

# The voice of His word

(The gospel in creation)

## Preface

The second coming of Christ has long been delayed! The reason: "The Word of God has been robbed of its power and the results are seen in a lowering of the tone of spiritual life. In the sermons from many pulpits of today there is not that divine manifestation which awakens the conscience and brings life to the soul!" Christ's Object Lessons, p.40.

"Philosophical theories or literary essays, however brilliant, cannot satisfy the heart. The assertions and inventions of men are of no value. Let the Word of God *speak* to the people. Let those who have heard only human traditions and theories and

maxims hear the voice of Him whose Word can renew the soul unto everlasting life!" Ibid, p.40; Psalm 133:3; John 10:27,28; Revelation 3:20.

The Lord will "make bare His holy arm." Isaiah 52:10. When a man rolls up His sleeves, we know that he is about to do a work and that he means business. The Lord will roll up His sleeves and He will take the reins into His own hands to finish His work and cut it short in righteousness. Rom.9:28.

"The word which I speak will come to pass; it will no longer be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and perform it, says the Lord God." Ezekiel 12:25.

"My word shall accomplish that which I please." Isaiah 55:11.

## Not written merely but spoken!

"My ears You have opened." "He awakens my ear, to hear as the learned. The Lord God has opened my ear." *Psalm 40:6; Isaiah 50:5.*

*"Only he who receives the Scriptures as the voice of God speaking to himself, is a true learner." Christ's Object Lessons, p.59.*

These words speak of a spiritual revival, a revival of primitive faith and godliness.

To those who trust wholly in the merits of Christ's infinite sacrifice for their acceptance with God, "The Scriptures are to be received as the word of God to them, not written merely, but *spoken.*" *Ministry of Healing, p.122.*

"The words that I speak unto you," Christ said, "they are Spirit and

they are life." *John 6:63; Proverbs 4:20-22.*

The reception of the word, not merely written but spoken, is the reception of Christ Himself. Since Christ dwells in the heart by the Holy Spirit, it therefore follows that the reception of the Holy Spirit is implicit in the reception of the word of God, not written merely but spoken! *Psalm 25:14,9;119:32.*

God has written to us the great things of His law. *Hosea 8:12.* But as we rest in the merits of His shed blood, we are to receive His law from His mouth. "Receive, please, the law from His mouth." *Job 22:22.* Merely written or engraved on stones, the law of the Lord can only show us our need of a Saviour but received as the Voice of God speaking to the soul, it imparts power, it begets a new life in Christ Jesus!

Christ longs "to reveal through us the creative energy of His word, a gentle, persuasive, yet mighty influence to re-create the soul in

the beauty of the Lord our God." Mount of Blessing, p.129.

"The *creative energy* that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, *it brings with it the life of the Infinite One.* It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God. The life thus received is in like manner sustained, by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Education, p.126. *1 Thessalonians 2:13.*

This fact is very beautifully expressed in the words of E.J. Waggoner:

"The same word that spoke the universe into existence, which said to the earth, 'Bring forth grass,' speaks to us in the words of God's law! The law of God's mouth is not a hard, lifeless decree, which weak mortals are to strive in vain to keep, while God watches them with a

stern eye ready to taunt and punish them for failure! That word which says to us, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself,' sheds that love abroad in our hearts, just as the word of God brings forth the fruit in the plant. Then well may we sing: How gentle God's commands! How kind His precepts are!" *E.J. Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, p.104.*

"O that you had hearkened unto (the voice of) My commandments! then had your peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea." *Isaiah 48:18; Psalm 103:20.*

## Voice-figures

In the Century Magazine of many years ago, there was a very interesting description of the production of voice-figures. The article was entitled "Visible Sounds." A simple device was used to test the intensities of vocal sounds. It was

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an elastic membrane stretched over the mouth of a receiver into which receiver the voice was introduced by means of a wide-mouthed tube. On this membrane a fine powder was sprinkled. It was found that upon singing into the tube the powder was gently agitated by the vibrations of the membrane, which vibrations corresponded to those of the voice, differing according to the pitch and intensity of the sound.

This, of course, is what might be expected. But the wonder was that in every instance the agitation produced the shape of some plant or flower, or even of some of the lower forms of animal life! Something similar to this may be seen when one breathes upon the window pane in frosty weather.

It was found that when the powder was dry, it would not retain the form after the vibration of the voice ceased. So the expedient was adopted of slightly moistening it, when the various shapes could be retained and photographed.

This shows that the breath, as it comes from the lungs has the shape of living things, and to the singer suggested a thought which she thus expressed:

"Closing now my brief sketch of these voice-figures, as I have observed them, using my own voice as the instrument of investigation, question after question has presented itself to me, until I have continually felt myself standing before mystery, in great part hidden, although some glimpses seem revealed. And I must say, besides, that as day by day I have gone on singing into shape these peculiar forms, and, stepping out of doors, have seen their parallels living in the flowers, ferns, and trees around me, and, again, as I have watched the little heaps in the formation of the floral figures gather themselves up, and then shoot out their petals, just as a flower springs from the swollen bud, the hope has come to me that these humble experiments may afford some suggestions in regard to nature's



production of her own beautiful forms, and may thereby aid, in some degree, the revelation of yet another link in the great chain of the organized universe that, we are told in Holy Writ, took its shape at the voice of God!" *Century Magazine of May 1891; E.J. Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, pp.20-24.*

## By the breath of His mouth

When the worlds were to be brought into existence, God spoke, and there they were. They were formed by the breath of His mouth:

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth." *Psalm 33:6.*

"The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." *Psalm 29:4; Hebrews 4:12.*

Man is made in the image of God, but he has no creative power. In his breath there can be only the forms of

living things; but in the breath of God there are not only the forms, but the very living things themselves, for He is the living God, and with Him is "the fountain of life." *Psalm 36:9.*

When He speaks, the word contains the very thing which it speaks: "He speaks and it is done; He commands and it stands fast." *Psalm 33:9.* Whatever the word describes exists in living form in that word. This is indicated by the words of the apostle Paul concerning "God who calls those things which be not as though they were." *Romans 4:17; See The Gospel in Creation, E.J. Waggoner, pp.24-25.*

### By the word only

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." *Romans 10:17.*

As faith comes by hearing the word of God, it is plain that the word of God, in order to inculcate faith,

must teach that the word has in itself power to accomplish what is said in that word!

And such is precisely the truth of the matter; the word of God does teach just this, and nothing else, so that it is truly "the word of faith which we preach." *Romans 10:8.*

The psalmist says, "All Thy commandments are full of faith." *Psalm 119:86.* The greater part of the very first chapter of the Bible is instruction in faith. That chapter has in itself no fewer than six distinct statements that definitely inculcate faith. The inculcation of faith is the teaching that the word of God itself accomplishes the thing which is spoken in that word.

The very first verse of the Bible says: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." How did He create them? "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." *Psalm 33:6.*

"For He spake, and it was; He commanded and it stood fast." *Psalm 33:9*. Before He spoke, it was not: after He spoke, "it was." Only by the speaking, it was. What caused it to be? The word only!

Darkness was upon all the face of the deep. God wished light to be there; but how could there be light where all was darkness? He spoke: "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Where did the light come from? The word which was spoken, itself produced the light!

There was no firmament, atmosphere. God wished that there should be a firmament. How could it be produced? "God said, Let there be a firmament... and it was so." What caused the firmament to be? The word only. He spoke, and it was so. The word spoken, itself caused the thing to exist.

God next desired that there should be a dry land. How could this be? Again He spoke: "God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together

in one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so." Then there was no vegetation. Whence should this come? Again He spoke: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind: and it was so."

Again He spoke: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven... and it was so." Again He spoke: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creatures, and it was so."

Thus it was that "by the word of the Lord" all things were created. He spoke *The word only*, and it was so!

Thus it was in creation. And thus it is in redemption: He healed the sick, He cast out devils, He stilled the storm, He cleansed the lepers, He raised the dead, He forgave sins, all by His word. In all this, also, "He spoke, and it was."

And He is the same yesterday, and to-

day, and forever. Always He is the Creator. And always He does all things by His word only because it is the very characteristic of His word, that it is possessed of the divine power by which it accomplishes the thing which is spoken. *Isaiah 55:11.*

The teaching of faith is the teaching that such is the nature of the word of God; the teaching of people to exercise faith is the teaching them to expect the word of God to do what it says, and to depend upon it to do the thing which is by it spoken. And the cultivating of faith is by practice to cause to grow confidence in the power of the word of God itself to do what in that word is said, and dependence upon that word only to accomplish what the word says!" *A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith.*

This knowledge is more essential than any other knowledge that can be acquired!

## His word is with power

Pressing to Jesus, a leper casts himself at His feet with the cry, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus replied, "I will; be clean." *Matthew 8:1-2*. The Bible says, "And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Verse 3.

Immediately a change passed over the leper. His flesh became healthy, the nerves sensitive, the muscles firm. The rough, scaly surface peculiar to leprosy disappeared, and a soft glow, like that upon the skin of a healthy child, took its place!

Thus it is with the leprosy of sin, deep-rooted, deadly, and impossible to be cleansed by human power. "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises, and putrefying sores." *Isaiah 5:6*. Whoever will fall at His feet and say, "Lord, if You are

willing, You can make me clean," will hear the word, "I will, be clean." *Isaiah 52:11; John 15:3.*

*Christ has earned the right to speak the word only through the all-sufficient merits of His great sacrifice.*

"Be ye clean." For your soul's sake put yourself upon that creative word. Recognize the creative energy in the word of God which comes to you in the Bible; for this word of God in the Bible is the same here to you today that it was when it spoke into space the worlds on high, and brought light out of darkness, and cleansing to the leper. That word spoken to you today, if received, creates you new in Christ Jesus; that word, spoken into the dark waste and void space of your heart, if received, produces there the light of God; that word spoken today to you, afflicted with the leprosy of sin, if received, immediately cleanses you. Let it. Let it.



"Do you see how much we have been evolutionists? Shall we quit? Come now, let us be creationists, and be done with it. Let us believe the Lord. He speaks a clean heart. He speaks holiness, He creates it. Let Him create it in you. Stop being an evolutionist, and let that creative word work for you, let that creative energy work in you that which the word pronounces; and before you are done reading this line, God can get you ready to meet Him. Indeed, in that very thing you do meet Him. And when you have thus met Him, and do thus meet Him every day, are you not then ready to meet Him? Do you believe that? You believe He made the worlds when He spoke, that light came by His word when He spoke, and that the leper was 'immediately' cleansed when He spoke; but with yourself you think considerable time must elapse between the time when the word is spoken and the fact is accomplished. O, why will you be an evolutionist? Creation, creation, that is the thing! 2 Cor.5:17." A.T. Jones, *Lessons on Faith, chapter Creation or*

*Evolution.*

"Born again... by the word of God which lives and abides for ever." 1 Peter 1:23.

*This is the way, walk ye in it!*

"To the meek will He teach His way." Psalm 25:9,14. "Make me to understand The way of Thy precepts." "Teach me, O Lord, The way of Thy statutes." Psalm 119:27,33. "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Psalm 119:1. (*Emphasis mine*)

The Lord says, "For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not My law." Proverbs 4:2. "The breath of the Almighty has given me life." Job 33:4. The words of God's mouth are "God breathed" and therefore full of His own life! They impart power, they beget life, even life forevermore! Psalm 133:3. We receive Christ

through the words of His mouth! This is "good doctrine." *Proverbs 4:2; John 6:63,68; 12:50.*

This is the distinction between the letter and the Spirit. The law written with ink or engraved on stones is a ministration of condemnation and death. *2 Cor.3:6,7.* The letter is as lifeless and as cold as the stones it is engraved upon. But it is nevertheless "glorious" in that it convinces us of sin and shows us our need of Christ. It cannot give life to the sinner but it can point him to Christ! It is a "schoolmaster" to bring us to Christ that we may receive the law from His mouth! *Job 22:22; Gal.3:24.* As we receive the law from His mouth, it is then the ministration of the Spirit. (*2 Cor.3:8-11; John 6:63*) Received as the Voice of God speaking to the soul in promise, it is "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." *Rom.8:2.*

Thus it is written, "Receive, I pray thee, the law from His mouth." *Job*

22:22.

"Neither have I gone back from the commandments of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." *Job 23:12.*

"The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver." *Ps.119:72.* "I will never forget Your commandments for with them You have given me life." *Ps.119:50,93.*

Speaking of the law of His mouth, the Psalmist says, "The entrance of Your word gives light." *Ps.119:140.* This is the light of life, the light of the life of Christ, the light of His countenance, (*Psalm 89:15*) the light of His glory!

As you can see, there is a world of difference between the law as written with ink or engraved on stones, and that same law as it proceeds out of the mouth of God. It is the difference between the old and the new covenant, between the mere letter

and the Spirit! The letter kills but the voice of God is Spirit and life!

"The voice of the Lord is full of power; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." *Ps.29:4.*

The law of God's mouth is "good doctrine." *Proverbs 4:2; Deuteronomy 32:1,2.* The law of His mouth is perfect, it re-creates the soul in the image of God! *Ps.19:7;18:30.*

## *Understanding God's way*

From the book of Hebrews we learn that the Jewish people, though they refrained from physical labors on the Sabbath day, they did not enter into God's spiritual rest because they did not understand His ways:

"Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known My ways... So... they shall not enter into My rest." *Hebrews 3:10,11.*

Now, how about us today? Do we understand *the way* of God's commandments or are we repeating the history of Ancient Israel? As we read the word in the Bible, do we depend upon the word only for the accomplishment of what is said or commanded in the word or do we work to do the word ourselves?

"Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you by *the way* that you should go. O that you had hearkened unto (the voice of) My commandments! Then had your peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea." *Isaiah 48:17,18.*

These verses indicate that in the days of Isaiah the prophet the people's ears were not opened to hear the voice of His word as to allow it to accomplish His good pleasure in them. "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not *hear* the law of the Lord." *Isaiah 30:9.* Was it not exactly the same in

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Christ's day? Jesus said unto them, "Why do you not understand My speech? Even because you cannot *hear* My word." "He that is of God *hears* God's words; you therefore *hear* them not, because ye are not of God." *John 8:43,47.*

Their ears were not opened! "Yea, you heard not; yea you knew not; yea, from that time that your ear was not opened." *Isaiah 48:8.* And, therefore, they could not "*hear as the learned.*" *Isaiah 50:4.* But "The Lord God has opened my ear." *Psalm 40:6; Isaiah 50:5.* The Lord said, "Incline your ear, and come unto me; *hear,* and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." *Isaiah 55:3; John 10:27,28; Psalm 133:3.*

"I the Lord speak righteousness." "The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness." "My word shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I

sent it." *Isaiah 45:19,23; 55:11.*

Notice that it is not you who are to do that which He pleases; but, "It" "It" "It shall accomplish that which I please." You are not to read or hear the word of God and say, I must do this, I will do that. We are to open the heart to that word, that it may accomplish the will of God in you. It is not you who is to do it, but it, "It," the word of God itself, is to do it, and you are to let it. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." *Colossians 3:16.* You are to let it have "free course" in you that God may reveal in you the creative energy of His word that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God! *Romans 12:2; 2 Thessalonians 3:1. (KJV)*

This is stated in another place thus:  
"When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God, which



effectually works also in you that believe." 1 *Thessalonians* 2:13.

Thus it is the word of God that must work in us. We are not to work to do the word of God! See *Romans* 9:31,32. A.T. Jones, *Lessons on Faith*.

### The word of God and the word of men

"From these Scriptures it is plain enough that we are expected to look upon the word of God only as self-fulfilling. This is the great truth presented everywhere in the Bible. This is the difference between the word of God and the word of men.

There is no power in the word of a man to do what it says. Whatever may be the man's ability to accomplish what he says, there is no power in the man's word itself to accomplish what he says. A man's word may express the easiest possible thing for him to accomplish, and you may thoroughly believe it, yet it is altogether dependent upon the man himself to accomplish it apart from

his word. It is not his word that does it. It is himself that must do it; and this just as really as though he had spoken no word at all! Such is the word of men.

It is not that way with the Word of God. When the word is spoken by the Lord, there is at that moment in that word the living power to accomplish what the word expresses. It is not needed that the Lord employ any shadow of any other means than that word itself to accomplish what the word says. The Bible is full of illustrations of this, and they are written to teach us this very thing-- that we shall look upon the word as the word of God, and not as the word of men; and that we may receive it thus as it is in truth, the word of God, that it may work effectually in us the will and good pleasure of God!" *A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith.*

*To no profit*

The people of Israel heard the commandments of the Lord but to no profit. In chapter four of the book of Hebrews, the Lord, through the apostle Paul, gives us the reason as to why the word did not profit them:

"The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." *Hebrews 4:2.*

When God spoke at Sinai, faith did not spring up in their hearts as to allow the "living oracles" to have "free course" in them because their ears were not opened to the voice of His word. *Exodus 20:18,19; Romans 10:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Acts 7:38.* If they had received the commandments which they heard as the voice of God speaking to the soul in promise, their peace would have been as a river and their righteousness as the waves of the sea! *Isaiah 48:17,18.*

This is what would have happened if they had responded with living faith by saying, "Lord, be it done unto us as You have said." "Quicken us according to Your word." "Quicken us

in Your way." *Luke 1:38; Psalm 119:25,37.* And the Lord would have said to them, "According to your faith let it be to you." *Matthew 9:29.* And the love of God would have been shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit!

If they had received the commandments as the breath of Almighty God, the voice would have imparted life to them, the very life of the Infinite One and God's will for them would have been done! They would have entered into rest and they would have ceased from their own works. *Hebrews 4:10.* The Voice they heard was the Voice of Him whose Word is a quickening Spirit. *Psalm 119:25,50,93; John 6:63.* Of them, it would have been said, "Of His own will begat He us, by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." *James 1:18.* In other words they would have experienced "the renewing of the Holy Ghost." *Titus 3:5.*

At Sinai, God sent forth His Spirit

to His people that they might be healed, that they might be delivered from their destructions. *Psalm 107:20; 104:30*. Through the spoken word He sent forth His Spirit that they might be created anew in Christ Jesus but it was all in vain! They did not mix the word with faith! Their ears were not opened! They did not rely upon His merits and the Voice of His word to do what the word said. They did not depend upon the word and upon the word only to accomplish the will of God as it was expressed in that word. They did not know *the way* of life and therefore they could not walk in it. They could not say, "My ears You have opened." *Isaiah 50:5*. Therefore, they did not know the "joyful sound." *Psalm 89:15*.

Instead they went about trying to establish their own righteousness. *Romans 10:3*. They made a covenant with death. They promised to do all that the Lord had said but they never accomplished it.

"What shall we say then? Israel did

not attain to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law." *Romans 9:30-32*. They attempted by their own efforts to fulfill the requirements of the living oracles. They attempted an impossibility! *2Corinthians 3:7,8; Isaiah 28:15*.

Since they did not understand *the way* of God's precepts, they could not exercise the faith which is unto salvation. *1 Peter 1:9*. It was the word of faith which they heard at Sinai, the word full of faith! *Psalms 119:86*. They heard the word but they did not mix faith to it! *Hebrews 4:2*.

To the ear which has been opened, anointed, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." *Romans 10:17*.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eye... more to

be desired are they (commandments) than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." *Psalm 19:10,7,8; 119:103, 127,130.*

The patriarch Job said, "I have esteemed the words of Your mouth more than my necessary food." *Job 23:12.*

### Speak the word only

When Jesus was here, He said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." *John 6:63.* The words that Jesus spoke are the words of God. They are imbued with the life of God. They are eternal life. *John 6:68.* They abide forever and in them is the creative energy to produce the thing spoken.

"This is illustrated by many incidents in the life of Christ, as narrated in the New Testament. It is not necessary to cite them all; we may refer to one or two, so we can get hold of this principle. You remember that after the sermon on the

mount, Jesus came down, and there met him a centurion, saying, My servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. Jesus said unto him, 'I will come and heal him.' The centurion said: 'I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.' Jesus turned to those standing about, and said, 'I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel'. *Matt.8:5-10.*

There is what Jesus pronounces faith. When we find what that is, we have found faith. To know what that is, is to know what faith is. There can be no sort of doubt about this; for Christ is the Author of faith! *Hebrews 12:2.* And He says that that which the centurion manifested was 'faith,' yes, even great faith.

Where, then, in this is the faith? The centurion wanted a certain thing done. He wanted the Lord to do it. But when the Lord said, 'I will come' and do it, the centurion checked him, saying, 'Speak the word only'. Upon what did the centurion depend for the



healing of his servant? Upon 'the word only'. And the Lord Jesus says that that is faith!

It must be to little purpose to urge upon a person the necessity of cultivating faith, while that person has no intelligent idea of what faith is. And it is sadly true that, though the Lord has made this perfectly plain in the Scriptures, there are many who do not know what faith is.

Israel had the Bible; they knew the word of God. They boasted of being the people of the Book, the people of God. They read it; they preached in their synagogues, 'My word shall accomplish that which I please.' *Isaiah.55:11*. They said: That is right; the thing ought to be done. We see the necessity of it, and will do it. We will accomplish what it says. Then they did their best to accomplish it. It took them a long while, so long indeed that they never did it.

There was the word of God, which said, 'It shall accomplish that which

I please.' It was spoken thus of the creative power. And though they professed to recognize the creative energy of the word of God, yet in their own lives they left that all out, and said, We will do it. They looked to themselves for the process which would bring themselves to the point where that word and themselves would agree. What where they? Are we afraid to say, for fear we have been there ourselves? Let us not be afraid to say that they were evolutionists; for that is what they were, and that is what a good many of us are. Their course was antagonistic to creation; there was no creation about it. They were not made new creatures; no new life was formed within them; the thing was not accomplished by the creative word of God; it was all of themselves; and so far were they from believing in creation that they rejected the Creator, and crucified Him out of the world. That is what evolution always does; for do not forget that evolution is directly antagonistic to creation.

Now these were the people upon whom

Jesus looked when He made this statement about faith in Israel. Here was a man who was a Roman, who had grown up among the people who were Jews. That Centurion had been around where Jesus was, had seen Him talking, had heard His words and had seen the effect of them, until he himself said, Whatever that man speaks is so: when He says a thing, it is done! Now I am going to have the advantage of it. So he went to Jesus and made his request. Jesus knew perfectly well that the man had his mind upon the power of His word to do that thing; and He replied, Very well, I will come and heal your servant. O no, my Lord, you do not need to come. You see this man was testing the matter. Therefore, he said, 'Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed'. Jesus replied, 'As you have believed, so be it done unto you. And his servant was healed'. When that word went forth, 'So be it done unto you,' how long before the man was healed? One minute? One day? Twenty years?--No. Didn't he have to go through many ups and downs before he was certainly

healed? Honest now? When the word was spoken, the word did the thing that was spoken and it did it at once!

Now you see that the word of God at the beginning of creation had in it the creative energy to produce that thing which the word pronounced. You see that when Jesus came into the world to show men THE WAY of life, to save them from their sins, He demonstrated, over and over again, here and there and everywhere, to all people and for all time, that that same word of God has that same creative energy in it yet; so that when that word is spoken, the creative energy is there to produce the thing. Now, think that way of the ten commandments spoken on Sinai, not merely engraved on tables of stones, but spoken!

Now are you an evolutionist, or are you a creationist? That word speaks to you. You have read it, you profess to believe it. You believe in creation, as against the other evolutionists; now will you believe

in creation as against yourself? Will you put yourself upon that platform today where you will allow nothing to come between you and the creative power of that word--no period of time whatever? " A.T. Jones, *Lessons on Faith*.

Whoever lets any time pass between the word spoken and the thing done, is an evolutionist!

How shall I be forgiven? How shall I love? How shall I be made clean? How shall I grow in grace? How shall I be filled with the Spirit? By the creative energy of that word.

And "Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." *John 15:3*. Praise His word! *Ps.56:4*.

What a blessed thing this is!

### *Revival of true religion*

"Christians pray for a revival of religion. If they would but revive

belief in the simple Word of God, and recognize it as a living thing, and as the source of all life and power, there would be a revival of true religion. Let the Gospel be preached, not with wisdom of men, but in the words which the Holy Ghost teaches! Let it be set forth as the living, active word of God and men will believe, and it will be seen to work effectually in those that believe." *E.J.Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, p.90. See 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:1.*

"When God calls a thing by name, or says that a thing will be, it already exists, even though it cannot be seen. The thing is in His word. When He names a thing that previously had no existence, that instant the thing exists, for His word forms it as it names it. When He says that a thing will be, then it is as sure as though it had already appeared, because it does really exist in the word that has been spoken!" *Ibid, p.25.*

"He speaks and it is done; He commands and it stands fast." *Psalm*

33:9. And the Good News is that "This is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you." *1 Peter 1:25*. The Lord has spoken: "Let the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shine into the darkened void of your heart." "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." *2 Corinthians 4:6; Philippians 2:5*. The word has gone out of His mouth in righteousness. It is so immediately in the lives of all them that believe! Do you believe?

### Go and bring forth fruit

To us Christ says, as well as to His disciples of old, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." *John 15:16*.

"Christ has commanded us to go and bring forth fruit. And how are we to go and bring forth fruit? By the same power that causes the natural fruit

of the earth to grow. That word which said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit,' and whose power we can see manifested in the grass and trees, says to us, 'Go and bring forth fruit,' and if we are willing to be as submissive to the word as is the inanimate creation, the fruit will be as abundant! "

"But take notice that the fruit is to be to the glory of God. 'Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.' *John 15:8*. If the power to bear fruit were in us, there would be nothing to the glory of God; but whatever fruit is borne is to the glory of God, because the power is all from His word. We, like the grass, are but the powerless instruments through which God manifests His own power!" *E.J. Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, p.95*.

"Surely the people are grass." *Isaiah 40:7*. The divine command is, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our



Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2  
*Peter 3:18*. But how are we to grow?  
Just as the seed grows in the ground.  
Hear the words of Christ: "So is the  
Kingdom of God, as if a man should  
cast seed upon the earth; and should  
sleep and rise night and day, and the  
seed should spring up and grow, he  
knoweth not how." *Mark 4:26,27*.

We may not know how the good seed of  
the word of God springs up within us,  
to cause us to bring forth fruit, but  
that makes no difference. "God gives  
it a body as it has pleased Him." Our  
part is to yield to the divine  
husbandman; God's part is to cause  
the growth and the perfect fruit!  
E.G. Waggoner, *The Gospel in  
Creation*, pp.95,96.

## How gentle God's commands

"The same word that spoke the  
universe into existence, which said  
to the earth, 'Bring forth grass,'

speaks to us in the words of God's law! The law of God's mouth is not a hard, lifeless decree, which weak mortals are to strive in vain to keep, while God watches them with a stern eye ready to taunt and punish them for failure! That word which says to us, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself,' sheds that love abroad in our hearts, just as the word of God brings forth the fruit in the plant. Then well may we sing: How gentle God's commands! How kind His precepts are!" *E.J. Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, p.104. See John 12:50.*

Through His spoken word God has made provision that we may become like Him, and He will accomplish this for all who do not interpose a perverse will and thus frustrate His grace:

"Today if you will hear His voice, (through His words and commands) do not harden your heart... Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief." *Hebrews*

3:7,8; 4:7,12.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." *Psalm 25:14*. The Bible is to be received as the word of God to us, not written merely, but spoken! "The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts!" *Testimonies, Vol.6,393*.

The psalmist understood this and exclaimed: "My heart stands in awe of Your word. I rejoice at Your word as one that finds great spoil." *Psalm 119:161,162*.

"I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I have loved. O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day." *Psalm 119:72,47,92, 93,97*.

It was by His word that Christ healed disease and cast out demons. *Matthew 8:16*. By His word He stilled the sea,

and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. And now He desires to fix our faith on the word. The word must be our source of power. We are to live "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matthew 4:4.*

"In His commandments and promises God is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice. It is by these that Christ communicates to us His Spirit and power. They are the leaves of the tree which is 'for the healing of the nations.'" *Revelation 22:2; Ministry of Healing, p.122.* "Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and the faith which give vital energy to the whole being." *Ibid, 122.*

"My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." *Proverbs 4:20-22; Romans 10:17.*

## Christian living

"It is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you." *Hosea 10:12.*

"Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of My mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, My speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass." *Deuteronomy 32:1,2.*

"Surely the people are grass." *Isaiah 40:7.*

In the Christian life everything depends upon the word of God. "By the words of Your lips, I have kept myself from the paths of the destroyer." "Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against You." *Psalm 17:4; Job 23:12; Psalm 119:11.* This is the way that God has appointed, and there is no other way to have this thing accomplished.

His word is the way of salvation and the way of Christian living, because this is the way that the Lord does things; because this is the way He manifests Himself. It was by His word that He created all things in the beginning; it is by His word that He re-creates men anew; and it will be by His word that He will re-create this world and all things pertaining to it! *Psalm 33:6,9; 1 Peter 1:23; Revelation 21:5,6.*

It is not only that the worlds were created by the word of God; but they are also upheld by the same word. *Hebrews 1:3.* So also it is not only that man is re-created spiritually by the word of God, but by that same word he is upheld, nourished, and caused to grow in grace. God holds up 'all things' by His powerful word. *Hebrews 1:3.* And the Christian is among the 'all things' no less than any or all the worlds.

This is to be believed and depended upon by every one who professes the name of Christ. You and I can no more

hold ourselves up and in the right way than can the sun or the earth. *Psalm 19*. And as certainly as the worlds are dependent upon His word, so certainly is the Christian to depend upon His word. And when this is so, the Christian is kept in the way of the Lord as certainly and as easily is any planet in the universe. It is written that He 'is able to keep you from falling.' And He says, 'Abide in Me and I in you'. *John 15:3*. We abide in Him and He abides in us according to His will as long as we depend upon the word only to accomplish this union. 'Uphold me according unto Your word'. *Psalm 119:116*. 'I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.' 'Yea, He shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.' *Romans 14:4*.

O struggling, failing Christian, is not that word which holds up great worlds, able also to hold you up? Trust that word. Depend implicitly upon it. Rest wholly upon it; and then you will find rest in it. Trust

the Lord to hold you up, just as you trust Him to hold up the sun. His word holds up the sun, and His word is over and over to you, 'Fear not: for I am with you.' 'I will uphold you.'

I will keep you, you are mine. 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you.' I will never leave you till I have done that thing which I have spoken to you of: 'You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.' " *A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith. See Isaiah 55:10-12.*

Therefore, "I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." *Acts 20:32; John 17:17; A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith.*

## *Conclusion*

"You and I are to call people to the supper; we are to repeat the divine



invitation and say to all people, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But how can I call to a man that all things are now ready, when I myself am not ready? It is a falsehood to start with. My words will not reach him: they are but an empty sound. But O, when there is in that call the creative energy of the word that has made us ready, that has cleansed us from sin, that has created us unto good works, that holds us as the sun is held in the course which the Lord has marked out--then when we go forth, and say to the world lying in wickedness, 'Come, for all things are now ready,' they will hear. They will hear in the call the tones of the voice of the Good Shepherd, and will be cheered to come to Him for creative energy for themselves, to make them new creatures, and prepare them for the supper to which they have been called.

This is where we are in this world's history. God's mark is being set upon the people. But remember, He will never set His mark upon one who is not cleansed from every defilement.

God will not set His seal to something that is not true, that is not good. Would you ask Him to set His seal to righteousness that is altogether unrighteousness? --You would not have the face to do that. You know that He is too righteous to do such a thing. Then He must cleanse you so that He can put His seal to His own work. He can not put His seal to your work. His seal belongs only to a document which He Himself has approved. Let Him write His character upon your heart, and then He can set His seal there; He can write His seal of approval upon your heart, only when His creative word has accomplished its purpose in your heart.

You can see in what a Presence we are; you can see in a measure how long it would take half to exhaust such a subject as this. But, when we do stop, let us stop in the presence of creation. Let us be no more evolutionists. Let not a moment pass between the word of God spoken to you, 'Be holy,' and the accomplishment of the thing in you.

Thus living in the presence of creation, walking with the Creator, upheld by creative power, inspired by the creative energy--why, with a people such as that, God can move the world in a little while!

There are only two ways. There is no half-way ground. Every man and woman in the world is either a creationist or an evolutionist. Evolution is infidelity, it is death. Creation is Christianity. It is life. Choose creation, Christianity, and Life, that you may live. Let us be creationists only and creationists forever! And let all the people say, Amen! " *A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith, Creation or Evolution.*

God's command is, "Live, O sinner, Live! For I have found a ransom." *John 12:50; Acts of the Apostles, p.333.*

"He has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." *Ps.133:3.*

Amen!

## A lesson from the grass

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." And God saw that it was good!  
*Genesis 1:11,12.*

"God said, 'Let it be so,' and it was so. 'He spoke, and it was! He commanded, and it stood fast.'" *Psalms 33:9.*

And that word lives and abides for ever. *1 Peter 1:23,25.* It never loses any of its force. The lapse of time does not diminish its power. The word which created all things, upholds all things. *Hebrews 1:3.*

Consequently that command, "Let the earth bring forth grass," is still

causing the earth to bring forth grass and herbs and trees. If the effect of that word had ceased as soon as it was spoken, then there never would have been any more grass. The grass that was brought forth would have ceased to exist. And especially after the fall of man had brought the curse upon the earth, and death had come not only to man, but to animals and plants; if the word by which the grass was brought forth in the beginning had not been in full force, the earth would speedily have become a barren waste. But that word still lives, and therefore we have the earth clothed with grass, and abundance of fruit for the food of man.

This is not a mere theory, but it is a practical fact. That which is so common a thing as the growth of grass, ceases to call forth our wonder, and we get to thinking that it simply grows of itself without any interposition on the part of God. Indeed, most people would think that it is beneath the dignity of God to pay any attention to so small a thing

as the growing of grass. That is just the reason why so few people derive any practical benefit from their professed faith in God. Their idea of God is of some being far off, who has so much to do with attending to His own affairs of state that He has no time to look after the details of His kingdom. They forget that looking after and caring for His creatures, from the greatest to the smallest, is the especial work of God. They forget that His greatness consists in His ability to manage the most stupendous affairs, and at the same time to pay attention to the smallest details!

But let us note some simple facts that will justify one, even in this scientific age, in believing that the word of the Lord, which in the beginning said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass,' is still causing the earth to bring forth grass. Who has not watched the springing forth of the tender blade of grass or corn? Have you not at times passed along by the field of corn, and noticed a tiny blade pushing its way to the surface, in spite of heavy clods of earth?

Have you not seen a portion of the baked earth heaved up, and, looking beneath, have seen that it was held up by a tiny spire, so tender that it could not support its own weight if released from its position? The blade had as yet scarcely any color, and was but little more than water, for if you had crushed it in your fingers, there would have been scarcely anything but moisture on your hand. Yet this tiny thing was pushing away from before it a clod of earth ten thousand times its own weight!

Whence comes that power? Is it something that is inherent in the grass? No. It has no power of itself. Scarcely anything can be thought of that is weaker. And yet but a few moments before, it was standing erect, and bearing a burden infinitely heavier than itself. Here is a miracle that is wrought hundreds of millions of times every year, and yet there are those who say that the age of miracles is past.

Will any scientist tell what is the source of the marvelous power exhibited in the grass, or in the bursting of the hard shell of the peach stone by the little germ within? There is something there that no microscope can detect. We can see the manifestation of power, but cannot see the power itself. Skeptics may sneer if they please, but we are content to believe that the power is nothing else than the power of God's word. The word of the Lord said in the beginning, 'Let the earth bring forth grass,' and the power of that word causes the grass to spring forth in spite of all the clods of earth. There is no power in the grass, but that most feeble instrument is used to exhibit to man the mighty power of God. In that every man may learn a lesson if he will!

Did I say that we were content to believe that it is the power of the word of God that is manifested in the blade of grass? Nay, not content merely, but glad that we can recognize God's power in small things. In that we see the assurance



that God is able to do for us 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.' *Ephesians 3:20*. For the same power that works in the grass of the field also works in the man who puts his trust in the word of God. 'All flesh is grass.' *Isaiah 40:6*. Man is as weak and frail as the grass, having absolutely no power in himself. He is 'without strength.' *Romans 5:6*. Yet he is able to do all things through the Word of God, who strengthens him. Christ says, 'Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.' *Ephesians 6:10*.

Recall again the 'voice pictures.' The voice of man can produce the forms of living things, but the voice of God produces the very living things themselves. Not only do the grass, the trees, and the myriad forms of fruits and flowers, grow in obedience to the command of the Lord, but they are the visible representation of His voice. In nature we see the voice of God and that is the basis for our trust in that word when we read it in the

Scriptures. It was not an accident that the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, which is a record of some of the mighty works that have been wrought in feeble men by simple faith in the word of God, begins with the statement that 'by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.' " *E.J. Waggoner, The Gospel in Creation, p. 91-94.*

And this the word which by the Gospel is preached unto us!

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## The "call" to repentance

We read in Acts 5:31 that Jesus was exalted to God's right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance to His people and forgiveness of sins. But how? How does He give repentance? It is so simple and yet we don't think of it that way. You remember that night when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water. They were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear! But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to You on the water. So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus." *Matt.14:28,29.*

There was the creative energy in that word to cause Peter to walk upon the

water! And "This is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you." *1 Peter 1:25*. His word has lost none of its power! It is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

"He now calls all men everywhere to repentance." *Acts 17:30*.

How do we repent? By the same power that caused Peter to walk upon the water. The power to repent is in the word spoken. The creative energy is in the word "repent" to create it. This is the word of God and it is full of power to accomplish that which is by it spoken. "The voice of the Lord is full of power." *Ps.29:4*.

There is no other way for a man to repent or to be converted. "Repent and be converted." *Acts 3:19*. "The commandment of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." *Ps.19:7*. That same word keeps us in a state of repentance and contrition and conversion as we continue to trust wholly in the merits of Christ for our salvation and upon the word and the word only to accomplish what it

says! *Isaiah 55:11.*

Every soul that rests in the merits of the Saviour must receive life from God's word for himself, for the life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His word! His power, His very life dwells in His word. Receive the word as the voice of God speaking to your soul in promise and you receive the very life of the Infinite One. This is what it means to be a believer, a true learner. This is what it means to be a "good-ground hearer" or to "hear as the learned." *Matt.13:8; Isaiah 50:4.*

"The Lord God has opened my ear."  
*Isaiah 5:5; Ps.40:8.*

Through the merits of His shed blood, the Lord has spoken unto us the words of repentance, conversion, and reconciliation!

"Be ye reconciled to God." 2  
*Corinthians 5:19,20.* Are you?  
Remember, if you allow any time to pass between the word spoken and the

thing done, you are an evolutionist. Evolution is death. But creation is Christianity. It is life. Choose life!

O how I love the words of His mouth!  
*Psalm 119:72.*

"Receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls." *James 1:21.*

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." *Acts 20:32.*

### *The word of life*

Sarah, Abraham's wife, was too old to conceive. And yet God had said to her that she would give birth to a child and that the Messiah, the Seed, would come from his line of descent. But as time went by there was no sign that this promise would be fulfilled and Sarah began to doubt. She then

suggested to her husband to sleep with Hagar, a slave, in order to fulfill the word of God. Abraham hearkened unto the voice of Sarah! Ishmael was born. For fifteen years they lavished their love upon him believing he was the child of promise. Then God appeared to Abraham and told him that He could not accept Ishmael! Abraham was dismayed and said, "O that Ishmael might live before Thee." But God reiterated His promise that Sarah would conceive and that Isaac would be the child of promise. They repented and believed! And Isaac was born!

Isaac is a type of Christ. "Unto us a child is born; unto us a child is given." *Isaiah 9:6*. We cannot, by ourselves, spiritually "conceive." As Sarah was dead as far as her womb was concerned, we are dead in trespasses and sins. The only way we can get spiritually "pregnant" with Christ who is the "Seed" of Abraham, who is the hope of glory, is by having the Holy Spirit come upon us as we hear the voice of God bidding us live:

"Live! O sinner, live! I found a ransom." See *Ps.133:3; Job 33:24*.

That word, received in faith, quickens the dead! Satan cannot hold in spiritual death one soul who in faith receives Christ's word of power. God is saying to all who are dead in sin, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead." *Eph.5:14*. That word is eternal life. The word of God which bade the first man live still gives us life. As Christ's word, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise," gave life to the youth of Nain, so that word, "Arise from the dead," in *Eph.5:14*, is life to the soul that receives it. It is all offered to us in His word. If we receive the word as the voice of God, we have the deliverance!

"Quicken Thou me, O Lord, according unto Thy word." *Psalms 119:25; James 1:18*. And this new life in Christ which is thus imparted is in like manner sustained, "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matt.4:4*.



And "If you are Christ's, you are Abraham's seed, according to the promise." *Ephesians 3:29.*

The last thing God expects us to do when He speaks is for us to "try" to accomplish what He says. His word has lost none of its power. Is not the Word of God the same yesterday, today, and for ever?

And if we consent to be as submissive to His voice as is the inanimate creation, the creative energy of His word will be revealed in and through us that we may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God!

"The entrance of Thy word giveth light." *Ps.119:130; 19:7,8.* "My soul fainteth for Thy salvation; but I hope in Thy word." *Ps.119:81.*

## The word of peace

"Your words were found and I did eat

them; and Your word was unto me the joy and the rejoicing of my heart." *Jer.15:16.*

"Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound." *Ps.89:15.*

You know how pleasant it is to hear the voice of one's lover! How much more the voice of Jesus who says, "I the Lord am Your husband." *Isaiah 54:5.* I love the voice of Jesus because it is full of His own life, of the creative energy! "I will hear what the Lord will speak; He will speak peace to His people." *Ps.85:8.* He speaks peace to me! "Peace to you." *John 20:21.* This is the peace of God, the peace that passeth all understanding! And the word has gone out of His mouth in righteousness! *Isaiah 45:19,23.*

"O that you had hearkened unto (the voice of) My commandments; then had thy peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea." *Isaiah 48:17,18; Psalm 103:20.*

In the beginning He said, "Let there  
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be light! and there was light." Now He says, "Let the peace of God rule in your heart." What now? (Col.3:15) When nothing stands in the way of His commandments, it is so immediately! For "He speaks and it is done; He commands and it stands fast." Ps.33:9. Amen!

"I praise Your Word." Ps.56:4.

Therefore, "I will run in the way of Your commandments." Ps.119:32,25,93.

The very first commandment He spoke to His disciples after His resurrection was, "Peace be unto you." John 20:19. It may very well be that their ears had not yet been opened when He spoke these words to them. They probably did not understand their import until Pentecost.

Jesus spoke these words especially for us who are living in these last days. If there was a time when we needed the peace of God it is now so that we can meet Him in peace at His

return! He speaks peace unto us, and the word has gone out of His mouth in righteousness! *Isaiah 45:23*. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." *Isaiah 32:17*.

I am drunk with this new wine, with the doctrine of Christ. It is "good doctrine!" *Proverbs 4:2*.

The words that proceed out of His mouth are my delights! *Psalms 119:16,70,77,143*.

"Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction; for Thy word hast quickened me." *Ps.119:49,50*.

*Let not your heart be troubled*

See how simple the Gospel is. It is just as simple as ABC. The Lord knows all about our fears and He has

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already spoken the word that, if received, will take all of our fears away. You know how in the beginning He spoke and it was; He commanded and it stood fast. Ps.33:9. He called the light out of darkness by speaking the word only! It is the same with our fears. The Lord knows all about them and His word over to us is, "Fear not." "Let not your heart be troubled." "Let the peace of God rule in your heart." He speaks and it is done! It is so if we believe.

I couldn't tell you enough how much comfort I find from reading the first chapter of Genesis. The Word that spoke into space the worlds on high, which said to the earth, "Bring forth grass," is the same word that is speaking to us today, saying, "Your sins are forgiven you." "Peace be unto you." It is all offered to you in His word. If you receive it as the voice of God, your sins are forgiven, you have the peace of God and you are filled with the Spirit!

Remember, He speaks and it is done!  
He commands and it stands fast! This

is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you!

Jesus says to you, "Be of good cheer." For your soul's sake, put yourself upon the creative energy of His word and all your fears will vanish away like in the twinkling of an eye!

"I will hear what the Lord will speak; He will speak peace to His people." *Ps.85:8*. "O that you had hearkened unto My commandments; then had your peace been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea." "I the Lord speak righteousness." *Isaiah 45:19*. "The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness." *Isaiah 45:23*. "The work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." *Isaiah 32:17*. "All Thy commandments are righteousness." *Ps.119:172*.

The renewing of the mind

God does not force His will, which is expressed in His words and commands, on anyone. In order for His will to be done, we must first believe that His word, not us, is to accomplish that which is said in that word, and then we must submit to the word, allow it to have "free course" in us. *2 Thess.3:1.*

God says, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." *Romans 12:2.*

Receive this command as the word of God to you, not written merely, but as the voice of God speaking to your soul in promise, and immediately the Word works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. *Isaiah 55:11.* You now have the mind of Christ! *1 Corinthians 2:16.*

If you allow any time to pass between the word spoken and the thing accomplished, it can not be done!

We can choose to be evolutionists, and that is infidelity, or we can choose to be creationists, and that is Christianity!

So our will has a part to play but not in trying to fulfill the word, because that is an impossibility. But we can consent for the word to have free course in us. If we choose to allow the word of God to have free course in us, the word makes us new in Christ Jesus! A new life is formed within and this life which is thus imparted is in like manner sustained, "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matt.4:4*. And we are free to choose to "continue in the faith" according to the commandment. We are free to say, "Lord, quicken Thou me according unto Thy word." *Ps.119:28*.

Choose ye this day and with the Psalmist, say, "I will run in the way of God's commandments." *Ps.119:32*.

*Why do I believe the Bible?*



Why do I believe the Bible? Because I have found it to be the voice of God to my soul. Let us say that you are on vacation, flying over to Europe. You fall in with someone who is a very pleasant companion, but an unbeliever. You talk a great deal, and he asks you, "How do you know the Bible is true?" He doesn't believe it is true at all. He doesn't believe anything in it. And you say to him, "My friend, how do you know I am talking to you? How do you know?" He would say, "Why, I hear you."

Exactly. You hear, you know. Could you absolutely know in any other way that I was talking to you, if you did not hear me speaking? Well, this is the only way we can know the Bible is God's word, by hearing Him speak to us. Now I know that this is God's word, because He speaks to me, and I hear Him. You would not think of raising the question while I was speaking, Now perhaps it is not you speaking; perhaps it is somebody else. There is no room for that

question, is there? You would know I was speaking because you would be hearing me; and we know God because He speaks. If we do not know that, how can we believe? Did not Christ say that the Jews knew Him not, because they could not hear Him? *John 8:43*. Yet was not the Word spoken for the purpose of causing them to believe in Him? He said, "This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes." Did those get out of it what they might? Yet did they not hear the voice?

Now, is this not the way that a good many read the Bible? It is a voice, an expression. You read the words and get the sound, but you have not come to the place where you hear the voice of God. When God spoke the ten words, what does the Bible say the people did? "They trembled. They besought that the Word should not be spoken to them any more." *Exodus 20:18-21*. That was a bad thing. They would rather have a man speak to them than God. What is God? Is He not life? What is the nature of His Word? If they had received God's words as living words,

they would not have entreated Moses that the voice discontinue.

They heard the Word just the same as we often hear it, and did not recognize it as the living Word speaking to them; (*Acts 7:38*) hence they were afraid. They feared it would kill them. God would not speak to His children in such a manner that His words would destroy them. See *Exodus 20:18-21; Deut.32:46,47; Ps.119:50,93; John 12:50.*

Now there is coming a time when that voice will be heard again, and the trump, too. *1 Thess.4:13-18.* Some will be afraid, frightened, and will seek hiding places.

Others will say, Lo, this is our God; we will be joyful, we will be glad. Why? Because they have learned to know the joyful sound. *Ps.89:15; Isaiah 50:4,5.* They know that when God speaks, it is life. *John 6:63,68.* It is life, and it doesn't make any difference in what form He speaks; it

is life, and they know it, and are not at all afraid. If He whispers, all right; if He thunders, well. At that time the trump waxes louder and louder, and we will not run to get from the voice; we will know it!

## Back to the beginnings

We need to go back to the chapter of beginnings in Genesis in order to fully grasp the Gospel of Christ for "this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto us." *1 Peter 1:25.*

In the beginning "Darkness was upon the face of the deep" and then the Word said, "Let there be light! And there was light." The will of God was immediately done. Nothing stood in the way of the voice of His word. See *Ps.103:20.* He spoke and it was done! He commanded and it stood fast! The Glad Tidings is that this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto us. "We have been called to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." *2 Thessalonians 2:14.* God has commanded the light of His

glory to shine in our hearts:

"Let the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shine in the darkened void of your heart." *2 Cor.4:6.*

The Lord has called us from darkness into His marvellous light! *1 Peter 2:9.* It is so immediately in you if you allow no time between the word spoken and the thing done! *Romans 4:17.* Of you who believe, it is written, "Now you are light in the Lord through the word which I have spoken unto you." *John 15:3; Eph.5:14.*

Sinner listen to the loving call,  
wonderful words of life!

How I love the words of His mouth!

I praise His word! *Ps.56:4,10.*

*Be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ*

The Lord commands all men everywhere to "Repent and be converted." *Acts 17:30;3:19*. When a man repents and is converted by the voice of God, he is turned into another man. The voice of God "puts on" him the "new man," even the man Christ Jesus. *Colossians 3:10*. And that is the only way a man can repent and be converted. *Acts 5:31*. "The commandment of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul!" *Psalms 19:7*.

The word of God speaks to us, saying, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." *Romans 13:14*. We cannot "put on" the Lord ourselves anymore than we can "put on" love or repent of ourselves or convert ourselves! The word says, "Put on love." *Colossians 3:14*. We are to let the word accomplish this for us and immediately we are clothed with love as with a garment, the garment of righteousness. Then we are converted. This is the same as when the Word bids us, "Put on the whole armour of God," or "Put on the armour of light." This armour is the "the armour of righteousness," which is

"put on" us by the voice of God. *Ephesians 6:11: Romans 13;12; 2 Corinthians 6:7.* To put on the Lord Jesus Christ is to put on Love and to put on love is to put on righteousness and to put on righteousness is to put on the whole armour of God! And that is what it means to be clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness! *Isaiah 61:10.*

It makes a vast difference who puts it on! If we try to put it on ourselves, we will fail miserably. We should know that by now! Only God can put it on us and He does it by the word which He has spoken! *Isaiah 55:11.* For this reason alone we should praise His word continually: "I praise His word." *Psalms 56:4.*

And the love which the word of the Lord puts on us is the love of God, the love that dwelt in the heart of Christ! This is the treasure that, through our connection with Him, we are to receive, to reveal, and to impart! This, indeed, is "the faith that works by love." *Galatians 5:6;*

*Romans 5:5.*

And this love is a vitalizing power! Every vital part, the heart, the brain, the nerves, it touches with healing. It frees the soul from the guilt and sorrow, the anxiety and care that crush the life forces. By it the highest energies of the being are roused to activity. It brings with it serenity and composure. It implants in the soul a joy that nothing earthly can destroy, joy in the Holy Spirit, health-giving, life-giving joy!

The Lord says, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." I thank God this is so, because the creative energy is in that word "forgiven" to take away all sin, and create the man a new creature. Do you believe in creation? Do you believe in the creative energy that is in the word "forgiven" spoken to you? Or are you an evolutionist, and do you say, I can not see how that can be, because I am so bad? I have been trying to do right, but I have made many failures; I have had many ups and downs, and have been



down a good many times than up. If that is what you say, you are an evolutionist; for that is evolution.

He has also spoken unto you the word of reconciliation! "Be ye reconciled unto God." *2 Cor.5:19,20*. It is so immediately if you allow the word to have "free course" in you. *2 Thessalonians 3:1*.

In every command or injunction that God gives is a promise, the most positive, underlying the command! It is the promise of the Holy Spirit and, therefore, of more abundant life!

Thus the very keynote of the word of God is, rejoicing! "Your words were found, and I did eat them; and Your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." *Jeremiah 15:16*.

Is it any wonder, then, that the psalmist should say, "O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. You, O Lord, through Your

commandments, have made me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts... How sweet are Your words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" *Psalm 119:98-103.*

## Wonderful words of life

Speak them over again to me, wonderful words of life! Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life!

Since the word of God is in itself creative, and so is able to produce and cause to appear what otherwise would never exist nor be seen, and since faith is the expecting the word of God only to do just that thing, and depending upon "the word only" to do it, it is plain enough that faith is "the substance of things hoped

for, the evidence of things not seen." *Hebrews 11:1*.

Christ says to us, "Abide in Me, and I in you." *John 15:4*. "He speaks, and it is done! He commands, and it stands fast!" *Psalm 33:6*. It is so immediately the moment we allow that word to have free course in us. Let us not make the word of God of no effect by attempting to fulfill it ourselves! *Matthew 15:6*.

"Continue ye in My love." *John 15:9*. This is the law of His mouth! It is living and powerful. He speaks a new heart: "Be ye clean." *Isaiah 52:11*. To those "who know the joyful sound," Christ says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." *Psalm 89:15; John 15:3*.

The Spirit of Christ, through the prophet Ezekiel, was looking down the ages, His eye fixed upon our time, and said:

"For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall

come to pass; it shall be no more postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God. There shall none of My words be postponed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God." *Ezekiel 12:25,26.*

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." *Daniel 12:10.*

"Be not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is... Be filled with the Spirit." *Ephesians 5:17,18.*

As we receive the word in faith, the Holy Spirit falls upon us. *Acts 10:44; 11:14,15.* And the life which is thus imparted is in like manner sustained, "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matthew 4:4.*

## Have your ears been opened?

"Go to this people and say: Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive; For the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them. Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and **THEY WILL HEAR IT!**"  
*Acts 28:26-28; Psalm 104:30; 107:20.*

The Gentiles will HEAR it!

"It shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." *Hosea 1:10.*

But of His professed people, the Lord says, "Surely from long ago your ear was not opened." *Isaiah 48:8.*

Has your ear been opened?

## *Wells of salvation*

The death of Christ upon the cross was a perfect offering and yet Christ's intercession in our behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of redemption as His death upon the cross!

His intercession is that of presenting His divine merits in the offering of Himself to the Father as our substitute and surety for He ascended up on High to make atonement for our transgressions. As He pleads His all-sufficient merits in our behalf, He claims the gift of the Spirit that He may pour it upon us who come to God by faith, that is, by laying hold of Christ's merits to receive His righteousness which is imparted to us through His word:

"I the Lord speak righteousness."  
"The word has gone out of My mouth in  
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righteousness." "All Thy commandments are righteousness." "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." *Isaiah 45:19, 23; Ps.119:172; John 6:63.*

The creative energy (righteousness) that called the worlds into existence is in His word. All His biddings are enablings. They impart power, they beget life. Accepted by the will, received into the soul, they bring with them the life of the Infinite One for they are "God breathed." The life which is thus imparted is in like manner sustained, "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." *Matt.4:4.*

"I praise His word." *Ps.56:4.*

Through the merits of the Redeemer we have access to the fountain of His spoken word. We may draw water from the wells of salvation. *Isaiah 12:3.* As we expect His word to do what it says and depend upon that word only to accomplish what is by it spoken, it brings with it the life of the

Infinite One! And the Lord Jesus says that that is faith, even great faith! See *Isaiah 55:11* and *Matt.8:5-10*.

When God in the beginning, said, "Let there be light," what happened? There was light! There was no time between the word spoken and the thing done! Nothing stood in the way of His powerful word and it had free course to accomplish what it said. And it was so for every word He spoke! Now He says to you and me: Let the light of God shine into the darkened void of your heart! 2 *Corinthians 4:6*. What now?

"My word shall accomplish that which I please." *Isaiah 55:11*.

Remove the obstacles, and the Lord will reveal through you the creative energy of His word! Say, Lord, be it unto me as you have said! And whatever you hear Him speak to you will be so immediately, as in the beginning!

Then His words will no longer be postponed! *Ezekiel 12:25,28*.



## *Obeying the voice of His word*

Why do the angels excel in strength?

"Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word." *Ps.103:20.*

Because they hearken unto the voice of God's commandments. We too, if we will hearken unto the voice of His word, we will excel in strength to prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God!

The voice says, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." *Eph.6:10.*

If we hearken unto the voice of His word, we are immediately strengthened with "all might" to do His will!

"Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering and joyfulness." *Col.1:11.*

"The people that do know their God shall be strong and do great exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many." *Daniel 11:32,33. Compare Daniel 12:10 with Ephesians 5:17,18.*

"Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and He strengthened me, and said, 'O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto you, be strong, yea, be strong, and when He had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my Lord speak; for Thou hast strengthened me.' *Daniel 10:18,19.*

How much time was there between the speaking of the word and the thing done? No time whatsoever. The Lord said, Be strong, yea be strong, and Daniel was immediately strengthened! That is the nature of God's word. It is full of power, of the creative energy to accomplish that which it speaks, God's good pleasure. My word shall accomplish that which I please." *Isaiah 55:11.* Daniel's ear

was opened that He might "hear as the learned." *Isaiah 50:4,5.*

The Lord also said to him, "Fear not... Peace be unto you," and it was so! Daniel did not resist the word but believed and the word effectually worked in him to immediately accomplish what was said in that word! He believed unto salvation!

These words that were spoken to Daniel are spoken to us today! Anyone who allows any time to pass between the word spoken and the thing done is an evolutionist! Evolution is death. Christianity is creation. It is life! Choose life! He speaks and it is done! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

"Do you not see that in this way it will not require a long, tedious, wearing process to be made ready to meet the Lord in glory? So many people are looking at themselves. They know that, in the nature of things it must take them an exceedingly long time to get fully ready to meet Him. If it is done by

evolution, it will never be done. But  
when it is done by creation, it will  
be both surely and quickly done!"

A.T. Jones, Lessons on Faith,  
Creation or Evolution.