

“THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE ALL THY NAME.” PSALM 138:2

What an utterly astounding statement! God’s name represents all his attributes and all his works. His name represents the totality of his infinite Being. Yet, the psalmist declares that he has magnified his Word above all his name.

Men may poke fun and make light of it until God casts them into hell, but this blessed Book is God’s Holy Word. It may not be important to you, but you had better believe it is important to God! — *“Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven”* (Psalm 119:89). — *“The word of our God shall stand forever”* (Isaiah 40:8). — *“Let God be true, and every man a liar!”* God says, *“My word shall not return to me void”* (Isaiah 55:11).

All God’s works are by his Word: His Living Word, His Decreed Word, His Oral Word, His Written Word, or His Preached Word. The world was created by the Word of God. Heaven and earth are preserved and held in tact by the word of God. Christ is revealed by the Word of God. Men and women are convinced of sin by the Word of God. Faith is given by the Word of God. Comfort is administered by the Word of God. Saints are motivated, edified, protected, and ruled by the Word of God.

No wonder then that John wrote, *“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein”* (Revelation 1:3).

1. The Word of God is the seed of spiritual life by which chosen, redeemed sinners are born again (Hebrews 4:12; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23-25).

2. The solitary basis of our faith is the Word of God (Romans 4:3, 20-22). — The Book of God is our only rule of faith and practice, our only creed, our only confession of faith.

3. The Word of God is the foundation of our hope (Psalm 119:49, 81, 114).

4. The Word of God will be the basis of judgment at the bar of God in the last day (John 12:47-50). In that great and terrible day God almighty will judge all men by the light of this blessed Book.

5. The Word of our God shall stand forever (Matthew 5:18; Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 46:9-11). — *“The Word of our God shall stand forever”* (Isaiah 40:8).

God almighty will do all his Word. God is as good as his Word. It will all be fulfilled. His word of predestination shall be accomplished. His word of grace shall be performed. His word of promise shall be fulfilled. And his word of judgment shall be executed.

The Lord God says, *“To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word”* (Isaiah 66:2). This Book and this Book alone is able to make you wise unto salvation.
Don Fortner

THE ABSOLUTE STANDARD OF ETERNAL TRUTH

Isaiah 8:20 declares, *“if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them”*. The word of God as we have it in the best of English translations (the KJV) is our creed, our Statement of Faith, the court of arbitration in all matters relating to the truth that the eternal God has revealed. *AJ*

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Psalm 119:130

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Reading John 12:44-50

42 tune 858

S Stennett

1 Let avarice, from shore to shore
Her favourite god pursue;
Thy word, O Lord, we value more
Than India or Peru.

2 When God the Holy Ghost reveals
The riches it contains,
And in the conscience safely seals
The grandeur of its lines;

3 Then mines of knowledge, love, and joy
Are opened to our sight;
The purest gold without alloy
And gems divinely bright.

4 The counsels of redeeming grace
Those sacred leaves unfold;
And here the Saviour's lovely face
Our raptured eyes behold.

5 Here light, descending from above,
Directs our doubtful feet;
Here promises of heavenly love
Our ardent wishes meet.

6 Our numerous griefs are here redressed,
And all our wants supplied;
Nought we can ask to make us blest
Is in this book denied.

Prayer

Reading Psalm 119:113-136

Prayer

399 tune 409

W Tucker

1 Amidst ten thousand anxious cares,
The world and Satan's deep-laid snares,
This my incessant cry shall be,
Jesus, reveal thyself to me.

2 When Sinai's awful thunder rolled,
And struck with terror all my soul,
No gleam of comfort could I see,
Till Jesus was revealed to me.

3 When by temptations sore oppressed,
Distressful anguish fills my breast!
All, all is grief and misery,
Till Jesus is revealed to me.

4 When various lusts imperious rise,
And my unguarded soul surprise;
I'm captive led, nor can get free,
Till Christ reveals himself to me.

5 When darkness, thick as beamless night,
Hides the loved Saviour from my sight,
Nothing but this my ardent plea,
Jesus, reveal thyself to me.

6 'Tis he dispels the dismal gloom;
Gives light and gladness in its room;
Then have I joy and liberty
As Christ reveals himself to me.

Sermon

1147 tune 869

I Watts

1 The heavens declare thy glory, Lord,
In every star thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days thy power confess;
And the blest volume thou hast writ
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.

3 Sun, moon, and stars convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand;
So, when thy truth began its race,
Destined to spread to every land.

4 Nor shall thy living gospel rest,
Till through the world thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blessed
That see the light, or feel the sun.

5 Great Sun of righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heavenly light;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise;
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.

6 Thy noblest wonders here we view
In souls renewed and sins forgiven;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make thy word my guide to heaven.