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DEDICATION

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit, the custodian and teacher of the mysteries of the word.

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INTRODUCTION

How can I be sure that if I am holding to scripture by faith I would not be engaging in a fruitless venture? That it will be fulfilled? That it will come to pass as the word has said? The answer is, if we understand the certainty of God's word, we can be sure what will be the end result of our faith in it. And here I give scriptural grounds for the certainty of God's word in the following chapters:

CHAPTER 1

GOD'S WORD, A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am

well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2 Peter 1:16-20

Peter, while not invalidating the voice of God they heard from heaven when Jesus transfigured before their eyes, stated that the written Scripture is a more sure

word of prophecy. It is surer than any vision or dream! That goes to show that no negative vision or dream contrary to the written word of God concerning you as His child of covenant is valid. The word of God is the absolute book of prophecy regarding your life. It is the prophecy that can't fail. Peter made clear that, although they knew Jesus as eye witnesses and heard voices from heaven attesting that he was the son of God, as assuring as these can be about the personality of Jesus, the surer evidence was the witness of Scripture that Jesus is the Son of God. That means holding the Scripture, you are holding the surest prophecy God can give

concerning your case. As a matter of fact, the Scripture is the lab to subject every other prophecies, vision or dream for test of authenticity and validity. God doesn't contradict the prophecies of Scripture. They are his absolute mind concerning his people. What is written in Scripture (the Bible) concerning his children or concerning the world is his absolute mind on the issue. Friend, when the book of the Lord was found, and the king sought a prophet on the mind of God concerning what was written therein, the prophetess only prophesied confirming what was written therein (2Kings 22). Any prophecy contradicting what God has

said in Scripture concerning his people is not from heaven.

So the word of God in the Bible you hold to is a prophecy that will certainly be fulfilled in your life. God is not a respecter of persons. Anybody who meets the demands of what is written is qualified to be the beneficiary of its fail-proof fulfilment. Many people run about unnecessarily seeking thus saith the Lord, while ignoring what God has said concerning them in Scriptures. But Peter was enlightened enough to know that every thus saith the Lord has to be confirmed by Scripture for it to be absolutely believed. "We have a more sure word of prophecy," he said.

CHAPTER 2

IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; Titus 1:2

Clearly stated in Titus 1:2 is the fact that God cannot lie. If God cannot lie, it means that whatever he says is and will be because it is true. This gives first ground that one can hold on to the Bible with confidence that what God says therein is certain. God revealed in the

Bible, not merely, that He does not lie, but that He cannot lie. To lie is just what He cannot do. The certainty of the word of God, among other things, lies in the fact that God cannot lie. His word can be trusted because it is coming from one who cannot lie. Even while we don't understand it, the truth remains that God in His omniscience knows the veracity of his statement and man in his limited sense knowledge may not catch what His Creator is saying, but the truth remains that what God says is -- man not corroborating with what God said is due to man's limitedness as touching deeper and higher knowledge. And that is why the Bible says:

...yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:4

One dangerous implication of a lie is that anyone who puts his hope or faith in it will regret it in the end. But it is impossible for God to lie, therefore there is nothing to regret in the end. Hebrews 6:17-18 says,

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it

was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Hebrews 6:17-18

CHAPTER 3

SCRIPTURES CANNOT BE BROKEN

**...and the scripture cannot be broken;
John 10:35**

The certainty of God's word is also premised on the fact that Scriptures cannot be broken. These words were uttered by Jesus himself, the living word. By that he tells us that the mind of God expressed through the Scripture is binding on creation. The words of Scripture are universal and immutable.

God's word cannot be destroyed, nullified or made void. The word of God endures forever. Scriptures are immutable laws like scientific laws, and can't be broken-- not even Satan can break them. It is binding on Satan and he cannot do anything about his being subject to it. The word of God that upholds all things is binding on Satan; he can't break it.

Bible says where the word of a king is there is power, who can say unto him what doest thou (Ecclesiastes 8:4). God is the King of kings who cannot be overthrown nor dethroned. Since He can't be overthrown, neither can His word be. God's word can not be

subverted. He is not God or king by making or by popular concesus. He is God all by himself. He is God before He began creation. Absolute sovereignty, supreme power resides with him. No one and nothing in creation fits into His position, not for a millisecond. He, it is behind the Holy Scripture. That is why his word (the Scripture) can't be broken, that is, can't be subverted. God's word is final.

God's word make up the eternal spiritual laws governing the universe and creation. That is why the Bible says God upholds all things by the word of his power (Heb 1:3). For example: The existence of procreation is a function of

those words from God-- "Be fruitful and multiply (Gen 1:28)." So if you get it right at the word, you have got the principle of life right and things are sure to work.

More so, the word of God is what the Bible calls the judgment written (Psalm 149:9). It is the constitution, and the body of rulings in the supreme court of God in heaven. Jesus quoted it to the devil in the wilderness of temptation, the devil did not resist it or even dare debate it -- it was legally binding on the devil. It was too absolute and binding, making the devil helpless before it and also helpless before anyone holding firm to it.

CHAPTER 4

GOD'S WORD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. Psalms 33:4

God is never wrong! The word of God is always right. When the Holy Spirit gives you the word for any situation, that is the right word for that situation. The Bible says: How forcible are right words (Job 6:25). When you catch the rhema of the word in any situation, you can be sure you have caught the right word for that situation. It may not look like it, but

it is just the word you need for the situation because God speaks from his standpoint of omniscience. He has seen it all about the situation. God's word that comes to your thought or understanding from Scriptures and specifically addressing your situation is what we call rhema. And that is the right word. God is infallible in knowledge and wisdom because he is omniscient. That is why the counsel of his word can't fail.

Sometimes it may look as though the word is failing, but the end will certainly prove God's point and justify the infallibility of His wisdom.

The Bible talks of the word having been tried. Faithful men have tried it over the years. The wisdom, knowledge and counsel of God beats man's.

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 1 Kings 8:56

The promise of God in the Bible you stick with is the right word for your situation. It will prevail in the end if you can believe it and act on it. God's right word is the right solution.

CHAPTER 5

GOD'S WORD CANNOT BE DISANNULLED

**For the LORD of hosts hath purposed,
and who shall disannul it? and his
hand is stretched out, and who shall
turn it back? Isaiah 14:27**

Behind God's word is his supreme authority. There is no authority anywhere that can cancel his word. And no force anywhere to force his word to the ground. Neither time nor chance can destroy the effectiveness of God's word.

However, that you hold the word does not mean that the gates of hell will not challenge you or hit hard at you. The devil understands that if nothing can be done against the word, something can be done against your hold to it. That is why you must keep asking for grace (divine enablement) to hold to the word in the face of problems, trials and confrontations. When you get it right at the word, it works-- nothing can render it null and void

CHAPTER 6

THE WORD, FOREVER SETTLED

**For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled
in heaven. Psalms 119:89**

The revelations and truths that have come to us now through the Bible are settled conclusions and verdicts in heaven that God isn't going to review or relook into. They are settled forever. Heaven is not resitting on the issue of the will of God. God is not whimsical as to be changing his word and his will here and there. He doesn't make

mistakes that he has to quickly do some corrections over time.

Moreover, let's understand that the concept of the word of God encompasses beyond just a Bible verse here and there. It refers to the wholistic plan and counsel of God revealed in Scripture. This counsel, plan and wisdom of God will never need a more mature reflection. God is not maturing by the day. Neither does he need to get abreast with new facts. Hence when you hold on to God's word, know that you are holding on to a settled verdict. For example when you hold on to God's word in Exodus 23:26, know that you have found God's settled will on the

matter of fruitfulness, blessings, health and longevity. Circumstances can't change that. God's word is settled in heaven; therefore, we must settle it in our hearts here on earth -- no rethinking, no debating.

CHAPTER 7

THY WORD IS TRUTH

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

The strength of truth is that it is truth. Nothing can be done against the truth but for the truth (2Cor 13:8).

The word of God is truth. What it says is what is the truth. Truth is sure. If nothing were truth, we could not survive. The world would be a melange of confusion if truth were relative and not absolute. People change belief of

what they once held as truth because what they once thought was truth was actually not. Something is true regardless of what any individual or group thinks or feels about it. Therefore, the so-called "relative truth," which changes based on an individual's understanding, is a contradiction in terms. For example, that fire can destroy, is truth. Whether we knew it or not doesn't change that. Also, God is: whether we know it or not, believe it or not can't change the reality of this fact -- that is what truth is.

The word of God is beyond claim. God's word is truth. It is the revelation of the truth from God. What it says is what

was, what is and what shall be. The word 'certainty' anchors upon truth, and God's word is truth.

Have you heard what the Bible says in Romans 3:4, that let God be true and every man a liar? That is because beyond what man can understand, observe and prove are deeper truths only God knows and can reveal. For example while doctors could explain the reason for the condition of the woman in Luke 18 who was bent double for eighteen years, Jesus said the reason was that she was bound by the devil all those years. To prove his point, since he came to destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8) of which include sicknesses

and diseases (Acts 10:38), Jesus said to the woman: "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." And that was the end of the ugly condition she had suffered for eighteen years! That Satan is behind sicknesses and diseases is a truth deeper than science. Miracles are confirmations of spiritual realities beyond science. Let God be true and every man a liar.

CHAPTER 8

GOD'S WORD CANNOT FAIL

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. Isaiah 34:16

When God speaks, he speaks what is, and what he wants to do in his omnipotence. When we understand this, we see that God's word cannot fail.

There are many reasons why the word of God can't fail to produce.

One, because God is all powerful and in that might, whatever he speaks does not depend on circumstances but instead can control and creates circumstances to bring to pass what it talks about.

Two, God's word, like was previously explained, is true and truths don't fail. Three, behind God's word is God himself and his integrity: whatever can't stop God can't stop his word.

Four, the word itself has power:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish

that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
Isaiah 55:11

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword.... Hebrews 4:12

However, some have thought the word of God failed them. No, it didn't. Understand that it is not just truth, but the right understanding and application of truth that makes truth work. Our success or failure as regards enjoying the effectiveness of the word, is dependent on our knowledge of the word and knowledge of its application and mode of operation. You can believe

the word, but the word wrongly held and applied will always not produce. The word of God is likened to a seed (Lk 8:11), and every seed has its proper method of propagation. That's why God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge "(Hosea 4:6). What they suffered was a result of a level of ignorance not inherent word-failure.

CHAPTER 9

GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD TO FULFIL IT

Finally one thing we must keep in mind is that plus all that have been said so far, God watches over his word to fulfill it. God is out to see to it that things align in favour of his word. What the mouth of God has said, his integrity is behind it, hence he watches over it to ensure that it happens.

**Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.” Jeremiah 1:12
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Therefore trusting the word of God is not a risk; it is as sure as God himself who gave it.

Hear the testimony:

"Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant." 1 Kings 8:56