

## **GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

Genesis 1:3 "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light."

Six times on six consecutive days God, through the power of His spoken word, created the universe. Genesis 1:3 records the first of these words. The other five days God spoke His word again. What God said, through the power of His word happened.

Have you counted the number of times the Bible records God speaking? Of course, this is a rhetorical question. Neither have I. There are countless times recorded in the Old and New Testaments where God spoke and what He said happened. In each instance when God spoke, whatever He said, occurred.

God told Moses to lead the Children of Israel from Egypt to the promised land. He instructed Moses and Aaron to confront the Pharaoh of Egypt to let Israel leave and when he did not, God caused a severe plague to happen. When the Red Sea appeared to be the end of Israel's escape from Egypt, God spoke to Moses telling him the waters would part and the people would walk through safely on dry ground.

There was another word God spoke. Throughout the Old Testament God spoke His word of promise, His promise of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ who He would send into the world to conquer Satan, the world, sin and eternal death. God kept His word. You and all of the world have recently celebrated the anniversary of God keeping this promise. Jesus came into the world as a baby in Bethlehem, as an adult proclaimed and taught God's Good News of salvation, obediently suffered, died and rose again for the redemption of sinful humanity. God kept His word.

Today God speaks to you. His simple word is backed by His almighty power. What God says to you will happen. And, God has much to say to you. His word tells you of His undeserved love for you. It speaks to you of His goodness and kindness gives you through Jesus Christ your Good Shepherd. It assures you of His continuous presence which is especially important when you are confronted with a challenge that is beyond your ability to overcome. And, when you die, He will keep His Son's word to you, "today you will be with me in paradise."

God word to you is a powerful but loving word you can trust. The Psalmist says of His word, "The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty." (Psalm 29:4) The word of God is for your comfort, peace and assurance. Listen, God is speaking. Hear what He has to say to you.

Prayer: O LORD, give me ears to hear and a heart that is ever ready to receive and believe Your word. Through Your word guide and keep me on the path that leads to everlasting life with You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,  
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,  
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
Though we rebelled, You gently sought again  
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;  
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,  
See Your compassion in the Savior's face.

To all the world Your summons You are sending,  
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.  
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