

Sermon Notes

Bilbo Baggins - Psa 18:30

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I. Introduction

I'm looking for someone to share an adventure. It's very difficult to find anyone. Gandalf I should think so. Adventures make you late for dinner. I can't think what anybody sees in them. Bilbo

- a. have you saddled up... are you going on the great adventure with us... it's the greatest journey your heart will ever see... and if you do... you'll never be the same...
Prov 30:5... "every Word of God proves true... shield to those who take refuge in Him..."
Isa 55:11... "my Word always produces fruit... prosper in what I send it to do..."
Luke 1:37 **ASV**... "no word from God shall be void of power..."
1Thess 2:13... "the word of God works effectively in you who believe..."
- b. if you truly desire change... truly want to destroy bad habits, additions, temptations, sin... it cannot be done without the Word of God... there is no power or success without it...
Deut 32:2... "let my word settle like dew... like gentle rain on new grass..."
Psa 18:30... "God's way is perfect... the Word of the Lord is perfect..."
Psa 103:20... "all His angels of great strength... do His word... obey His word..."
Psa 107:20... "He sent His word and healed them... rescued them from destruction..."
Psa 119... "strengthen me thru Your word... hope thru Your word... word is a lamp... turn my eyes from worthless things and give me life thru Your word... give me understanding thru Your word..."
Mark 4:13-20... "seed sown on good ground hear Word... welcome it... produce fruit..."
Acts 20:32... "I commit you to God and the word of His grace..."
1Pet 2:2-3... "desire God's word as babies desire milk... then you will grow..."
- c. be careful... the Word can offend people... including you... devil wants you offended so you'll turn away from God... more you love His word, less you'll get offended... **pray**...
Psa 119:165... "great peace have those who love your word... nothing will offend them..."
Matt 11:6... "blessed is the one who isn't offended by Me..."
Matt 13:57... "they were deeply offended and refused to believe in Him..."
Matt 15:12... "do you know the Pharisees were offended by what you said..."
Gal 5:11... "if I were no longer preaching Christ... no one would be offended..."
skandalizo... *stumbling block; cause to fall away; distrust one you ought to trust and obey...*

II. Bilbo Baggins

- a. started my career as a reporter... first newspaper, then TV newscaster... as a reporter, my job was to report facts... who, what, when, where, why, how... applies to bible reading...
- b. Who
Mark 12:37... "and the common people heard Him gladly..."
John 3:16... "God loved the ungodly multitude; men alienated from God; hostile to Christ..."
Rom/Gal/Eph/Phil... "to saints... brothers... churches... God's holy people..."
1Cor 2:6-16... "God revealed these things to us by HS... so we may understand..."
James 1:1... "to the 12 tribes... Jewish believers scattered abroad..."
1Pet 1:1... "to God's chosen people... living as foreigners..."
1John 2... "my little children... dear friends... brothers and sisters..."
Rev 1:4... "this letter is from John to the seven churches..."

c. What

pretty simple... Word of God is essential... but what word... logos or rhema...
Matt 4:4... "man shall not live on bread alone... but every word from God..."
rhema... *uttered by a living voice; actual spoken words of God...*
John 1... "in the beginning was the Word... Word with God... Word was God..."
logos... *expression of a thought; total message of God to man; written message...*

Jesus is called the *logos* Word... Jesus is the total message of God to man... He is the subject of the entire written word... cannot be separated from it... He is life...
John 5:39... "you search the Scriptures because you think they give you life... but the **Scriptures point to Me**... yet you refuse to come to Me to receive this life..."
John 14:6... "I am the way, truth, life... no one comes to the Father except thru Me..."
Col 2:9... "the entire fullness of God's nature lives bodily in Christ..."

John 17:17... "sanctify them by your truth... your word is truth..."
Col 1:25... "I have become a servant... to make the word of God fully known..."
Heb 4:12... "the word of God is living, effective, and powerful..."
logos... *expression of a thought; total message of God to man; written message...*

another word used for word is *rhema*... actual spoken words of God... you have a real enemy... Jesus clearly demonstrated you must speak the words of God to overcome spiritual attacks... one of two offensive weapons in our spiritual armor...
Matt 4:4... "it is written... every word from God... it is written... it is written..."
Eph 6:10-18... "take the sword of the Spirit... which is the word of God... pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request... be alert... keep on praying..."
Heb 6:4-6... "who shared in HS... tasted God's good word... and have fallen away..."
rhema... *uttered by a living voice; actual spoken words of God...*

word of God is so much more than printed words on a page... its the voice of God... His heart speaking thru creation... prophets... Jesus... Holy Spirit... our goal is not to memorize printed words on a page... it's to know Him... in every way He speaks...
Job 12:7-10... "ask the animals... birds in sky... fish in sea... they will tell you..."
Psa 19:1... "the heavens declare the goodness of God... proclaim the work of His hands..."
Hosea 12:10... "I will speak thru the prophets..."
John 16:13... "Spirit of truth will not speak on His own... but what He hears from Me..."
Rom 1:19-20... "truth about God is evident... thru earth, sky, divine nature..."
Phil 3... "everything is worthless compared to knowing Jesus... goal is to know Him..."

d. When

negative words bombard us daily... more than ever we need encouraging words of love, hope, healing, wisdom, compassion... not just reading, but a relationship with Author... listening and talking every day... chosen to reveal Himself thru His word... spend time with Him there and be transformed... not condemnation, but course correction... **pray**...
Deut 6... "keep words in your heart... repeat them to your children... at home, road, bed..."
Deut 11... "imprint words on your heart and mind... when you sleep and when you rise..."
Deut 17:19... "it shall be with him... he shall read it all the days of his life..."
Josh 1:8... "this book must not depart from your mouth... meditate on it day and night... prosper..."
1Sam 3:21... "the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel by His word..."
Neh 8... "Ezra read from daybreak till noon... great celebration because they understood the words..."
Psa 1:1-3... "delight in the Lord's instruction... meditate on it day and night... prosper..."
Psa 16:7... "bless the Lord who guides me... even at night... my heart instructs me..."
Rom 12:12... "rejoice in hope... be patient in trouble... be constant in prayer..."
1Thess 5:16-18... "rejoice always... pray without ceasing... give thanks in all..."
Col 4:2... "continue in prayer... stay alert with a thankful heart..."
2Tim 3:16... "all scripture useful... for teaching, rebuking, correcting, training... in righteousness..."