



# "THE WORD" Pastor Bonginkosi Dladlama

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What is the word, who is the word?" What does it mean to have the word? The bible tells us that we must be full of the word because if we are full of the word we are more than conquerors.

### John 1:1-5 NKJV

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.

It is important to know what gave birth to you, what brought about your existence. The bible tells us that we all originated from the word. Without the word we do not exist. It is the word that gives us life. That is why the bible encourages us that the word must always be in our mouth. It is through this wed that we will be able to conquer. To resist the devil.

The scripture says resist him and he will flee. Paul says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, who is the word. The bible tells us that He is the light. If you fill yourself with the word you will be full of light. You will also be visible. That is why the bible says you are the light of the world. If you are not there, the world becomes light. Without Christ the world is in darkness and in the darkness there is no direction. You can try to feel your way around in the dark but because it is dark you will end up stumbling or falling.

That is the devil was trying to test Jesus Christ who was full of the word, who is the word of God Himself. Jesus Christ used the word in order to prevail.





Verse 4: John 1:4 NKJV

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

The word is life to everything that was created.

When Adam was in Eden God warned him: if you eat of this fruit you shall surely die. Here we read after Adam had eaten of the fruit, that Adam is still alive. God meant spiritual death not natural death.

In <u>Psalm 51</u> David says I was born a sinner but as soon as we accept the word, we become alive. Our spiritual lives are renewed and we come back to life. <u>Psalms 51:5</u> <u>NKJV</u> "5 <u>Behold</u>, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me."

<u>John 14:23</u> the bible says the Father and the Son will come and dwell in you. Since the Father and Son will come and dwell in you, you become a partner with the word, the creator of the earth. This means that all creation must bow before you. People do not know who they are. <u>John 14:23 NKJV</u>

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

That is why when they encounter challenges they abandon their faith. It is because they don't fully comprehend who they are. If you understand who your partner is then you will not be afraid. It is all about the one in you.

In <u>1 John 4:4</u> the bible says greater is He that is in you than the one in the world. <u>1</u> <u>John 4:4 NKJV</u>

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Be full of the word. In order for you to understand who are you and what you have internalize the word. That is why some people don't know how to pray. They don't





know the word of God. <u>Romans 8:26</u> says we do not know how we ought to pray but the Holy Spirit through groanings helps us to pray. What will help you in your prayers is when you are full of the word. <u>Romans 8:26 NKJV</u>, "26 <u>Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses</u>. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

If you want to defeat the devil and his attacks be full of the word. Receiving Christ as your Lord and Saviour doesn't make you immune from trials and tribulations. The bible says consider it fortunate when you face trials and tribulations. They make you stronger. When you are full of the word you will defeat the trials and tribulations.

#### Hebrews 4:12 NKJV

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.

Why sword? A sword is a weapon.

In <u>Ephesians</u> the bible talks of different weapons. You don't use the sword for defense but for attack. The bible says the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. This means without the word of God you do not have a weapon and that makes you vulnerable.

There was this gentleman who had a donkey that he loved very much. He dug a whole behind his house and it was very deep. Accidentally the donkey fell into the whole. They could not take it out, it was heavy and the hole was too deep. He then decided to bury the donkey. As he poured the soil into the hole the donkey would just shake off the soil and as he continued until the end the donkey was out of the hole and on flat ground.

The same goes for us: when trouble comes we must shake it off. When trials and tribulations come, shake them off and in the end you will be back on flat ground.  $\underline{1}$ 





<u>Corinthians 10:13.</u> You will be able to say there is trials and tribulations that I cannot endure. <u>1 Corinthians 3:10 NKJV</u> "10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it."

Joshua says this book of instruction, mediate on it day and night. It is this book of instruction that will fill you with the word. Christ is the word.

### Genesis 28:12-13 NKJV

12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said:"I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

This scripture shows that in the beginning He was there.

### John 1:50-51 NKJV

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

If you understand and you are full of the word, when you see miraculous things happening, instead of being surprised, you will praise God. There was this man who was surprised, and Jesus says "Is it because I said I saw you under the fig tree?" Jesus continued to say you will see more. It is what Jacob saw in *Genesis 27*, a confirmation that the word is the bridge between this earth and the heavenlies.

In <u>verse 51:</u> he is the stair case. Without him we cannot go to heaven. It is through Him that we have access to the palace of our final rest, where we will worship Him day and night. <u>John 1:51 NKJV</u>, 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and





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## 1 Corinthians 10:3-7 NKJV

3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

All of them *ate the same spiritual food*. It may be in this day we are living in, we may be taking part of the Holy Communion. If the word is not in you, you won't understand why you are partaking of it, you will just do it. You won't be able to hold God responsible to say in this text you said, I am healed, why am I still sick? When you are full of the word then you will do everything with understanding. They *ate the same spiritual food* yet they still died.

<u>1 Cor 11</u> says when you partake of the Holy Communion you must examine yourself that is why some of you are sick and it may not be the natural death, maybe the spiritual death. It is a pity. Some have been dead for the past 10 years. They do things without understanding.

The bible says that is why some of you are sick and some even die, but if you have the word in you, you will understand I need to examine myself first.

All of them drank the same spiritual water. What a grace? The Israelites children, God loved them so much He gave them food but they never understood. Most of them had moved away from the path of righteousness and the path God prepared for them. They ended up forgetting the word.

Asaph says: it is important to know who you befriend because they will either





convert you taught he world or you will convert them to Christ. This is what the Israelites did when the mingled with the other nations they started to worship other nations. They were converted into the world.

They drank from the same spiritual Rock, that Rock was Christ. Again He is the word, who existed before everything else. He travelled with the Israelites when they moved from Egypt but because they ignored the word they fell into the trap of the devil. The same goes for us: if we do not know the word.

God was not pleased with most of them: ask yourself is God pleased with me, the way I live my life. Gal 5:22 the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

This reminds me of King Hezekiah who was visited by a prophet with bad news. He faced the wall and reminded God of the good things he had done. What good would you remind God of in your life?

These happened as an example to us: we have been warned. In this life we must know who we are and what the bible says we must not do or do. It's a warning to us of how to live this life of righteousness. The cost of following Christ:

that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

The devil uses pain and afflictions, poverty to derail us but the bible warns us in <u>Col 3</u> put your mind on things above. <u>Colossians 3:2 NKJV</u> 2 <u>Set your mind on things</u> above, not on things on the earth.

7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

When you are afflicted, if you are not well conversant with the word, the devil will also send his people to advise you so you can go further away from the word and find self unconsciously in idol worship. That is why the bible says in Matthew you can't serve both God and mammon. That which you do most will steal your heart





away. If you love money so much that you even don't go to fellowship with others so you can attend a business meeting then unconsciously you worship money.

My encouragement is know the word, live the word.

### Matthew 7:24 NKJV

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

<u>Luke 10:19</u> but we find people who do not understand who they are. They understand little who they are. God says don't you know that it has pleased me God to give you the keys of the kingdom. For you to understand that you have been given the key is when you are in full knowledge of the word. <u>Luke 10:19 NKJV</u> 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

#### **Luke 12:32 NKJV**

32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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