

The Power of the Word

“Arise, Shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”

(Isaiah 60:1 KJV)

Awakened by the Word!

Some of the most frightful experiences while asleep are dreams which hold unfortunate events. These dreams contain scenarios which, if real, would certainly cause us much pain or difficulty. Adding to the frightfulness is the sleeper's uncertainty while dreaming as to whether or not the dream is real. There is nothing quite like the relief of dreaming an unfortunate event such as the loss of a loved one and awaking to find it was “only a dream.” But while dreaming we did not know whether the scenario was real because sometimes in the night we are not aware that we are asleep. This set of circumstances can be applied to our spiritual lives. Sometimes we are not aware that we are spiritually asleep. But some signs of spiritual slumber are clear.

If you attend church but do not serve in some capacity within the ministries of the church, you are slumbering before the great servant Jesus Christ.

If you are serving but do not have a disciplined and rich prayer life, you are slumbering before the before the great Lord intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

If you are praying regularly but you lack a Christ-like attitude in your relations and interactions with others, then you are slumbering before Christ the great commander of love.

If your Christian attitude is exemplary but you just seem to lack that fire for the Lord and for His church that you know you should have as spoken by Jesus, then chances are you are slumbering before our Christ.

If you know no real progress in your walk with God has taken place and you cannot testify about the richness of your faith then you are probably slumbering before he Lord.

How shall we be awakened from the spiritual stagnation which impedes our progress in the deeper walk and higher soar with God we long for? What is the alarm clock that echoes within our spirits, hearts, minds and souls alerting us that it is time to arise from our slumber. It is the word of God! This is why every Sunday and every Wednesday and several times in between, Christians assemble to feed from the Word of God.

In Isaiah 60, it was through the clarion call of the word of the prophet Isaiah that Israel became aware of its spiritual stagnation and its need to arise from its sleep. The power of the Word of God to awaken us to new spiritual heights available and attainable is unquestionable. It is through the Word preached that faith is born and salvation is obtained (Romans 10:13-15). It is through the Word planted and hidden in our hearts that we escape sin (Psalm 119:11). It is through the Word that we war and win against satan's attacks and temptations (Matthew 4:1-10). It is through the Word we find direction and guidance to live out God-purpose (Psalm 119:105). It is through the unsearchable riches of the Word spoken, declared and believed that we are able to experience the bountiful spiritual awakening not yet obtained but always available to us. This week on your road to spiritual awakening, renew your commitment to study and meditation upon the Word.

Thought for the Week:

Hear the Word!

Pray this:

Lord today, and everyday, allow me to hear your Word clearly as they clarion call to the greater life you have purposed for me through your Son, Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, speak to my spirit through this week, as I awaken to the beauty and blessing God has for me.

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