

GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS PURPOSE FOR YOU

Isaiah 55:1 “. . . My word. . . that goes out from My mouth, it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Every twenty-four hours the average adult takes in between 20,000 and 30,000 words. Some of these words may be of profound importance. Many, if not most of them, are quickly discounted, forgotten, or dismissed from your memory.

Various English versions of the Bible have between 727,969 and 783,137 words. One would think not all of them are profound nor have a very important purpose. In fact, there are negative critics of the Bible who say that all of the Bible is not God's word, it is out of date, no longer relevant and filled with errors. Others say that the Bible is simply one of many books found throughout the world that presents wisdom and guidance.

Isaiah 55:11 makes a bold statement about God's word. Through the pen of Isaiah God says, “it (My word) shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose.” Psalm 119:105 says of God's word, “Your (God's) word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” This is God's word of Law that shows you how God wants you to think, speak and do. Romans 1:16 says of God's word, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” This is God's word of forgiveness, pardon and hope for all who disobey His Law.

God's word is foundational for your life now and also for all eternity. It is God's special gift to help you weed through the 20,000 to 30,000 words you hear each day. His word is like a lighthouse that gives essential warnings as to where the rocks are that will sink your ship. At the same time His word is the lighthouse that guides you safely into the harbor, to heaven itself.

John writes that God's word is truth. (John 17:17) While the truthfulness of much of what you hear each day is relative, it's reliability is questionable, the guidance it gives is often faulty, God's word of truth is trustworthy, enduring (meaning will not change), communicates to you His unconditional love and the

saving work of Jesus for your forgiveness, eternal life and salvation. His word alone gives you daily and eternal hope in Christ Jesus.

Prayer: LORD, lead and guide me to Jesus, the author and perfecter of my life, by means of Your word, the Holy Scriptures, to receive Your gift of forgiveness, life and salvation. Amen.

Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy

So when the precious seed is sown, Life giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.
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