

Let me encourage you to get into the Word – to become a diligent student of all that God says to us. Find a translation that you are comfortable with (preferably a literal translation - there are more than 100 complete translations in English spanning from the 7<sup>th</sup> century to the 21<sup>st</sup> century)

- Read systematically – have a reading plan
- Read spiritually – allow the Holy Spirit to ‘reveal’ the Word (ask Him what it means)
- Read expectantly – believe that God is going to speak to you through a passage
- Read responsively – How does this passage apply to me? What I am going to do?
- Read habitually – preferably every day.