

FOOTLIGHTS



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THE WORD OF GOD, PART 3

“The Power of Christ, the Word of God”*

1. What did Matthew note about Christ’s preaching? (Matthew 7:29)

“He taught them as one having _____.”

2. What was the testimony of the officers and also of Luke concerning his words? (John 7:46; Luke 4:32)

“Never man _____ like this man.”

“His word was with _____.”

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THE WIND & THE SEA OBEY HIS VOICE



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3. What happened during a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Mark 4:39), and how did the disciples react (Mark 4: 41)?

“He arose, and _____ the wind, and said unto the _____, Peace, be _____.”

“Even the _____ and the _____ obey him.”

4. By what power did Jesus say the dead would be raised? (John 5:28, 29)

“All that are in the graves shall hear his _____.”

5. Did Christ give proof that his word possess power and authority? (Luke 7:14, 15)

“And he said, Young man, I _____ unto thee, _____. And he that was _____ sat up, and began to speak.”

6. How did Jesus’ words affect Lazarus, who had been dead four days? (John 11:43, 44)

“He cried with a loud _____, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was _____ came forth.”

NOTE: God gave his word through two channels: Moses and the prophets and Jesus. The words spoken by Moses and the prophets possessed the same power and authority as that spoken by Christ. See James 5:17, 18; 2

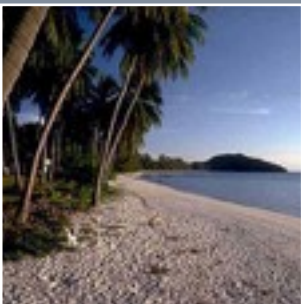
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Kings 1:9–18; Numbers 20:7–11; 5:2, 6, 12; 15:18, 38; 14:20; Acts 9:33, 34, 40.

7. How does the endurance of man compare with that of the word of God? (Isaiah 40:6, 8)

“All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. . . . The grass _____, the flower _____; but the word of our God shall stand _____.”

8. What does God say his word will do? (Isaiah 55:11)

“It shall not return unto me void, but it shall _____ that which I please, and it shall _____ in the thing whereto I sent it.”

9. What did Christ say his words possessed? (John 6:63)

“The words that I speak unto you, they are _____, and they are _____.”

NOTE: When God speaks, that word is supported by all the power which the author possess. His power is infinite, and he cannot lie. This assures us that his word can never fail.

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SAVED FROM THE SEA, PART 1*

The West African liner *Apapa* was sent to the bottom of the sea by a torpedo, the night of November 27, 1917. On board were Adventist missionary D. C. Babcock, his wife, and their children. Elder Babcock tells the story from the moment of the crash of the first torpedo:

“Forgetting all my afflictions, I got our life belts, and put them on Mrs. Babcock and the children, and started them up to the next deck where our lifeboat was waiting. I then got my overcoat and deck shawl and followed. As I left the cabin, the lights were getting dim, and the steamer was listing over to the port side. When I reached the main hallway, a man who, in the excitement had lost his mind, met me and tried to pull me the wrong way. I mustered all the strength I had, and released myself and started the right way. He continued his efforts to help me, and pushed me down on my face. I was making desperate efforts to get on my feet again, when two men from our lifeboat came after me.

“We were soon on deck by the side of our lifeboat, and in a short time we were all seated in it. The moon shone out brightly, and as I glanced around I saw the second torpedo fired at us. It produced a great spray of water, and had every appearance of fire coming out of the depths of the sea. The torpedo first struck a lifeboat filled with people, and then crashed into the steamer on the starboard side. It is quite evident that there were two submarines, as the first shot was fired into

the port side, and the short space of time would not allow the same submarine to change its position. When the second shot had done its work, it caused the steamer to change its position, and list back to the starboard side, where our lifeboat was being lowered into the sea. As I glanced up to the great ship hanging over and settling down upon us, the situation looked appalling.

“We managed to get our boat out about thirty feet from the ship when a heavy sea drove us back under her, and she was settling over so fast that she caught our little boat and pushed the side under the water. We made an effort to get away from the ship the second and third time, with the same result. By this time the ropes from the foremast were over and around our little boat. Just behind us a lifeboat was caught by the ship’s smokestack and sunk. All were lost. One lady was lost from our boat, evidently being pulled overboard by one of the ropes, reaching from the tope of the foremast.

“One of these ropes, however, gave us freedom from the perilous situation we were in. All hands who were able pulled for life on the rope, and we were soon up to the foremast of the ship, the mast now lying out over the surface of the sea, as the ship was sinking on its side.”

To Be Continued

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