

THE HOLY WORD

Recognizing The Holiness Of God's Word

I. This Word is my answer, it is my remedy

A. You need to renew your mind and start seeing this word as your answer

1. Jn1:1,14-God is the Word, Jesus is the Word; That makes The Word you answer
 - a. God does nothing w/o His Word and if God does something in your life it'll be by His word
2. Rm1:16-The gospel of Christ is the words of God and they are the power of God unto salvation (deliverance, rescue, save, safety, health), they are the cure to every one that believes
3. Mk4:14-You can't grow anything good in your life without good seed, without the Word; That's why Satan's after it
4. Rm10:17, 1Jn5:4-You need faith to overcome and the word is how faith comes

B. It's by hearing these words, feeding on these words, receiving these words, believing these words, saying these words., acting on these words, clinging to these words that men are saved, healed, delivered and walk in victory

1. Any area of your life where you hear what God says, receive what He says, believe what He says, say what He says, act on what he says, cling to what he says you're going to have victory in that area – Joshua 1:5-I will not fail you

C. When you acknowledge the Word as your answer, you'll run to this book – You need to practice running to this book

1. In any situation, attack, adversity your first move is to the Word-"What does God say about this in His word?"
2. Jn15:7-Many ignore The Word, pay no attention to anything God says and just pray for God to do something

II. Matthew 13:15-You have receiving the remedy and refusing the remedy

A. Jesus is talking about sowing the Word and how the ground it's sown into responds to the seed-V3-V8

1. Good ground responds right; It receives the seed into it's depth

B. This a people who are in the presence of the Word, but unresponsive and unreceptive to it-Their response is wrong

1. Waxed gross-Thick, callous; Dull-Cloggy, insensible; Closed eyes-They don't want to see
 - a. *GNT-Stopped their ears and have closed their eyes; MSG-They stick their fingers in their ears so they won't have to listen; They screw their eyes shut so they won't have to look*
2. They won't listen to it, look at it, soften their heart to it-The word has no affect on them, unreceptive

C. They are being given the remedy, but their response to the remedy makes it unfruitful for them

1. Being unresponsive, unreceptive to the Word will keep you in your predicament, stuck where you are
 - a. If they'd respond & be receptive they'd be healed, but they're not b/c they won't and so they're stuck where they are – If won't respond and be receptive to this word you'll be stuck where you are
2. The Word is the remedy and you have to respond and be receptive to the remedy to get the cure (Heal-Cure)

D. You are receptive and responsive to the Lord by 1) Opening your eyes and ears 2) Softening your heart

1. I open my eyes and my ears to this word I want to hear and see what this Word has to say
 - a. This is running to this book
2. I soften my heart to this word and I'm responsive to what I hear and see and it affects me
 - a. What I see in this word changes everything; It changes how think, what I believe, how I act
 - b. Yes Lord I receive that, I believe that, I say that, I act like that's true, I feed on that, I cling to that
3. Being unresponsive and unreceptive is doing the opposite

E. Unknowingly and even unintentionally you can be unresponsive and unreceptive to this Word

1. You can push this word to the side, act like it's not important, not true and allow it to have no affect on you
 - a. This is hardening your heart, clogging your ears and closing your eyes-It's Pr13:13 and it's destruction
2. Ex: You can saved, laden with worry, hear 1 Peter 5:7, and nod your head, not even respond and just keep worrying
 - a. People hear that and do it for ten seconds and think it doesn't work because they don't feel any different

3. *EX: I was giving a person scriptures and the scriptures were just bouncing off of them; They just kept bring up their problems; It hit me they don't care what the Word says; God said their biggest problem is that my word means nothing to them, it carries no weight in their lives*

F. This Word has got to mean enough to you that you when you hear it, you receive and respond

1. If you lack respect for the word, if it carries little weight and you just ignore it and push it aside you are in trouble
2. Your respect determines your response; Your response determines your result
 - a. Heb4:2-The remedy came to both, but the result was different b/c the response was different, b/c the respect was different
– They heard it but the respect was low, the response was wrong and so the result wasn't there

G. What causes people to respond wrong to the Word? A failure to recognize and acknowledge the holiness of the Word

1. This clogging of the ears, closing of the eyes, hardening of the heart this is not recognizing or acknowledging the holiness of this Word – You're unaware of what you're in the presence of

III. Ez20:10-The remedy, what they're supposed to live by they have no time for, they ignore it, treat it like it's nothing

A. 7-8-These words (V7) should be everything to them but they paid no attention, no interest to them (hearkened not)

B. 11-We live (live on, live prosperously) by this Word; It is your sustaining source, taking care of your every need-Matt4:4

1. This is word is my salvation, my deliverance, my healing, my joy, my peace, my strength, my prosperity
2. If you'll give this word place and it means something to you, you'll live by it, it'll be everything to you
3. *11-MS-I gave them laws for living, showed them how to live well; NLT-I gave them my decrees and regulations so they could find life by keeping them; YL-I give to them my statutes, my judgments I caused them know, which the man who doth – liveth by them*

C. 13,16-The despised his word (Refuse, reject) – They rejected the remedy, the answer

1. They are not treating God's word like it's holy, they are treating it like it's nothing
 - a. *AC-They walked not in my statutes and they despised and cast away my judgments; VO-Ignored my commands; ERV-Treated my special days of rest as if they were not important*–How they treated His word too
2. If the Word means something to you, you're a doer of it-You may value hearing the Word, but do you value doing it?

D. Most ignore his Word and try to pray in results that only following his word can produce

1. Can they just ignore His Word and pray to live well?
 - a. You're not going to despise, reject and push aside the source of life and still get the life
2. Many don't want to listen to what God says and just want their problems fixed, but the problem with that is the Word is the remedy and so the way to get your problem fixed is to listen to what God says
3. 15-They don't live (true life is experiencing God's best) and lack of respect for the Word caused it

IV. When you acknowledge and recognize the holiness of this Word it affects how you respond to the Word

A. These are the Holy words of God-2 Timothy 3:15

1. 1) Sacred, revered, hallowed, divine, godly 2) Worthy of reverence, awe 3) Unordinary 4) Pure, free from fault
2. 2 Timothy 3:16-These words were inked at the inspiration of the Spirit of God
3. These words are alive, they are the thoughts of God, the power of God, they are God
4. The psalmist got a hold of something; Ps119:161-*KJ-My hearts stands in awe (reverence, trembling) of your word*

B. Because I recognize the holiness of these words they carry weight in my life, they mean something to me, they affect me

1. These words are never to be resisted, refused, rejected, spoke against, let go of
2. These words are bigger than anything I see, anything I feel, any circumstance, anything I'm experiencing in this life
3. The only appropriate response is to say yes to these words, agree with these words, receive these words, respond to these words, believe these words, say these words, cling to these words

- C. Recognizing how holy the Word is affects my respect for the Word, my response to the Word and the result the Word is able to produce in my life and so my prayer is Lord reveal to me the Holiness of your Word and develop in me a greater level of respect for your word so that my response would always be appropriate and the results of this Word would always be seen in my life
1. Your life is on the on the line, your reward is on the line