

“Particular Words”

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John 17:8 *“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”*

John 17:14-19 *“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”*

NOTE: Jesus highlights PARTICULAR WORDS ...and 2 Responses: (1) Receiving/Believing
(2) Hostile/Rejection

Particular Words

Jesus Highlights a FEATURE of His Ministry ...to give/share/transfer particular words to his disciples!

(1) Particular Words with Particular Power

“WORDS” Have Unique Properties and Design in God’s Plan ...thus they can Never be Treated Casually or as Inconsequential! ...

- Does it Really Matter WHAT People Believe ..as long as they believe and are sincere! ...Don’t All Religions Basically Teach the Same Thing?

Jn 17:8 *“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them.”*

- John ...Presents a Specific & Defined Set of Words that have Unique Power

“PARTICULAR WORDS” and FREEDOM

Jn 8:31-32 *“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him. ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”*

NOTE: Jesus' Connection between "the Words you gave me" ...&... "TRUTH"

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?? —"All truth is God's truth"

"PARTICULAR WORDS" and DARKNESS & JUDGMENT

Jn 12:46-50 "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; **the word that I have spoken will judge him** on the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

"PARTICULAR WORDS" and LIFE

Jn 20:30-31 "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

—**there are PARTICULAR Words that are Designed By God to touch our "receiving, believing, and life obtaining"**

1 Cor 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."

...So, Notice that apart from God's Word there is Not "Freedom", there is Not "Life" (Jn 17:3), and there is Darkness

(2) Particular Words with Particular Hostility

(v. 14) "I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world"

How Did Man Become "Shrouded in Darkness" (Jn 12:46)?

Acts 26:16-18 *“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you...¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.”*

...Darkness & the Power of Satan are Connected ...In the Garden, Satan Thrust Man into Darkness with His Lie! ...Where did this “Alienation from the life of God” start?

1 Cor 2:14 *“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”*

Eph 4:17-18 *“Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God.”*

Rom 8:7 *“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.”*

...THIS is the “MIND” that Satan brought to man in Gen 3

2 Sources of “Knowing” Revealed in Scripture —The Tree of Knowledge ...or... Revelation from God (Somehow, managed, filtered, & processed by the Spirit of God)

NOTE: *“The world” gets its information from whatever the Serpent was offering Adam & Eve in the garden— eating from the Tree of Knowledge, having their “eyes opened”, gathering and processing knowledge in independence of God*

Jn 16:12-13 *“I still have many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now,¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak...”*

...The Processing is Quite Different!

Gen 3:4-8 *“But the serpent said to them, ‘You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ ⁶ ...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths... ⁹ But the Lord called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ ¹⁰ And he said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.’ ¹¹ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’”*

- Suddenly—“Being NAKED was a Disorienting Problem!!” ...BUT, when this condition was “Filtered Through God”—it wasn’t!!

Gen 2:25 *“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”*

- Suddenly—God Feels Like a HOSTILE Force!!—“I was afraid, so I hid”

...Why hide from God? ...because “this form of knowing” makes God Feel ADVERSARIAL!! ...there is a hostility and a threat being ‘perceived’ by their newly “opened eyes”!! ...the “Same Truth” that they processed before they ate, now gets processed differently!! ...The World has a “processing problem” when it comes to the Words of God!—

Uncomfortable, “Particular Words”

WHY Does the World Respond Antagonistically to the Gospel? *...Because the Fallen Mind perceives God as a HOSTILE FORCE!!*

...The World is going to “HIDE” from God’s Words!! ... “DON’T give me those words”— Give Me some “FIG-LEAF WORDS” that cover up my issues!!

...But the Disciples Have No Other
Words—

John 6:60-69 *“When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?’⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, ‘Do you take offense at this?’⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?’⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.’ (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)⁶⁵ And he said, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.’*

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you want to go away as well?’ ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.’”