

Seeing Through the Word



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Seeing through the Word of God is believing the truth about the Son of God, and what His atonement for sin accomplished on the cross. It is not what we see with our *natural* vision, but what we see with *spiritual* sight. Proverbs 23:7 "As he thinks in his heart, so is he." It is to see what our spiritual, our physical, our financial, or our home condition to *be*—in light of what God's Word has said.

If we look in the right direction, then things will be right and the victory in sight; but if we look in the wrong direction, then defeat is all we will see. What we see spiritually becomes a reality. If we see through the Word, there will be victory in Jesus. If we see things to be, as the Word of God says, we will see health, healing, protection, prosperity, and victory. If we see things as Satan says, we will see disease, defeat, poverty, and pain. What we think it to be, is what we believe in our heart.

It is the same with finances—if we see victory, we will have the money; if we see defeat, we will be short; if we see that Jesus has already won the victory, we will know that Satan is already defeated. James 4:7 "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." What we see and think and believe in our heart, is what will be the result.

After we pray, God's Word says a certain thing is *true*, but Satan says it is *not true*. If we believe in our heart that it is true, it will be true; but if we believe Satan's lie that it is not true,

then it will not be true—thus, we are to *see through the Word* and to believe in our heart that God's Word is true.

We are reminded to keep God's Word before us and to see through that Word, so we will believe it is true. Proverbs 4:20 "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings." It makes all the difference whose word we give our attention to, and what we believe to be a fact. We are to pay *no* attention to what Satan *suggests*, so that we *can* expect to receive what God has *promised* through atonement.

We are to pay attention only to what God's Word says, and to accept as true what He has promised. We are *not* to accept, *nor* believe, anything Satan has suggested. God is telling us to Proverbs 4:20-21 "Give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart."

It is so easy to let God's Word slip from our mind. It seems that we attend to the Lord's promises for a little while, and then give our attention to the devil's suggestions for a long while. When we allow ourselves to be convinced that Satan's lies are true, we can see nothing but defeat and unanswered prayers—physically, spiritually, financially, and in everything else.

Too often we are seeing through the lies of the devil, instead of seeing through the words of the Lord. When we allow that to happen, we can see nothing but defeat, disobedient children, lack of supplies, no house to move into, no vehicle to drive, and no work in sight. What we are willing to believe, is what we will certainly receive.

The Bible says that the blind received sight when they saw through the Word. Jesus first asked them a question; Matthew 9:28-30 "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" Yes, Lord,"

they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; and their sight was restored." That is the New Testament teaching—to see victory through the Words of the Lord, and not defeat through the lies of the devil.

It is like working for a firm and the owner gives instructions that we are to do what the manager says. We are to give our attention only to what he says, and not listen to or pay attention to anyone else. God says we are to incline our ears to His Word and give our attention only to what He says, Proverbs 4:20.

The greatest advice we could ever be given, is to be told that God's Word *means* what it says. We are to not look away and not drift away from His words; Proverbs 4:21 "Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh."

His Word can bring us spiritual life, physical healing, peace in the home, deliverance at work, and blessings in finances. We must pay attention to this marvelous advice, because if we give heed to Satan's suggestions, the reverse will result—we experience the old oppressions, our peace is gone, and defeat in everything. John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The moment we offer a prayer, Satan will present his thoughts, and lies, and results. He suggests that the deliverance is not received, the peace is gone, the prayer will not be answered, and things will be just as they were. If we accept what the devil presents, we have allowed God's Word to depart from our eyes. We are to see things only through the Word Proverbs 4:22 "For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh."

The case of the centurion illustrates the point of *seeing through the Word*. A loved one was ill, so he went to Jesus in his behalf. Matthew 8:6 "Sir," he said, "my servant at home is lying ill with paralysis, and is suffering great pain." Jesus said 7, "I will come and heal him." The Lord was willing to visit his home, and to deliver the servant in Person. The centurion thought that Jesus did not have to do that much, but asking Matthew 8:8 "Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." The man did not feel worthy to have the Son of God come all that distance to enter his house.

Jesus commended the man's faith, because he was willing to see through the Word. The man was willing to believe the words Jesus spoke, and was willing to act on them. The devil was not on vacation, when the centurion spoke with the Lord. Satan would be suggesting many things to the man, just as he does to us, today—[like]: *Do not believe it; do not let yourself be deceived; Jesus is not who He says He is—even His own people have not believed Him. The scribes and Pharisees say He is not God.*

The centurion, however, refused to accept those thoughts from the devil, and was willing to see the results through the Word of the Lord. He believed that His words meant what they stated. Jesus said to the man Matthew 8:13 "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you"—[meaning]—*since you are willing to accept my words in believing faith, then your servant is healed by divine power.*

Jesus presented a well servant; Satan pictured a sick servant. Every step back toward home, the centurion would have had to hold on to the words Jesus had spoken. He did not allow his eyes to look away from that Word. He would have repeated over and over Proverbs 4:21 "Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep

them in the midst of your heart." The result Matthew 8:13 "And his servant was healed that same hour."

The battle of faith is like a pendulum of a clock. God's Word says "Yes," and Satan's lies say "No." God's Word says the victory is won; Satan says the battle is lost. God says the prayer is answered; the devil says the prayer is not answered. Wherever the pendulum stops, that is what we get.

Too many allow the pendulum to stop at Satan's "No," but the centurion was seeing through the Word and stopped the pendulum on "Yes." He saw that servant well, and held onto the Word of God that says Proverbs 4:20-22 "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Bible examples show us that no one received healing from God, until they were willing to believe His Word. In one example, not one person in a packed house received any healing except the one who was *seeing through the Word* and believed that his sins were forgiven, so Matthew 9:7 "he arose, and departed to his house."

Churches today do not teach God's full Truth about *seeing through His Word*, believing in our heart, and acting on His promises. The minute Satan sees we are holding onto the Word, he tries to get us away from it, and to steal it out of our heart, but if we hold onto it, we will enter into victory.

Abraham was promised a son against all human possibilities, but he looked at the Word and not at his age—so a son was given. God's words are so important—"Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart." Abraham had the pendulum to stop at

"Yes," so he was eligible to receive the promise.

Another Bible example shows a man who was not so willing to *see through the Word*. This man's son was seriously oppressed, so he begged Jesus to visit his house. Jesus replied John 4:48 "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." [He meant] You have more confidence in the sayings of Satan, than you do in the Word of God. Your eyes are on the devil's lies in *unbelief*, therefore, it would be of no use for Me to visit your house.

Jesus did not intend to go with him, but He gave him a word, which he could, by choice, hold on to for victory. John 4:50 "Go thy way; thy son liveth." All the way home, the devil would have pictured the reverse of what Jesus had promised—the devil does not give up easy. But the man "believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way" to see his son, fully delivered—that was *seeing victory through the Word of God*.



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