

Climate Change: Living by God's Every Word

It is one thing to know God's Word and another to love Him and obey Him as Jesus the Son of God. We will find life in our obedience or death in our disobedience to His every word.

Life and Death

*Genesis 2:15-17

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15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

The Devil's Deception

Genesis 3:1-7

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The Man and Woman Sin

3 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

- “Did God Really Say/ You’re not allowed to eat from one single tree in the garden?” The master deceiver and liar introduces doubt creating an opportunity for deception by asking a leading question.
- “Of course we may eat.” Eve’s response corrects the serpent and perfectly quotes God’s word. But knowing the word vs. doing the word is a matter of life and death.
- A half-truth is a whole lie. While their eyes would be opened to good and evil, they would in fact die God said.
- “She was convinced.” The devil’s word had now replaced God’s word. She saw, she wanted, she took, she ate.
- She knew God and His word, yet the devil knew her better than she knew herself.

The Living Word

John 1:1-5

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Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word

1 In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,[a]
and his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.[b]

John 1:14

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14 So the Word became human[a] and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.[b] And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

- Since men couldn't save themselves because they were incapable of obeying God's word. God sent His word/Jesus as a man!

The Word Works

Matthew 4:1-11

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The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil[a] came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'**[b]**"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.
And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'**[c]**"

7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'**[d]**"

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

10 “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.’[e]”

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

- Adam and Eve knew God’s word and were tempted in a lush garden surrounded by food.
- Jesus was God’s word, was very hungry, in a wilderness where there was no food.
- Eve’s self-love was out of order and she did something to please herself over God.
- The Lord’s love for God was unwavering and He lived to please Him over Himself.
- “If you are the son of God, command”- The devil knew who Jesus was more importantly Jesus was aware of His own identity.
- The devil recognized the power the Word/Jesus had to command and change the climate of the wilderness to a bakery. Do we?
- The Word responded with the Word!
- Jesus was saying “I may be hungry, but I know who I am, and I am living by my Father’s word! What will we say in temptation?”
- Men don’t live by natural food (or even carnal hunger/Eve’s craving for wisdom) alone. But by EVERY WORD FROM GOD.
- The devil decides to put His faith talk to the test, he will test yours as well.
- If you’re going to live by the word, then you’ll trust God with your very life.
- The devil quoted the word, to the word! How well do you know the word and the author?
- Since he wasn’t hungry for food, the devil wanted to see if He was hungry for power.

We must get to know the WORD and commit Him to memory.

Biblical Defense

Psalm 119:11

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11 I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

Jesus is Quick, Alive, and Powerful

Did you notice how quick and powerful Jesus was in His responses?

Hebrews 4:12

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12 For the word of God is alive/quick and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Obedience is Love

*John 14:15

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, obey[a] my commandments.