

# THE HOLY WORD

## God Sends His Words

- I. Psalm 107:10-20-If you refuse and resist the remedy you miss the effects of it
  - A. 10-The word is a lamp unto your feet, truth that makes free but they're bound in darkness b/c they rejected the remedy
  - B. 11-This is a disrespect and resistance to the holy words of God
    1. Rebelled-Resist, open resistance of lawful authority
      - a. You're either going to submit and yield to the Word or rebel and resist it
    2. Contemn-Despise, To slight or neglect as unworthy of regard
      - a. They didn't believe them, speak them, act on them, yield to them, but they slighted and neglected the Word
  - C. 13,19-20-When they were in trouble and prayed unto the Lord He sent His Word; Why? It's the remedy
    1. *AC-He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit and destruction; CEV-By the power of His own word he healed you and saved you from destruction; GW-He sent his message*
    2. Delivered-Rescue, preserve, save; Destructions-Pit, trapping, go down, sink down (low place)
    3. 12-The Word was the help/remedy, but they don't want that and so to them there is no help/remedy
  - D. He sent what they rebelled against b/c there's not a different remedy; The answer is the same as when they rebelled
    1. Just because you rebelled against and resisted the remedy doesn't mean it's not the remedy
    2. Often times the only way to get cured is to respond and receive what you've been resistant to
    3. If God did a miracle and delivered you, if you continue to despise his words you're going right back
  - E. What does rebelling and slighting the Word look like?
    1. You feel so guilty about all the stuff you've done and so I give you the word (1Jn1:9,Heb8:12,Rom8:1) and you say yeah I know, but the feelings are so strong and what I did was so bad; You have resisted the remedy, you've slighted it in favor of your feelings and so you sit there in guilt and there's none to help and you don't need another 2 hour counseling session, you don't need to pray/ask God for anything, you need to respond to the remedy
- II. God always uses His words and our response to His words determines what He does in our lives
  - A. When God does something He uses His words
    1. He used His Words in creation-*Ps33:6-By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made 9 For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast; Heb11:3-The worlds were framed by the word of God*
    2. Jesus used his words to heal-*Mt8:16-He cast out spirits with his word and healed all that were sick (with his word); Lk4:39-He rebuked the fever*
    3. He used His words to stop a storm-*Mk4:39-He arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace be still*
    4. Jesus was the words of God made flesh-*Jn1:14-The Word as made flesh and dwelt among us; He got into the earth by the spoken Word; He was prophesied in the OT*
      - a. Luke 1:38-Why did the angel say it to Mary first, couldn't he have just done it?
  - B. Our response to His words determines His response to our situation
    1. Mt13:15-Jesus came preaching and said how you respond to what you hear is going to determine what you see
    2. Jesus didn't come doing, he came preaching and how people responded to his words dictated what he was able to do; He preached Luke 4:16 and in his hometown they resisted those words so he could do nothing
  - C. We want God to do something, but first God says something and how we respond to what He says determines what He is able to do
    1. So often you're not seeing Him in action because of your reaction to what He said; If you'll dull, unresponsive and there's no faith then there will be no manifestation of His power-Eph3:20

2. Romans 10:8-17-It works this way in salvation-God sends somebody with His Words and if you're receptive to his words and respond in faith His response is to move by his spirit and cause you to be born again; If you hardened to it and dull He does nothing – It's not just that way in salvation, it's that way in everything
3. Heb4:1-2-Some heard and believed, some heard and didn't believe and how they responded to what they heard dictated what God did in their lives; For some he caused them to possess the land, for others He did nothing
4. When understand that this is how God operates and functions it's helps you be more alert to listen for His words and be more aware of how you're responding to His Words

III. 2Ch36:12-16-They're in trouble so God in his compassion sends the answer which was and always will be his words, but they despised His Words and so for them there was no remedy (cure) b/c they pushed aside the only remedy

**A. They are in trouble and if they keep on this path it won't go well for them**

1. *ERV-All the leaders of the priests and all the leaders of the people of Judah sinned worse and become more unfaithful to the Lord. They followed the example of the other nations. They ruined the Temple that the Lord had made holy in Jerusalem.*

**B. In His compassion, God sent His words - What did God send to people in trouble?**

1. He sent messengers (prophet, priest, teacher) with His Words because His Word is the remedy, the answer
2. In a troubled time don't just ask God to do something but, listen to what He has to say; His Words are your answer

**C. There's no other remedy & if you reject the Word, He doesn't send something else, He sends it again-Ps107:20, Is55:11**

1. *AMP-Sent them word again and again; LEB-Repeatedly and persistently; CEV-Over and over; MSG-Repeatedly sent warning messages to them. Out of compassion for both his people and his temple he wanted to give them every chance possible. But they wouldn't listen*

**D. The words were coming out of the mouth of men, but they weren't man's words, but God's words**

1. 1 Thessalonians 2:13-God's words can be found in the mouth of men and even though it's a man speaking it those words are to be treated as the words of God; That person may be flesh and blood, but those words are life and spirit
2. God so often will put your answer in the mouth of a preacher – God put their answer in a preacher's mouth-Num13

**E. There are people who mock the preaching and teaching of the Word and even some believers don't value it**

1. Man's greatest need is not natural, but it's spiritual and it's the Word of God-Mk16:15, Mt28:19
2. Mark 6:34-When Jesus saw that multitude of people compassion moved him to teach the Word
  - a. Doing stuff for people is fine, but without revelation of the Word they're going to go right back
  - b. What many value is helping people naturally, but that doesn't ever go to the root of the problem
  - c. If you help them naturally, but they don't get revelation of the Word you'll have to come back and help them again and you become their source; Teaching the word weans them off of people and onto the Lord