

God's Word Never Fails

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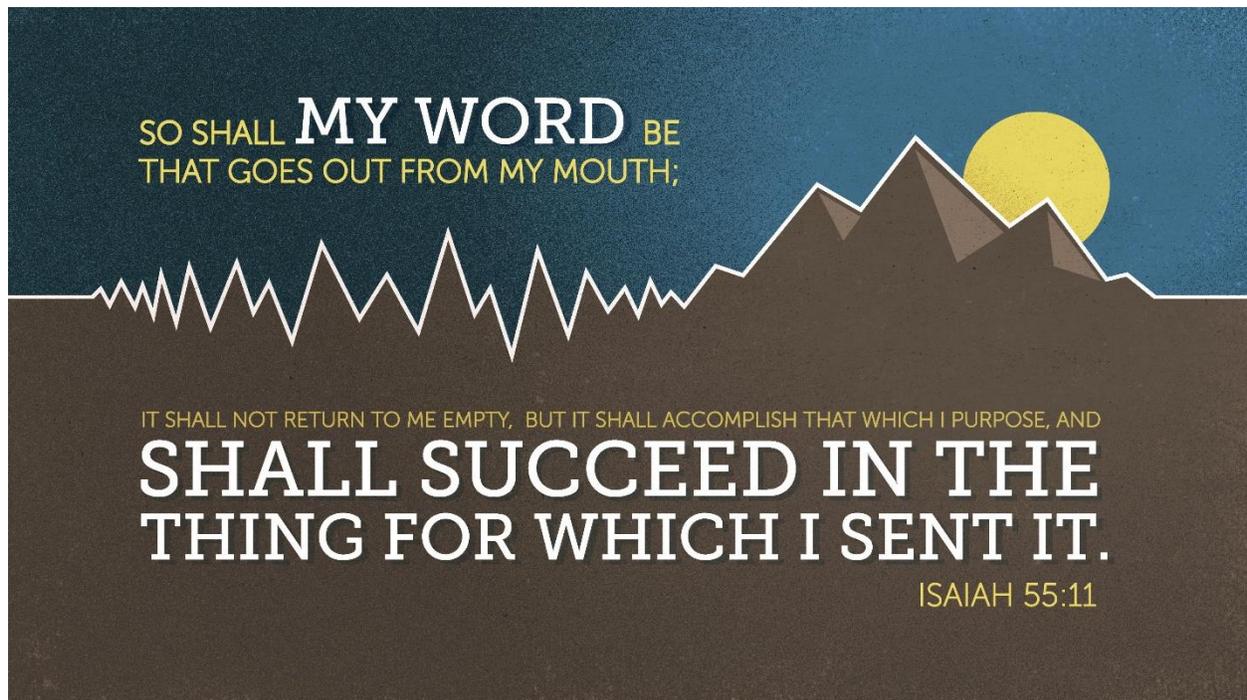
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Thesis / Central Idea:

The Word of God is not idle and has work to do.

Objectives:

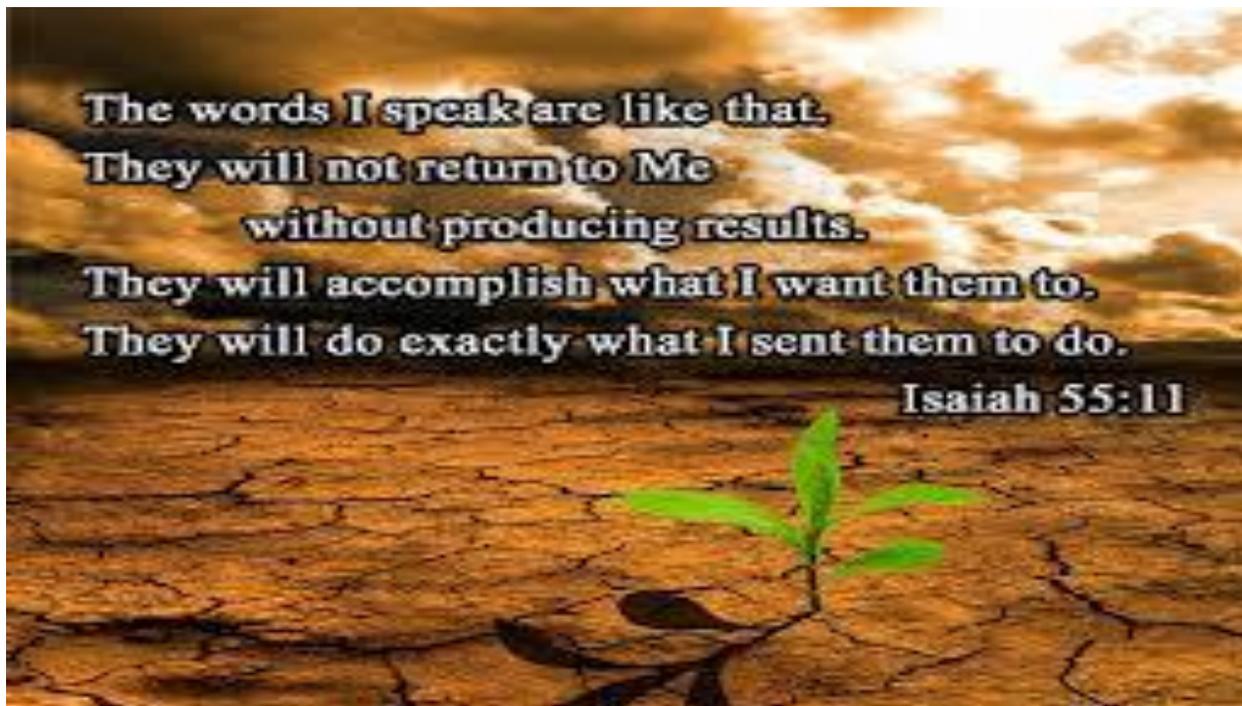
- I. God's Word, God's Revelation
- II. God's Word has Purpose and Eternal Endurance
- III. God's Word has Power

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Introduction:

There is much that could be said about God's Word in both Old and New Testament. Let us focus in on one of its greatest goals that we see fulfilled in our Savior the Christ. Isaiah the Prophet speaks a sure word to the people of God who have not kept His Word and have been destroyed. Judah remains as Isaiah reveals God's ultimate Salvation to be found in Jesus who will later come and deliver us all.

They didn't believe it before and were destroyed, we must believe it now and live. Believe in a way that does not bring destruction but brings everlasting life. Believe where it is more than theory and rhetoric the exercises of mind only. Believe in the way which causes you to act, recognizing the power and authority that His Word has over our lives.

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Sermon Outline:

I. God's Word, God's revelation



A. God has always revealed Himself to us and by doing so reveals His will.

John 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- B. God's greatest revelation of himself is His Son Jesus. The Word become flesh.
- C. The Bible calls Jesus the exact representation of His being.

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

- D. If we wanted to know what it is that God is achieving, when can find out in the person of Jesus.

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John 5:18–19 (NIV)

¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: *“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

E. The Son only speaks that which comes from the Father. If we want to know what God is revealing to us, we need to know the Son.

F. *The revelation that comes from the Son has eternal purpose...*

II. God's Word has purpose and eternal endurance

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

A. The work of God's Word may not always be evident, yet it is always at work.

B. The Word of God will not change to suit the wishes and desires of men.

Matthew 5:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ *For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

John 12:48 (NIV)

⁴⁸ *There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.*

C. God's Word will endure forever.

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1 Peter 1:23–25 (NIV)

²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

D. God's Word not only endures but it has power...

III. God's Word has power

A. In the life of Jesus it was noticed very early that His Word had power and authority.

Luke 8:25 (NIV)

²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

B. God's Word has power...

Luke 4:36 (NIV)

³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!”

C. God's Word, His Message, His Revelation to us can be found in His Son Jesus. That message has power to achieve His Will.

1 Corinthians 1:17–18 (NIV)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

D. That Word/Message is the Gospel of Jesus.

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John 5:24 (NIV)

²⁴ *“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

E. Believe in the way which causes you to act, recognizing the power and authority that His Word has over our lives...

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Conclusion:

God's Word, God's Revelation best seen and understood in His Son King Jesus the Christ.

God's Word has Purpose and Eternal Endurance it will achieve that which He has set it out to do. We need to live in that purpose and be assured that it will endure forever.

God's Word has Power to get the job done. The Word of God will not return void or empty to God, its purpose will be achieved.

Mark 1:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Acts 15:7 (NIV)

⁷ After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.

Romans 10:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

1 Corinthians 15:2 (NIV)

² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 1:13 (NIV)

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

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Invitation to respond to this message:

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Luke 13:3 (NIV)

³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV)

⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.