

“So Is My Word”

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“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV)

In the beginning God spoke the Word: *“Let there be light, and there was light.”* (Genesis 1:3)

Forty-five centuries later, the Holy Spirit spoke through the disciple Jesus loved:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it....The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1-5,14 NIV)

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Nostradamus and other predictors flash and fade from society’s consciousness. It always amazes me how excited people get about new sensations like the *DaVinci Code* – and how quickly they become yawning old news. None of these can hold a candle to the vast prophetic detail of Him who is the Word of God Incarnate – God come down to earth in human flesh and blood.

In a few minutes God’s children will share details of some awesome prophecies. But there are hundreds more. God could see the train wreck coming – harsh husbands, disrespectful wives, disobedient children, lazy and dishonest workers, students, management, lying politicians and people who love lies. God could see all this evidence of sin deep down in our souls that would separate us from Him forever.

From all eternity God prepared to bear the burden of our guilt and sin on Himself by His own suffering and death on the cross. From Adam and Eve, down through His holy prophets He foretold the coming of the Christ. The time, place, circumstances, all were brightly detailed. God’s people of old were encouraged and excited about the coming of the Great Deliverer. The LORD’S Messiah would free us from the misery and suffering of our sin.

Modern psychics make millions with open ended, generic predictions to fit most any palm or horror they could scope. One psychology professor analyzed our handwriting, then asked me to read mine. How embarrassing! Until I realized everyone’s said the same thing.

But we are about to hear from God’s children 100% prophecies entirely unexpected. Who would dare predict a virgin would have a child, much less designate a son? Who would suggest that Son would be the Great Deliverer by becoming a curse and suffering for sin? To predict He would die, then rise again from the dead is so outlandish and so easily disproved – if anyone had the memory to wait that long! No one would dare say it the first time, much less keep repeating this over so many centuries that no one could forget. *“So Is My Word” – He knows to foretell.*

Our problem, our sin, is our doubt. When God speaks, we should all listen and believe. But God is not picking teams to win the playoffs. Life and death are for keeps, the cosmic battle for our eternal souls either to enjoy bliss forever with God in heaven, or die in the unending torment of Satan's hell. God's Word in prophecy and promise has the power to steer all of history as His-story to the grand and glorious salvation which He foretold in such stunning detail. *"So Is My Word" ...*

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The mortgage crisis in America is like a dark background against God's bright and beautiful promises. God's Word **lives to fulfill** all that He has promised. Look at what heartache and tragedy result when people want too much. Before they realize how quickly things can change, some put their whole house and livelihood in jeopardy. Look how such decisions all combined to rattle the most powerful economy in the world.

In God's economy such things don't happen. He dares to go far beyond predictions to make prophecies across the centuries that only the living, eternal God can **fulfill**. No one could do this dead! **He lives to fulfill**. Long before He was born as Jesus of Nazareth through the womb of the virgin Mary, God said to the ever-living, ever-loving Christ from all eternity: *"You are my Son; today I have become your Father."* (Psalm 2:7 NIV) He was begotten of the Father from eternity in a manner far beyond our understanding. Not even the prophets themselves could figure out everything God wrote through them:

"Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things." (1 Peter 1:10-12 NIV)

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plain, And the mountains in reply Echoing their glorious strain. Gloria in excelsis Deo!" ("Glory to God in the highest!")

The fact that Jesus lived and died and lives again for you, for me, for all puts joy on the faces of these children and a twinkle in the heavenly Father's eye. He spoke and it came to be. That Word from His mouth is the eternal Son of God. And the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son to bring these awesome gifts of grace and peace to all who will hear.

Jesus is God's greatest Gift. And if you're not sure how, God's children are about to explain in this service entitled: *Jesus, God's Gift to You.*

Join in the singing. Join in the praying. But most of all, join in the joy of Jesus who truly lives to bless us with His love sent down from heaven above.

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