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Word of God: Light to our path

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READINGS
Epistle : Gal.1:11-17; Gospel : Lk.1:57, 66-80

Verse for meditation: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Ps. 119:105).

Lord Jesus Christ has uttered seven “I am” sayings as recorded in the gospel of the John of them the second one is “I am the light of the world” (Jn. 8:12). Christ is the incarnate word. Therefore, the word of God is the light of the world – is light to our path. God calls us to come back to him leaving our evil ways and walk in the light of his word. God’s word will not return to God fruitlessly but it will accomplish its purpose and help men to obey God’s word.

1. A call: back to the word of God (Is. 55:6-13)

A call to enjoy the everlasting meal of God or the call to accept God and his ways is found in Is. 55:1-13. Those who are thirsty let them come and drink wine and milk, those who are hungry let them eat sumptuous meal and be happy. This is God’s call “The prophet continues to say that this word that comes out of the mouth of God is food (Ts. 55:11). The Psalmist says, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Ps. 119:103). In other words this call is to trust in God’s word and surrender to the word of God.

2. Word of God: A light for the path (Ps. 119:105 – 112)

Psalm 119 talks about the various qualities of the word of God. This is also the longest chapter in the Bible. This Psalm has been divided into sections of eight verses with 22 alphabets of the Hebrew language with a total of 176 verses. They sing the different qualities of the word of God. The most famous one is “the word of God, the light of our path” (Ps. 119:105). The word of God stands as the light house for us when we are stumbled at problems. The basement for Christian life should be laid upon the word of God. The sky and the earth may change but the word of God will never change (Matt. 24:35). God’s word gives us faith in God (Rom.10:17). It gives total healing (Ps. 107:20). It instructs us and leads to do good works (2Timo. 3:16, 17). It cleanses (Prov. 30:5). God’s word invites us to read it, meditate upon it and believe it forever (Deut.6:6-8). Therefore, it is said that the word of God is a lamp unto the feet and light unto the

path.

3. God’s word: Divine revelation (Gal. 1:11-17)

Paul says that he has been called for God’s ministry according to the revelation of God (Gal. 1:11-17, 2:1). The written word of God is the divine revelation for today. God speaks from time to time. We should understand them in revelation to the written word of God. The prophets of the Old Testament and in the New Testament, Elizabeth, Mary and Zechariah (Lk. 1:57-66; 67-80), John, Christ and the Apostles – all were filled by the Spirit to utter words. But any revelation should be differentiated and understood in the light of the written word of God which is the right canon for discretion. That is the light unto the way, the lamp unto the feet.

Prayer

O God, eternal word, you speak to us and your church. We pray that you may help us to hear your word that we may turn to you, away from our evil doing through the word that is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our paths. Your word will not come to you without accomplishing the purpose for which it has been sent that we may walk in the path of peace. We pray this prayer in and through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit world without end, Amen.