



## THE POWER OF ABIDING IN THE WORD

### Joshua 1:8

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then will you make your way prosperous and then you will have good success."*

### JESUS GIVES US THE KEY

### John 15:7

*"If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you."*

#### 1. ABIDE - Greek: 'meno'

- To remain, tarry, not to depart
- To continue to be present
- To hold on to, keep continually
- To endure - in reference to time
- To remain as one, not to become another or different
- To wait for, await one

The word therefore must be our dwelling place and home. however, many of us don't remain, stay and tarry in the word. We go all about looking for solutions and ways and means. We constantly leave 'home' and go wandering.

- Example: the word tells you, do not be anxious about anything but in all things by prayer and with supplication make your request known to God.... However, we get anxious and forfeit our peace of mind. In our anxiety we take decisions and make moves which may not correspond with God's will for us.

To abide does not mean you do nothing. It is not a passive state of affairs where you are just sitting down doing nothing. It is an active state of

- Growing in the knowledge of God
- Growing in belief, faith, trust and confidence in God.
- Personal transformation – maturing, growing in love, patience, kindness, wisdom, etc
- Perseverance and endurance.

#### 2. My WORD - Rhema

- That which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word
- An utterance
- Jesus Christ - the Word



**John 1:1-3, 14**

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**3. You Shall ASK - Greek: 'aiteo'**

- Ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, require

This suggests the attitude of a suppliant, the petition of one who is lesser in position than he to whom the petition is made, e.g. A child from a parent or a person from God

- Read: *Ephesians 3:20; Colossians 1:9; James 1:5, 6; 4:2, 3; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15, 16.*

**4. What You WILL - Greek: 'theio'**

- Will, have in mind, intend, determine, purpose,
- Desire, wish, love, take delight in or brings you pleasure
- Like to do, or are fond of doing
- This is not magic. It is a product of our growing knowledge of God and our relationship with Him.
- It actually means that you shall pray and act upon His word and leading

**5. It shall be DONE - Greek: 'ginomai'**

- Become - come into existence, begin to be, receive being
- Come to pass, happen
- Be made and finished
- Be performed, wrought (of miracles)

**HONOUR AND GLORY**

**John 15:8**

*"When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honoured and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine."*

It is in this manner that the glory, honour and power of God is revealed in us and through. The Power of Abiding is ANSWERED PRAYER. Jesus had all His prayers answered, and we would too, if we learnt to abide in Him and His word abide in us.

**John 12:40-44**

*Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> And I know*



*that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”<sup>43</sup> Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”<sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”*

### FINALLY

#### **Job 22:21-30**

*Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will remove iniquity far from your tents. Then you will lay your gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. Yes, the Almighty will be your gold and your precious silver; for then you will have your delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways. When they cast you down, and you say, ‘Exaltation will come!’ Then He will save the humble person. He will even deliver one who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands.”*