



GOD HAS SPOKEN

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I was shuffling papers this morning and restacking my bibles after a couple of days of study when I had such joyous thoughts of victory. The scripture certainly speaks of victory. The apostle John writes, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."¹

I love the word overcome! It means to succeed, to conquer, to be victorious. According to the apostle John, it is world-overcoming victory. Can you imagine world-overcoming victory? It is more than possible! It is certain when we walk by faith in God and His Word.

When we walk by faith, we know what God said and we are submitted to His Word. Our actions and our confession echo His directive. We are not forging our own path or straining our brain to figure out what to do. As the songwriter said, we are simply leaning on the everlasting arms – the arms of God.

In Hebrews 11 we are given the stories of men and women who walked in great victory by obeying God. They overcame through obedience. For example, Noah built a very large boat on dry land because God had spoken to him. There is no evidence that he understood rain because the earth had been watered by a mist from the ground.² Yet he received God's command, building a boat that saved the lives of his family and animals of every kind. He built the boat because GOD HAD SPOKEN!

Similarly, Abraham moved his family from Ur of the Chaldees because GOD HAD SPOKEN. He

ABSOLUTE LIFE

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They say in a room of absolute silence you can't hear nothin'. It's complete silence. In the same way, absolute zero is the complete absence of heat. It's unlivable for any natural being, although according to scientists, it increases chemical reactions. We can't fathom any substance being "all" or "complete" and having no adulteration. The air we breathe is a mix of pure and impure molecules. Any body of water is identifiable because of the impurities in it. Crimes have been solved by the diatoms in the water.

Our beautiful God is absolute good. There is nothing NOT good in Him. He is absolute truth. He cannot tell a lie or make a false promise. He is absolute life. He has no death in Him. Jesus came to bring the Holy Spirit, absolute power, to earth. When He stood at the tomb of Lazarus, He told those witnessing the miracle that He was THE Resurrection and THE Life. He was not A Resurrection, indiscriminate, nor A Life, one of many. He was THE, or all there was, the complete form of it. He did not sin, so in Him was no death, and therefore, the devil had no control over Him. None.

Jesus said, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again."⁵ He had to release His spirit man in order for His body to die.⁶ In Him was life and life more abundantly.⁷ Abundant life. Absolute life. Men would have Him suffer spiritually at the hand of the devil, but HE DID NOT. The life in Him overwhelmed the darkness and rode triumphant over all the works of the enemy.⁸

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traveled through the land of Canaan without a permanent dwelling place. When God promised him as many heirs as the stars in the sky, he believed God's word³ even though he and Sarah had no child.

The apostle Paul records that Abraham was not weak in faith. He further states that Abraham was fully persuaded that God would perform His promise. Why was Abraham so confident? It was because he knew GOD HAD SPOKEN. Our great and mighty God who always keeps His word had spoken.

It is interesting to me that Joseph, the great grandson of Abraham, also believed that GOD HAD SPOKEN. He ordered that his bones should be taken to Canaan when God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage. He believed the word given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that God's people would inherit a more permanent dwelling place. Can you imagine carrying the promise of God in your heart for four

generations?

But GOD HAD SPOKEN! The God of heaven who performs His Word promised a land to His people and He cannot lie.⁴

What has God promised to you? Do you know what GOD HAS SPOKEN? Moses led God's people to victory because God had spoken. Gideon defeated the Midianites because he knew God had spoken. Rahab and her family were rescued from Jericho because they obeyed the word God had spoken. A repentant Samson destroyed the enemy when he turned to God who speaks. David, the anointed king, walked with God for many years until the promise God had spoken came to pass.

Do you believe GOD HAS SPOKEN TO YOU? I do! I believe Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I believe God is my Father and heaven is my home. I believe God will prosper me. I believe 'By His stripes I am healed.'" I believe He is good and His mercy endures forever. GOD HAS SPOKEN so many promises, and I believe His Word. AMEN!

¹1Jn 5:4 ²Ge 2:6 ³Ge 15:5-6 ⁴Jer 1:12; Num 23:19 ⁵Jn 10:17 ⁶Mk 15:37 ⁷Jn 10:10 ⁸1Jn 3:8 ⁹Jn 1:4 ¹⁰Ps 15:4; Heb 13:8

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It is the life in Him that recreates us as new beings. It is His life that heals the mind and restores the physical body. He is the life that holds all things together. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."⁹ He is God the Word, who was in the beginning. We believe this, then we make Him angry and temperamental. We make Him tolerant of the work of the devil, a user of it to further His own ends. But the Word is clear. With His absolute life, He defeated all of death, and He is unchanging, forever the same.¹⁰

We must change our thought pattern. To know Him, we must properly represent Him from Genesis to Revelation. Where our human thinking pictures Him as condemning, we remember Romans 8:1. Where our human thinking says He brought destruction, we remember John 3:16. And we say to ourselves, "If His image does not look like the God of peace, the God of absolute life, then I need revelation of what I'm not seeing properly."

When we can read Isaiah or Jeremiah, Daniel or Revelation, and He is the same God who sent His Son as Life to the world, when Old Testament

wording does not trip us up but, instead, enhances His kindness, His generosity, then we know Him. He doesn't bring disaster, but to choose to live outside of Him, without Him, is disaster. Outside of our loving God, there is no love. He is the source of it. Outside of God, there is no hope because He is the reason we are hopeful. We know Him and believe in His faithfulness. Isaiah 55:9 tells us His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, yet in Ephesians 1:3, He has given us all blessings in heavenly places. He bids us to think like He does, to understand the kingdom of God from His perspective.

He is the answer to all things. When we seek Him, then all that we need is fulfilled. Abraham believed in Him so absolutely that even being 100 years of age, it was not ridiculous to have a baby. He knew God so well that even if he had to sacrifice that son on an altar, he said God would resurrect him. He had no doubt. How much greater should our trust in Him be? It is no wonder then that His goodness and mercy follow us all of our lives. Because He is absolute. There is nothing else in Him but ALL, and all He does, all He thinks, all He chooses, all He knows is for our benefit and blessing.