

# The Living Word

## The Power in God's Promises !

The physician has precious opportunities for directing his patients to **the Promises of God's Word**. He is to bring from the treasure house things new and old, speaking here and there the words of comfort and instruction that are longed for. Let the physician make his mind a storehouse of fresh thoughts. **Let him study the Word of God diligently**, that he may be familiar with its Promises. Let him learn to repeat the comforting Words that Christ spoke during His earthly ministry when giving His lessons and healing the sick. **He should talk of the works of healing wrought by Christ, of His tenderness and love**. Never should he neglect to direct the minds of his patients to Christ, the Chief Physician.

**The same power that Christ exercised when He walked visibly among men is in His Word**. It was by His Word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His Word He stilled the sea and raised the dead, and the people bore witness that His Word was with power.

*“And the Word which ye hear is not Mine, but The Father's which sent Me !”*

John 14:24

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**The Scriptures are to be received as God's Word to us, not written merely, but spoken!** When the afflicted ones came to Christ, He beheld not only those who asked for help, but all who throughout the ages should come to Him in like need and with like faith. When He said to the paralytic, **"Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee;"** when He said to the woman of Capernaum, **"Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace,"** He spoke to other afflicted, sin-burdened ones who should seek His help. Matthew 9:2; Luke 8:48

**So with all the Promises of God's Word**. In them He is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice. **It is in these Promises that Christ communicates to us His grace** (Divine Influence) **and power**. They are leaves from that Tree which is "for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:2. Received, and simulated, they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life.

*“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises, that by These we might be partakers of the Divine nature . . . the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life !”* II  
Peter 1:4

John 6:63

Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart **the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being**.

To one who stands trembling with fear on the brink of the grave, to the soul weary of the burden of suffering and sin, let the physician as he has opportunity repeat the Words of the Saviour--for all the Words of Holy Writ are His:

**“Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine !”**

Ministry of Healing p.124

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We are too faithless. **Oh, how I wish that I could lead our people to have faith in God!** They need not feel that in order to exercise faith they must be wrought up into a high state of excitement.

**All they have to do is to believe God's Word,** just as they believe one another's word. He hath said it, and He will perform His Word. Calmly rely on His Promise, because He means all that He says.

Say, **He has spoken to me in His Word,** and He will fulfill every Promise that He has made. Do not become restless. Be trustful. God's Word is True (Verily So!). Act as if your Heavenly Father could be trusted.

Amazing Grace p.266

**We do not believe in God as we should,** and I have thought that this unbelief is our greatest sin . . .

**The Lord would have us lay hold of these Promises for ourselves.** He does not desire us to go in anguish of spirit. We are not to look at the thorns and the thistles in our experience. We are to go into the garden of God's Word, and pluck the lilies, the roses, and the fragrant pinks of **His promises.** Those who look upon the difficulties in their experience, will talk doubt and discouragement; for they do not behold Jesus, the Lamb of God, **Who taketh away the sins of the world.**

I have not always dwelt on the good things of God as I should have done; but I do not make it a practice to look on the dark side. This morning my heart was drawn away from the things that are seen and temporal, to the things that are unseen and eternal. I said, O God, I will pluck the roses and the lilies and the pinks! **I will call upon the name of the Lord! I will take the cup of salvation!**

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**Look not to self, but to Christ.** He Who healed the sick and cast out demons when He walk-ed among men is the same mighty Redeemer today. Faith comes by the Word of God. **Then grasp His Promise,** "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. Cast yourself at His feet with the cry, "**Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.**" You can never perish while you do this--**Never !**

It was an object lesson of Redemption,--the Divine One from the Father's glory stooping to save the lost.

It represented also the disciples' mission. Not alone upon the mountaintop with Jesus, in hours of spiritual illumination, is the life of Christ's servants to be spent.

There is work for them down in the plain. **Souls whom Satan has enslaved are waiting for the Word of faith and prayer to set them free !**

The nine disciples were yet pondering upon the bitter fact of their own failure; and when Jesus was once more alone with them, they questioned, "Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus answered them, "**Because of your unbelief:** for verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,** ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove !

**. . . and nothing shall be impossible unto you !**

**Earnest, persevering supplication** to God in faith-- faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work--can alone avail to bring men **the Holy Spirit's aid** in the battle against principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and wicked spirits in high places.

"**If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,**" said Jesus, "ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; **and it shall remove.**" Though the grain of mustard seed is so small, it contains that same mysterious Life principle which produces growth in the loftiest tree. When the mustard seed is cast into the ground, the tiny germ lays hold of every element that God has provided for its nutriment, and it speedily develops a sturdy growth.

**If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God's Word,** and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the Power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently as insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. "**Nothing shall be impossible unto you !**"

Desire of Ages p.428-431

Sin has destroyed our peace. While self is unsubdued, we can find no rest. The masterful passions of the heart no human power can control. We are as helpless here as were the disciples to quiet the raging storm [Matt. 8:23-27]. **But He Who spoke peace to the billows of Galilee, has spoken the Word of peace for every soul.**

However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus . . . will find deliverance. **His grace . . .** quiets the strife of human passion, and **in His love** the heart is at rest (Sabbath).

**For every soul struggling to rise from a life of sin to a life of purity,** the great element of power abides in the only "name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12) . . . The only remedy for vice is the grace and power of Christ. The good resolutions made in one's own strength avail nothing.

Amazing Grace p.101

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He spoke the Word of God, as He had spoken it to all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. **It is our only source of power.**

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive Life from God's Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. **Yes, the Word of God is the Bread of Life.** Those who receive and assimilate this Word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience, and bringing joys that will abide forever.

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Christ lived a human life that He might be man's example in all things. He endured temptation even as every human being must endure. **He believed God as we must believe !** He learned obedience even as we are required to learn obedience. **And He overcame as we must overcome.** His path lay through manifold temptations; **therefore He knows how to succour those who are tempted.**

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## **Invincible**

When in his distress, Jacob laid hold of the Angel, and made supplication with tears, the heavenly Messenger, in order to try his faith, also reminded him of his sin, and endeavored to escape from him. But Jacob would not be turned away. **He had learned that God is merciful**, and he cast himself upon His mercy. He pointed back to his repentance for his sin, and pleaded for deliverance. As he reviewed his life, he was driven **almost to despair** but he held fast the Angel, and with earnest, agonizing cries urged his petition until he prevailed.

*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace . . . by the blood of Jesus . . . through the veil, that is to say His flesh . . . that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need !”*

Hebrews 4:16 & 10:19-20

**Such will be the experience of God's people** in their final struggle with the powers of evil. God will test their faith, their perseverance, their confidence in His power to deliver them. Satan will endeavor to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless. . . . They will have a deep sense of their shortcomings, and as they review their lives, their hopes will sink. **But remembering the greatness of God's mercy**, and their own sincere repentance, they will plead His Promises made through Christ to helpless, repenting sinners. Their faith will not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. They will lay hold of the Strength of God, as Jacob laid hold of the Angel, and the language of their souls will be, **“I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me !”** (Gen. 32:26). . . .

Jacob's history is an assurance that **God will not cast off those who have been betrayed into sin**, but who have returned unto Him with true repentance. It was by self-surrender and confiding faith that Jacob gained what he had failed to gain **by conflict in his own strength**. God thus taught His servant that divine power **and grace alone** could give him the Blessing he craved. Thus it will be with those who live in the last days. As dangers surround them, and despair seizes upon the soul, they must depend solely upon **the merits of**

**the atone-ment** (the blood of Christ). We can do nothing of ourselves. In all our helpless unworthiness we must trust in the merits (value and worthiness) of the crucified and risen Saviour.

None will ever perish while they do this !

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