

**The Word of God.
What can He do?
What can we do?**

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me, That He may touch my eyes, and make me see;
Show me the truth concealed within Thy word, And in Thy book revealed, I see thee Lord.
From the hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" by Mary Ann Lathbury:

What can He, The Word do?

Jesus is the Word of God, and He made everything. He is the same Word of God that became flesh.

John 1:1-5,14,

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

“14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Matthew 8:5-13,

“5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

6 saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

9 “For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”

10 When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

11 “And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 “But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.”

The centurion believed the authority of God’s Word. He also was not asking for anything selfish, but rather for his servant, a “nobody.”

Here are some more things that God’s Word has done.

2 Peter 3:5,

“5 For this they willfully forget: that by the **word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,”

Genesis 1:1-26

“1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God **said**, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Verses 4-26 are included in the endnotes.

Jesus told these people in John chapter 6 that His Word is the only thing that can give them life.

John 6:47-58,

“47 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

48 “I am the bread of life.

49 “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this *Man* give us *His* flesh to eat?”

53 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

54 “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 “For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

58 “This is the bread which came down from heaven--not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.””

John 6:61-71

“61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you?

62 “*What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.**

64 “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

66 From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 “Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

70 Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?”

71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.”

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Romans 10:17,

“17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God [rhema].**”

The logos is defined as the Word in general, however the rhema is when God personally speaks the Word to you.

Without faith we cannot please God.

Hebrews 11:6,

“6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

His Word protects us.

Proverbs 30:5,

“5 Every **word of God is pure**; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.”

The Word gave us the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13,

“13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the **word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

His Word upholds all things in creation.

Hebrews 1:3 (AMP)

3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God’s] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of

power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

We were born again by the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23,

“23 having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the **word** of God which lives and abides forever,”

John 3:14-18. Born again?

“14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 “that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 “He who **believes** in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

Isaiah 53:1-12 talks about the Word of God – Jesus.

“1 Who has **believed** our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His grave with the wicked--But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.”

Luke 1:26-35 Gabriel spoke the Word of God to Mary and she conceived Jesus, the Word.

“26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name *was* Mary.

28 And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!”

29 But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

30 **Then the angel said to her**, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

32 “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

Mark 4:11-14 The Word spoken to us is a seed planted in our heart, which, if we cooperate, will bear fruit.

Three kinds of fruit: Fruit of the Spirit for character, manna for our needs, and Aaron’s Rod for ministry – these three items were the content of the Ark.

“11 And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

12 “so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And *their* sins be forgiven them.’”

13 And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”

14 “The sower sows the word.”

What can we do? Believe and speak the Word

Believe.

We can only believe when we receive God’s Word as a real present speaking to us - rhema. We need to keep cleansed by continual repentance and conversation with God. Continual fellowship with God in our private time is essential. Also being part of a church and small group is important.

Speak the Word. The most powerful spiritual weapon.

Speaking the Word of God is one of the most important spiritual disciplines that we can do in our lives. It not only breaks the power of the enemies in our lives, but it also produces blessings for us and for those for whom we pray. Never take this lightly! Do it especially when you do not feel like it! At times, my wife Carol will say, “Larry, let’s speak the Word.” I know she is really serious when she calls me “Brother Larry.” I know that when she says that it’s usually at a time when that is the last thing that I *feel* like doing. But in doing it we always get the victory.

Reading the Psalms out loud can be very powerful (choosing of course the proper ones).

We are authorized and expected to speak the Word here on earth.

Psalms 8:1-8,

“1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels (God - 'elohiym), And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen--Even the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.”

Hebrews 4:12,

“12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Hebrews 3:1 says,

“Therefore, holy brothers, called to be partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”

When we speak God’s Word, Jesus takes it to the Father and asks Him to perform it.

Ephesians 6:17

“17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;”

Angels go to work when they hear God’s Word.

Psalms 103:20,

“Bless the LORD, O angels of His, who excel in strength, who do His command, listening to the voice of His word.”

Demons flee!

Psalms 149:5-9 says,

“Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to carry out vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, (representing our spiritual enemies) to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron-bands, to carry out on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His saints. Praise the LORD!”

Endnotes

Genesis 1:4-26,

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God **called** the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 Then God **said**, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”

7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.

8 And God **called** the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God **said**, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so.

10 And God **called** the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

11 Then God **said**, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 Then God **said**, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

15 “and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.

17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,

18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good.

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Then God **said**, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.”

21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, **saying**, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Then God **said**, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind”; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

26 Then God **said**, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.””

Psalms 147:3, 4

“3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.”