

## THE WORD OF GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER

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 7 יבש הציר נבל ציין כי רוח יהוה נשבה בו  
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 8 יבש הציר נבל ציין ודבר-אלהינו יקום לעולם

**Isa 40:3-8** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Τὰς ψυχὰς ὑμῶν ἡγνικότες ἐν τῇ ὑπακοῇ τῆς ἀληθείας εἰς φιλαδελφίαν ἀνυπόκριτον, ἐκ [καθαρᾶς] καρδίας ἀλλήλους ἀγαπήσατε ἐκτενῶς <sup>23</sup> ἀναγεγεννημένοι οὐκ ἐκ σπορᾶς φθαρτῆς ἀλλὰ ἀφθάρτου διὰ λόγου ζῶντος θεοῦ καὶ μένοντος. <sup>24</sup> διότι πᾶσα σὰρξ ὡς χόρτος καὶ πᾶσα δόξα αὐτῆς ὡς ἄνθος χόρτου· ἐξηράνθη ὁ χόρτος καὶ τὸ ἄνθος ἐξέπεσεν. <sup>25</sup> τὸ δὲ ῥῆμα κυρίου μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. τοῦτο δέ ἐστιν τὸ ῥῆμα τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν εἰς ὑμᾶς

**1Pt 1:22-25** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you

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- **Is 40:7** ...the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it... (רוח יהוה נשבה בו)
- exsiccatum est faenum et cecidit flos quia spiritus Domini sufflavit in eo...
- The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it...
  - **Mt 3:11** He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**0.1. THE TWO VOICES OF THE PROPHECY**

- **Isa 40:3** → prepare the way → repentance → glory revealed
- **Isa 40:6** → the flesh is inadequate → the word of God the only hope

### 0.2. THE TRANSIENT AND THE ETERNAL

- the word of man (science, philosophy, politics, literature) & the Word of God...
- **Is 51:12** I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass... (וימבן־אדם־הצֵיר יתֵן)
- **Zech 1:5-6** Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? <sup>6</sup> But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers?
- **Ps 102:25-28** Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, <sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end. <sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you
  - → **Heb 1:10-12** "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

### 0.3. THE FOUNDATION OF THE ETERNAL LIFE

- **1Pt 1:22-25**
- **2Pt 3:4** "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." (ἐμπαιγμονῆ ἐμπαίκεται κατὰ τὰς ἰδίας ἐπιθυμίας αὐτῶν πορευόμενοι καὶ λέγοντες· ποῦ ἐστὶν ἡ ἐπαγγελία τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ; ἀφ' ἧς γὰρ οἱ πατέρες ἐκοιμήθησαν, πάντα οὕτως διαμένει ἀπ' ἀρχῆς κτίσεως)
- **1John 2:17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever (καὶ ὁ κόσμος παράγεται καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία αὐτοῦ, ὁ δὲ ποιῶν τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.)

## 1. THE WORD: ORIENTATION

- **Ps 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (גִּידְךָ יְהוָה לְנֵי־לְפָנַי וְדֹרֹתַי)

### 1.1. THE TRUTH

- **John 14:6** I am the way, and the truth, and the life (ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωὴ)
- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος)
- **John 17:17** ...your word is truth (ὁ λόγος ὁ σοὺς ἀλήθειά ἐστιν)
- **Mk 13:31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ παρελεύσονται, οἱ δὲ λόγοι μου οὐ μὴ παρελεύσονται)

### 1.2. THE PROMISE

- Abraham → **Heb 11:8-9** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise (εἰς γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας), as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise (συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς.)
- **1John 2:25** And this is the promise that he made to us- eternal life. (καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ ἐπαγγελία ἣν αὐτὸς ἐπηγγείλατο ἡμῖν, τὴν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον)
- **1 Tim 4:8** ...while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come
- **John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also (πάλλιν ἔρχομαι καὶ παραλήμψομαι ὑμᾶς πρὸς ἑμαυτόν)

## 2. THE WORD: COMMANDMENT

### 2.1. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- **1John 2:4-5** Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him (ὁ λέγων ὅτι ἔγνωκα αὐτόν καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ μὴ τηρῶν,

ψεύστης ἐστὶν καὶ ἐν τούτῳ ἡ ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἔστιν· <sup>5</sup> ὃς δ' ἂν τηρῇ αὐτοῦ τὸν λόγον, ἀληθῶς ἐν τούτῳ ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ τετελείωται, ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐσμεν)

- **Rom 10:6-9** But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"(that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'"(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **Dt 30:11-14** For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it

## 2.2. ABIDING IN CHRIST

- **John 15:7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (ἐὰν μένητε ἐν ἐμοὶ καὶ τὰ ῥήματά μου ἐν ὑμῖν μένη, ὃ ἐὰν θέλητε αἰτήσασθε, καὶ γενήσεται ὑμῖν)

## 3. THE WORD: "SUCCESS"

- **Ps 90:17** ...establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!  
(וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כְּדֵינוּ וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כְּדֵינוּ בְּיָמֵינוּ)

### 3.1. SOWING AND REAPING

- **Fruit of life-work**
  - **Gal 6:7-8** Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life

### 3.2. GROWTH

- **Spiritual progress**
  - **1Pt 2:2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation (ὡς ἀρτιγέννητα βρέφη τὸ λογικὸν ἄδολον γάλα ἐπιποθήσατε, ἵνα ἐν αὐτῷ αὐξηθῆτε εἰς σωτηρίαν)

### 3.3. SPEECH

- **Communicating the Gospel**
  - **Col 4:6** Let your speech always be *gracious*, seasoned with *salt*, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person (ὁ λόγος ὑμῶν πάντοτε ἐν χάριτι, ἄλατι ἡρτυμένος, εἰδέναι πῶς δεῖ ὑμᾶς ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἀποκρίνεσθαι)
  - **1Cor 1:18** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (Ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μαρῖα ἐστίν, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις θεοῦ ἐστίν)

## 4. TO REMEMBER

- The only available eternity we have at our disposal is through the Word of God.
- The Word of God gives us light (truth), guidance (commandment) and power (strength).
- So let us know, obey and speak the Word to live on the eternal foundation of God.