

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Evening Worship  
Date : January 26, 2014 / April 17, 2016

**TITLE : SYMBOLS OF THE WORD OF GOD**  
Text/s :

Ps 12:6-7

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.  
7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.  
(KJV)

Luke 4:32

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.  
KJV

1 Thess 1:5

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.  
KJV

Bible Reading :

Ps 19:7-11

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.  
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.  
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.  
(KJV)

Ps 66:10

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.  
(KJV)

Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

It is amazing how that the Word of God is preserved even in our day. Its preservation is incomparably superior to that of all other writings.

Matt 24:35

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.  
(KJV)

Isa 40:8

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.  
(KJV)

Isa 55:10-11

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 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.  
(KJV)

1 Pet 1:25

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

(KJV)

What fires have the Word of God gone through?

**A) Anti-Christian persecution**

Atheism – the view which denies God’s existence.

**B) Caviling human philosophies**

Agnosticism – the denial that God can be known. Atymologically, agnostic and ignoramous mean the same thing. The former is from the Greek, and latter from Latin.

Caviling means to raise trivial and frivolous objections.

**C) Literary criticisms**

**D) Scientific skepticism and infidelity**

These two terms mean a doubt or disbelief in the existence of God, especially the God of revelation.

**E) Pagan pantheism**

The view that the universe in its everchanging conditions is but the manifestation of the one everchanging universal substance which is God – thus everything is God and God is everything. God becomes a necessary but unconscious force working in the world.

**F) Cultic distortions**

**G) Apathetic Indifference**

Apathetic means no emotions or feelings/

Rom 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;  
29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,  
30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,  
31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:  
32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.  
(KJV)

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## **Symbols of the Powerful Word of God**

Heb 1:3

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;  
KJV

Heb 1:3

3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,  
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Heb 1:3

3 This Son is the radiance of the Sh'khinah, the very expression of God's essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of HaG'dulah BaM'romim.  
CJB

### **1) The mirror as the revealing power of the Word**

James 1:23-25

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:  
24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.  
25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.  
(KJV)

### **2) The seed as the generative power of the Word**

1 Pet 1:23

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.  
(KJV)

James 1:18

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.  
(KJV)

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.  
KJV

Matt 13...

Luke 8:4-9

4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

KJV

Luke 8:11-15

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

KJV

### **3) The laver and water as the cleansing, purifying power of the Word**

Eph 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

(KJV)

John 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

(KJV)

Lev 8:11

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

KJV

Ex 30:18

18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

KJV

### **4) The lamp and the light as the illuminating and guiding power of the Word**

Ps 119:105

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

(KJV)

Prov 6:23

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Ps 119:98

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.  
KJV

Ps 119:130

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.  
KJV

2 Tim 3:15

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.  
KJV

## **5) The sword and the hammer as the power of the Word to equip for the work and the warfare of the believer**

Eph 6:17

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:  
KJV

Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Ps 149:6-9

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;  
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;  
8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;  
9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.  
KJV

Jer 23:29

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?  
(KJV)

Acts 2:37

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?  
KJV

Acts 5:29-33

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.  
30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.  
31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.  
32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.  
33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.  
KJV

Jer 23:29

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Dan 2:34

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.  
KJV

Dan 2:45

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.  
KJV

## **6) The gold and fine apparel as the enriching and adorning power of the Word**

Ps 19:10

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
(KJV)

Est 8:15-16

15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.  
16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.  
KJV

Ps 119:72

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.  
KJV

Prov 3:13-15

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.  
14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.  
15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.  
KJV

1 Pet 3:3-5

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;  
4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.  
5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:  
(KJV)

## **7) The milk, meat, bread and honey as the nourishing, sustaining and satisfying power of the Word**

1 Pet 2:2

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:  
(KJV)

Heb 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.  
13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.  
14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.  
(KJV)

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (WHAT IS RIGHT), for reproof (WHAT IS NOT RIGHT), for correction (HOW TO DO RIGHT), for instruction in righteousness (HOW TO STAY RIGHT):  
17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

(KJV)

1 Pet 2:1-2

- 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Heb 5:14-6:1

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2 Tim 3:16-4:1

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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Ps 119:103

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Ps 19:10-11

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

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## **8) The fire as the refining and testing power of the Word.**

Jer 23:29

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

1 Cor 3:13-15

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

KJV

Jer 5:14

14 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

KJV

Jer 20:9

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

KJV

Luke 24:32

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

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2 Cor 10:4-5

4(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

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