


# HIS WORD IS SPIRIT

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Our topic today is **The Word is Spirit**

We'll take our text from John 6:63
*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

In the scripture above, Jesus clearly affirms that His Word is Spirit! The word of God is a spirit entity. So every time you interact with the Word, what you're interacting with is Spirit. That is what makes the Bible absolutely different from any other book in the entire world.

Anybody can put a book together and call it a sacred book. But when it comes to the Bible, it is not only sacred, it is an embodiment of the Spirit of God. It is a living entity! It is a being. It has an inbuilt capacity to assert itself and to accomplish the counsel of God

The Bible is the only "book" that speaks! There is a fellowship that occurs as you read those words contained in it.

It is not just about the letters, the word is Spirit!

Man is Spirit

He has a soul

He lives in a body

The same way, the Word is Spirit but it is conveyed with letters. The Word of God is conveyed with letters, but by nature, it is Spirit. You can read the Bible all your life, and relate only with the letters. If you do that, what you will have is knowledge without revelation.

A lot of people have related with just letters for way too long. How about you do the Spirit dimension, and see how efficacious the Word will become in your life. Beloved, there are spiritual realities locked up in scriptures, and only the Holy Spirit can reveal and communicate those realities to you.

See 1 Corinthians 2:11-14

*For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, no man **knows the things of God** except the Spirit of God.*

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know **the things that are freely given to us of God.***

*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

*But the natural man receives not **the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

You must realize that the Word is Spirit, and as such is spiritually discerned. Studying scripture is more of a spiritual exercise. It is much more than a mental exercise.

Someone once said that the Bible is the only book whose author is always present every time you read it. That's very true!

He's there to make known the things that have been freely given to you.

He's there to unveil the written word (the letter, *graphé*), and make it come alive to you.

Beloved, what do you look for when you read the Bible? Head knowledge or Spiritual revelation? If you are busy looking for head knowledge, you will struggle seriously with scripture o. Everything will just look like "*scatter scatter*" in your head. It will not only be very hard to understand, you will be tempted to twist it to say what you want it to say.

Head knowledge is not bad in itself. It has its place... But head knowledge without spirit revelation will tend towards error.

See 2 Peter 3:16

*As also in all his (Paul's) epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable twisted, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

The things of scripture will be hard to understand and may end up being twisted except you allow the Spirit to reveal God's counsel to you through it. The beauty of relating with the Word as Spirit is that its revelations may not make sense to you yet, but it comes with a conviction that hooks your spirit strongly.

When you begin to meditate on the revelation, your senses will begin to catch up! That's when more insights will begin to flow.

God said it

I believe it

That settles it

I will understand better by and by

Beloved, there is no way you won't greatly misconstrue scripture if you read the Bible without relying on the Holy Spirit to breathe spiritual revelation to you.

I want to inspire a radical change in how you approach scriptures from today

Don't read it like you read your school textbook

Don't read it like you read your favorite novel

Read it like you read a love letter from your bae or boo

Connect with the Author as you read it

Some of you know what I'm talking about. You can literally picture the person right before you saying those words. Ladies, when Mr "HE" sends you a song. How do you listen? Even though you're hearing a white man's voice, the picture in your head is that of the black guy who sent it to you!

This is where I'm going. It may have been Paul who wrote the book of Ephesians, but it was God who sent the words to us. As we read the book, it's not Paul we're listening to, we are hearing God. We're interacting with His Spirit

Let me show you something from **1 John 5:7**
*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.*

The WORD is by nature a person. That person is a member of the God-head... He is the same with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that all scripture is God-breathed. It was the Word (the Person) that breathed the scripture by inspiring the different human agencies that penned it down.

So then, the Word is not first and foremost what is written. He is a Person we interact with through what is written. So the Word is not just Spirit. The word is God... He is first and foremost a person!

**John 1:1**
*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

The Word is Spirit. He breathed (inspired) the readable words of the Bible, and breathes through them. So the Word issues forth at the instance of the Spirit and must be spiritually discerned. That WORD is not the letter, it is the revelation of the PERSON conveyed by the letters, when you allow that same PERSON who breathed it to breathe through it.

You can birth a child, but if you are not the one that raises the child, he/she may have your physical form but will be nothing like you on the inside (in terms of character, values and thinking pattern).

In the same way, as much as the Holy Spirit breathed the words of scripture, we must relate with those Words as Spirit and allow the same Holy Spirit to breathe through them. If we refuse to do this, we will end up with something that looks like Christianity, but is intrinsically not Christianity as God intends.

Beloved, let your reading of scriptures be first to seek the Lord. Your primary goal is not to "try to understand" what is written, but to know who is talking. We do this every day, but we pretend as if it's difficult when it comes to the Bible.

When you meet someone who you consider to be a potential spouse... You listen closely to every single thing he/she is saying. Why? You know too well that you're not trying to understand what is being said, you are concentrating because you are trying to KNOW who this person is

When you know the person, you understand what they are saying better! When you have gotten to know someone so well. You "get them" very well. You understand what they are saying very well, even when others are still trying to figure it out

Please from today, whenever you read your Bible, don't just do mental exertion or merely read intellectually. Instead, humbly ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and reveal the person of Christ and the counsel of God to you through the Word.

Remember what happened between Jesus and his two disciples on the road to Emmaus? This is recorded in Luke 24:27-33. You can read the story later…

Jesus appeared to these two guys while they were complaining about his death. That passage says that beginning with Moses and the prophets, Jesus expounded to them all the things that the scriptures say concerning himself. As they later recounted their experience, they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us"?

That burning of heart as you read the Bible is the work of the Holy Spirit, breathing through the written word and making it alive and vital. Something happened to those two guys because they were interacting with the one who breathed the words.

Again beloved, the Word is Spirit, and can only be discerned spiritually! Let the one who breathed the word breathe through it as you read it

Again, see how Jesus puts it

**John 6:63**
*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life!*

Don't forget...

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Let us pray!

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and reveal the person of Christ and the counsel of God to you each time you study your Bible.

Ask God for grace to adjust your mind-set and your approach to scriptures from today

I will not just read the letters, I will fellowship with the Spirit!

In Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen!

Good night beloved.

I look forward to seeing you again tomorrow.

Shalom!

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