

# The Power of His Word

Isaiah 55:10-13

## Introduction

Do you remember this old commercial? Two people are talking in a crowded restaurant, and the one says to the other, “Well, my broker is E.F. Hutton. And E.F. Hutton says ...” And everyone stops what they’re doing and leans in to listen. Then the announcer says, “When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen.” Why do people listen when E.F. Hutton talks? The message is that, when it comes to investing, they know what they’re talking about, so what they say has great authority. Authority translates into power.

## Authority and Power

The God of the Bible has great **authority** because of **Who** He is and **what** He has done, still does and will do. His authority comes from being the **Almighty**. Because of His nature being so superlative, He has power and authority above all else. Even His **WORD** has power.

## The Word Identified

God’s **WORD** comes to us in three forms: **Spoken, Living, and Written**. And each one has the full power of God.

### Spoken Word

When God speaks, things happen. We see that as early as **Genesis 1**. Nine times we read, *God said, “Let there be” ... and it was so*. He spoke the universe and all that is in it into existence. That’s the power of His **Spoken Word**.

### Living Word

In the first chapter of John’s **Gospel**, he identifies Jesus as the **Logos**, or the **Word**. Jesus is the **Living Word** of God. He walked the earth to show us who God is and to speak for Him. And He says in **Matthew 28:18**, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”* He is the **Living Word**, with the full authority and power of God.

### Written Word

Scripture is the **Written Word** of God. Not only does it reveal **Who** God is, **what** He’s done, and His **plans** for us, it also speaks with His **authority** and **power**. As the apostle Paul says in **Romans 1:16**, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”* So, we see that the **Spoken, Living and Written Word** of God all speak with the same **authority** and **power** of God Himself.

## Power to Accomplish

Different types of power accomplish different things. Electric power is used to make heat and light. The power of a nuclear bomb destroys things. The power of an internal combustion engine propels vehicles. What does the power of God accomplish?

## Establish God's Kingdom

As St. Paul said, His **Word** is the power for salvation. From the beginning of the **Bible**, we see God at work, saving people. And He saves people to build His kingdom. So, one goal of the power of God's **Word** is **kingdom building**.

## Bear Fruit

As we read in the **Gospel** lesson today, the kingdom is built as God's **WORD** bears **fruit**. It is **God's Word**, sown in the hearts of people that bears the **fruit of salvation**.

## Meaning for Us

There are two things we should take away from this.

## Comfort

It should give us great **comfort** to know that **God's Word** will accomplish what it sets out to do. That means, in this life, God will work His will in us, and at the end of this life, God will win out, as He said He will.

## Encouragement

When we look at the **Gospel** lesson, we see that God doesn't override our free will. Where the **Word** is ignored or taken lightly, no fruit grows. Only when the person receiving it is serious about it does it produce fruit. This should encourage us to take the **3RD COMMANDMENT** seriously and not despise **His Word**.

## Means of Grace

When **God's Word** is applied to the elements, that's what makes a **SACRAMENT**. Since **His Word** is all-powerful, this makes the **SACRAMENT** all-powerful as well. The forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith are real. Receive **THE POWER OF HIS WORD** today in **WORD** and **SACRAMENT**.

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*May the peace of God,  
Which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

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