

On the Corner Fringe: The Power of the Word January 26, 2018

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The Power of the Word

In this transcript from **Corner Fringe Ministries**, **Pastor Daniel Joseph** explores the spiritual significance of **Ecclesiastes 8:4**, emphasizing that **divine authority and power** are inherently found within the **Word of God**. He argues that many believers remain spiritually vulnerable because they prioritize **modern distractions**, such as social media and news, over the study of **Scripture**. By referencing various biblical passages, Daniel illustrates how immersion in the Word cultivates the **faith** necessary to overcome **deception** and spiritual warfare. He characterizes the Bible as a **living tool** that provides life, healing, and the discernment required to navigate a complex world. Ultimately, Daniel serves as an urgent call for individuals to seek a deeper **intimacy with the Lord** by dedicating their time to biblical truth. This commitment is presented as the only way to obtain the **supernatural strength** needed to move mountains and resist worldly adversity.



[Introduction]

Insightful—Challenging—Cutting Edge—
Biblical

[Daniel Joseph]

Shalom everyone. Welcome to *On the Fringe*. I'm Daniel Joseph, and yesterday I was reading the Book of Ecclesiastes, and I came across a passage. It's a passage—it's the old proverbial situation that most of

you have gone through, where you read this passage, and one particular statement pops out at you that you don't really remember, literally leaping out at you off the page, if you will. I love it when we get to experience those types of situations. It really speaks to the reality of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit's involvement in growing and nurturing us. And how we could read particular stories in Scripture at various times, and different aspects and different teachings we're gleaning from that. That's a Holy Spirit-inspired thing, and that's beautiful.

So, a couple of days ago, actually yesterday, I was reading the Book of Ecclesiastes, and I had one of those moments where something just jumped right off the page, and I want to share it with you because there's a valuable lesson in this. And I also believe there were words of encouragement in the process.

Ecclesiastes 8:2-3—I say, “Keep the king’s commandment for the sake of your oath to God. ³ Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him.” And there's no question about that. I mean, we could read Psalms, right? Multiple Psalms, like Psalm 115:3, for example, “But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.” It's kind of a humbling thing and obviously meant to be for us to tremble before Him.

But here's what I want you to focus on, and this is what really jumped off the page. Ecclesiastes 8:4—**Where the word of a king is, there is power...** (Emphasis added). There is power where the word of the king is. You think about the implications of that statement. I mean, really, because ultimately we understand that this is a reference to Yeshua, to Him as the Word. He is power. Wherever that Word is, there is power.

When you think about the Bible, it is the Word of God. How much time are we investing into this Word? I think it's safe to say for most believers what they want, I mean, ultimately, when you come into the faith, what you should want is power. If we're in the fight of our lives, if we're in spiritual warfare, if you're getting beat up day after day, you should be in the Word. You should be spending time in the Word, sowing that word into your heart.

In Hebrews 4:12, the Apostle Paul, if you believe he wrote the Book of Hebrews, the writer of Hebrews says, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...” It's living, and it's powerful, and it's a discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart. Now you think about that; that means that it will give you the ability not to be deceived. It will give you the ability to tell the difference between that which is right and that which appears to be right. I mean, that is real power, and it all comes down to the Word. —Ecclesiastes 8:4—**Where the word of the king is, there is power...**

Psalm 107:20—**He sent His word**, because His word is power, **and healed them...** There's power in that word. I mean, we could just keep going. Go to Romans 10:17—**So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** The Word of God: Faith comes by hearing the Word, and what do we know faith is? Well, we're told in Matthew 17:20—**... for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.** Can you say power? — Ecclesiastes 8:4—**Where the word of the king is, there is power...**

I don't know about you, but I need this power. We need this power to fight an adversary that we absolutely, in and of ourselves, do not have the power to fight. We do not have the skill set necessary to see the deception that he is sowing. He will absolutely take you down. He will absolutely deceive you. He will bind you with his power if you don't have the LORD, if you don't have the Word of the LORD, if you don't have His power, or if you don't have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you, and literally in this intimacy, having this intimacy of a relationship with the LORD God, you will be destroyed.

I'm astounded by how much time this generation is spending on foolishness. We are a generation of busybodies. If we're going to be honest with ourselves, let's just get to it; we're a generation of busybodies. The amount of time we invest on Facebook for no other reason than just wanting to know what everyone else is doing. The amount of time you spend on the internet or reading about what

everyone else is doing, reading all the different articles, and the amount that we spend in the newspapers, reading all the time. And a lot of people say, "I need to know this. I have to know this. This information, I have to know it." We've become like news clipping junkies, you know, like drug addicts, where it's this addiction.

Let me say this: the only thing that you need to know is the Word of God. The only thing that is going to give you true power and true knowledge is the Bible. If you're spending more time on Facebook, if you're spending more time on the internet looking at all the news clippings, or, you know, watching news more than you're spending in the Word of God, you are completely defenseless. You are powerless; you are deceived. You've been sowing into your heart the things of the world when what you need to be sowing into yourself is life, the Word. And we're told in Psalm 119:50, "... For Your word has given me life." It's called power. There is power in His Word.

I can't get enough of it. I need to sow this power into my soul. I need to sow this power into my heart. This is spending time with the LORD. This is spending time getting to know His character and His nature, the beauty of who He is. And I don't want anything else in my heart but this because I know this is what cultivates faith, and I need it. If I have faith just as a mustard seed, to say to this mountain, "Move, and it will be moved." That is the realm that I want to live in. That's where we need to be. Amen? And so, I just encourage you to get into the Word, because—Ecclesiastes 8:4—Where the word of the king is, there is power....

Well, bless you and bless your family. Shalom.

The Power of the King's Word

THE NATURE OF THE WORD



WHERE THE KING IS, THERE IS POWER

True spiritual authority and strength reside wherever the Word of God is present.



A LIVING TWO-EDGED SWORD

Scripture discerns thoughts and protects believers from being deceived by what merely "appears" right.



THE SOURCE OF LIFE AND HEALING

The Word is not just text; it is the literal source of life and healing.



Psalm 107:20
Healing and Deliverance



Romans 10:17
Cultivating Mustard-Seed Faith



Psalm 119:50
Restoration of Life

THE CHOICE: DISTRACTION VS. DEVOTION

NEWS JUNKIES VS. WORD SEEKERS

Replacing Scripture with social media and news leaves a believer spiritually defenseless and powerless.



SOWING INTO THE HEART

Power is gained by intentionally investing time to sow the Word into the soul.



THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Without the Word, individuals lack the skill set to identify or fight demonic deception.