

Word Knowledge and Discussion:

We often read the Bible, and yet we don't understand the message or meaning of word definitions. Therefore, not comprehending the purpose of the translation. So, for the next couple of weeks, I want to review and discuss some word meanings that will be used in upcoming lesson topics.

***Atonement is the reconciliation of God and man through Jesus Christ, accomplished through His life, suffering, and death; covering; payment and making amends for our sin by the shedding of blood; the innocent dying for the guilty; a day of deliverance; putting away sin—New Testament.*

***Remission is wiping out as though sin never happened—forgiveness-- takes the place of the scapegoat in the Old Testament.*

***Salvation is more than being saved from our sins. It includes redemption through the shed blood of Jesus, safety, preservation, health, prosperity, and deliverance. Many of God's mercies wrapped up in one word—salvation.*

***Revelation is an act of revealing or communicating divine truth, something that God reveals to Christians; Revelation is flipping the switch, and because God's word is so vast, there is always a deeper depth to a revelation.*

***Justification is the action of declaring or making right in the sight of God. Just as though it had never happened (sin). Justified is to be legally acquitted, pardoned, and pronounced free of any guilt from the sins we have committed, and that through Faith, trust, and belief in the atoning blood of Jesus. IF we have confessed our sins, asked to be forgiven, repented from our heart, which is turning away from doing those past sins and going back to God's ways, THEN we're covered "under" the blood of atonement, forgiven and legally declared free of that guilt.*

***Sanctification is being set apart or declared holy; consecrated (sacred and dedicated to God). Sanctification is a continual and growing process in which we will never achieve the Holiness of God, but a process to which to strive for.*

***Righteousness is morally right or justifiable; without sin and walks in the Light of Jesus. Righteousness is to be set apart or Holy by practicing and observing the*

divine demands of God. Righteousness is the quality of a person's appropriate conduct.

Only by Jesus' doing are we made righteous, justified, sanctified, and redeemed—they belong to Him. 1 Corinthians 1:30, "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption." Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." We do not receive because of what we have done but rather what Jesus has done.

***Logos word is the Greek term translated as word, speech, principle, or thought. In Greek philosophy, it also referred to a universal, divine reason or the mind of God. Logos is the essence of God speaking through scripture {a reference to Christ Himself or the Word through scripture/the Bible}.*

***Rhema word is known as the spoken word. Rhema is God communicating personally to us, through the Spirit's voice in our hearts, at a particular moment. Rhema is connected to the revelation. Example: You are reading your Bible (Logos), and a word or meaning jumps out at you, OR the light switch just turned on; this is called Rhema. OR, Clark is preaching a sermon, and he says something that just clicks; this is a Rhema word.*

***Believe is a mental thought that accepts and takes ownership of something.*

***Hope looks to the future and expects to receive with trust—trust comes from love.*

***Faith is the belief carried out with our action; Faith believes "now" as Faith works through the spirit; Faith is acting like the Logos word is true, based on our hearing. Faith is evidence, not seen but trusting in the hope of the analytics.*

Belief and Faith work together; however, Faith is greater than believing.

***Obedience is yielding or complying to God because of the consequences (His judgment), whether good or bad. Obedience does not require a relationship.*

Obedience is learned and progressed through our walk with God as we listen to the voice of the LORD. God said my sheep (a mature Christian) –not a baby lamb— know my voice. When we study and seek out the word of God, we grow, and the progression of them matures us. However, listening is not enough. James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

***Submission is surrendering our will and thinking for no other reason than we love and respect God.*

Submission is greater than obedience.

***Prayer can be defined as sincere thanksgiving OR requests made to God. However, a request is not necessary. Prayer is not limited by days, time or place. Prayers are the union and working together of the believer's thoughts with God's will on earth as it is in heaven.*

***Supplication is a form of prayer but considered kneeling and bending down in which someone makes a humble petition or a request to God. There is always a request or asking of in supplication. Supplication, like prayer, is not limited by days, time or place.*

***Intercessory prayer is a service to God based on love for Him and others. Intercessory is humility on behalf of others as it takes "me" out of the equation and prays on behalf of someone else's needs, primarily salvation. Intercession is a sacrifice of our time and usually requires being on our knees before the Lord. Interceding is fellowship with the Lord in His highest-priestly function. How He Himself Who always intercedes fervently for His people and their needs (Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 4:12).*

***Depending on the scripture translation, the word "asks" in Greek has several meanings: ask, request, desire, and demand. John 14:14, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." In this scripture, ask means to demand; to demand in Jesus' Name.*

***Praying with humility is reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of respect and submission.*

***Praying boldly is approaching God, knowing who He is and His promises; Bold knows who we are in Christ, Jesus, and coming to Him with confidence; Bold is not whining and complaining to God but showing a fearless daring spirit. Bold is a fixed position and a form of standing still—a faith not wavered. Bold is putting a demand on God's word and holding the word accountable. Let me make clear; the demand is not to be disrespectful but rather a call to remembrance of His promise. Bold is not authority, but authority can have boldness.*

***Praying fervently is exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feelings; zealous or eager to pursue something—praying because you are excited to fellowship and seek Him.*

***Praying without ceasing is never coming to an end—continue praying until you receive the fulfillment of the promise.*

We pray based on God's word—if it is in the Bible and Jesus died for it, then it is His will.

When you pray, do not make the statement to God, "do whatever it takes, Lord." Satan hears your words; therefore, it is an open door of opportunity for the enemy's manipulations to destroy your life and the one you are praying for. Instead, you pray, "Lord, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Prayer and Faith move the hand of God; whereas, prayerlessness and doubt postpone or stops His hands.

When we release the Logos or Rhema word of God, it has to stay on earth until it accomplishes what it is sent to do by taking on the fruit of our Faith. If the Christian does not water and nourish the word with their Faith, God will eventually move on because of disobedience. God does not work when disobedience is active. Heaven has to agree with the earth because His word does not return void—not valid or legally binding.

***Accuse means to charge someone with an offense, crime, or claim that someone has done something wrong. According to Revelations 12:10, Satan stands before the Lord accusing (the brethren—Christians of their sins) day and*

night. In turn, in our prayers and intercessory, we should charge our enemy before the Lord, and we should not cease in praying against him. Through bold and fervent prayer, we should get angry and seek vindication for all the torment he has caused in our life. And by our line of defense, we overcome by the blood of the lamb and by the word of our testimony (verse 12).

***A line of defense is a structure used to defend against attack.*

Our charge is that Satan is trying to steal, kill, and destroy—as he is like a roaring lion out to devour. We place the order upon what he is hindering and respectfully ask God to vindicate (protect, clear, deliver from) his accusations and actions toward us.

***Strongholds: a fortified place; a place of security or survival; a fortress; an area dominated by Satan and marked by a specific characteristic or a particular belief; a mindset or attitude; Strongholds are a faulty thinking pattern based on deception and lies that allows Satan and his demons a place to dwell, and gives them a feeling of comfortability and safety.*

How are strongholds formed? It generates through sin. It can originate from our sin or the sin of others that have affected us. Satan puts a thought in our mind; we react and build up the stronghold by entertaining it, and because we have given permission and access, Satan lives and controls that area of our life. A stronghold is a destructive pattern that begins in our mind and filtrates through our hearts and is strengthened through our thinking and actions.

***Examples of strongholds would be unforgiveness, bitterness, abuse, anger, the need to feel in control, lack of self-confidence, pride, jealousy, hate, spoken words, rejection, fear, rebellion, deceit, depression, self-pity, entertainment, drugs, substance abuse, cigarettes, food, pornography, and homosexuality. Sadly, even family and church members can become a stronghold. One stronghold can multiply into many, and they can become generational curses.*

How do we tear down strongholds? First, we must ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness to ourselves and others. Secondly, by the truth. John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." However, speaking the truth of God's word is not enough; we must act upon the truth. Paul says in 2

Corinthians 10:4-5, "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) (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; So, thirdly, we have to be in obedience to Christ and bring our thoughts and actions into compliance, as well. Without acting upon the word, there is no manifestation.

Talking and complaining is a form of acting towards a stronghold—that is not casting it down; instead, it builds it up. Because words are active and have power, the more we discuss them, the stronger and more powerful Satan becomes. Let me mention; I'm not saying you don't get council. I'm saying you don't gossip about it. Gossip can be another form of a stronghold.

Strongholds do not only affect the one who is bound but also affect those around them because strongholds act out. Others reap our actions; therefore, concerning family, it can become generational. Someone down the family line has to be bold and willing to stop its course. An example would be abuse or negativity.

*Our **willingness to choose** to stop and change and our love for God has to be far greater than the pull of the enemy; this is called surrender. But remember, it is mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. We cannot do it on our own efforts. The power comes from God. We surrender and act, and God manifests results.*

Example: Sally chooses not to be angry at a family member that has done her wrongly, she shows up at family gatherings, and she speaks to those whom she has been angry with. Then, God sees her effort and manifests the tearing down of the strongholds.

Someone at church has offended Sally. Sally chooses to forgive them and ask them to pray, or she prays with them when they go to the altar. Sally acted upon her choice to forgive, and God pulls down the strongholds.

*When we/God pulls down a stronghold and an evil spirit is released, we must replace it with the Spirit of God {joy, love, peace, etc.}, or seven more will return. Matthew 12:45 says, "Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits **more** wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of*

that man is worse than the first. Even so, shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

**Psalms 91, Jesus is also a stronghold, a refuge, and help in troubled times. So, we should ask Him to build up His fortress in our life. Jesus' stronghold is our structure in our defense, along with the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.*

***Warfare is engagement in OR the activities involved in war or conflict. A Christian's action against Satan is God's spoken word, The Name of Jesus, and the shed blood of Jesus Christ.*

***Armor of God: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, Faith, salvation, the word, prayer, and supplication.*

***Rebuke is a term used that means a strong scolding or to criticize harshly, and it is a word that many Christians often use when praying. **In my opinion**, although it is okay to speak it, rebuke has no influence, effectiveness, or authority to fight against the devil. We want to do more than just criticize the enemy; we want to stop and be free of him. In the scriptures, Jesus was the only one Who rebuked. Jude 1:9, "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The LORD rebuke thee." In the scripture, we can see that even Michael the archangel didn't rebuke but said, "the LORD rebuke thee." I believe we can ask Jesus to rebuke the enemy on our behalf, and by His rebuke, Satan and the elements of the earth are in submission. It is God's rebuke that has power, not ours—again, in my opinion.*

*** Satan's order of power: principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places.*

***Fixed position is a persuaded and settled faith. A faith that does not move off the word of God. OR, it can be: Be quiet. Be quiet and listen. Be quiet, listen, and learn. In other words, a place of peace and serenity—calm and untroubled.*

***Demand is to request forcefully—with the Logos word of God. Not to be disrespected but as a reminder of His words of promise.*

***Command is to order, give orders; to compel or direct with authority—towards Satan and evil spirits, IN JESUS NAME.*

***Divine Healing: When Jesus healed someone in the scriptures, He did it with authority. Divine healing is the **removal** or casting out of something. When a person has a type of infirmity or sickness, the spirit needs to be cast out (Luke 13:11); so, we don't need a miracle; we need authority where God speaks to it. Now, I'm not saying a demon possesses us. I'm saying the spirit attaches itself to our body. There is a difference.*

***Miracle: When Jesus performed a miracle, He did it with power. Miracles are **creating** something or the regeneration (renewal, comeback, or resurrection) of something. Examples would be missing body parts formed, limbs lengthen or shorten, or a blind person receiving their sight. Nothing needs to be cast out but something created. It is a visible impression seen by God's fingerprint. Also known as signs and wonders.*

***Authority is the highest supernatural control possible for a Christian. It is an attitude and a **position** in the law and Spirit of God —it is not a loud voice screaming at the devil because authority can be quiet or not even spoken. Let's look at it this way: authority is a position under the law. Police are under the direction and the authority of the state, and we are under the authority of both God and the law of the state. The badge on the police officer's uniform declares his authority. Our relationship with Jesus is what claims our position of authority.*

*All Christians have the right to the inheritance of authority; however, all Christians don't walk in it. Authority comes through **submission** and a **relationship** with God because to receive authority, we have to be close to the source of authority—Jesus. It is bestowed upon us by God as a reward for the progression of our relationship with Him.*

A relationship comes by spending time with God through prayer and the Logos word. Many Christians don't have a relationship with the Father because they don't want to sacrifice their time and put in the necessary work to build it—they are happy being an average Christian and just getting by. Relationships take sacrifice. Furthermore, God can take the authority away because of

disobedience—we cannot grow in the Lord when disobedience is active because disobedience is sin.

Authority is what makes the difference in the LORD's kingdom. When we come into the authority of the LORD's orders, by doing so, Satan has to go under control and submit to it. Obeying and submitting to God's law is what grants the permit. Some fail the test, but God says we can retake it.

***Power: Makes a visible difference—something we can see with our natural eyes—an impression of God's fingerprint (a plastic print); Power is not earned; it is **a gift** of the Holy Spirit, and God does not remove it from a person—the gifts are without repentance, which means God does not take them back. (Romans 11:29) For this very reason is why we need to be careful who influences us, even preachers, teachers, prophets, etc.*

*Matthew 7:22-23 says, "Many will say to me on that day, 'LORD, LORD, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and, in your name, perform many miracles? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'" People can backslide after receiving the gift of power. That same power can be manipulated and used for the enemy's purpose—we have been instructed; be not deceived, which is when the Spirit of discernment comes into play. **(Many Christians do not believe this to be so, but I do. If you have concerns about this teaching, pray and ask God to reveal His answer.)***

When power is released from the Holy Spirit, the kingdom expands. (Acts 1:8) Example: when the Holy Spirit moved upon the disciples in the upper room chamber on the day of Pentecost; it was a progression, and it went from people hiding out to when the power was released, boldness came upon the disciples, and three thousand people received the Holy Ghost's Baptism. When the power of God was released, the kingdom of God was expanded. The Holy Ghost left such an impression that we still teach about it today and causes many to desire that same Holy Ghost power (a plastic print).

However, power is controlled by authority. Example: kings conquer through power, but they rule through authority.

Authority is greater than power.

***Keys represent authority and power.*

***Origin is the point or place where something begins, arises, or is derived/obtained—also a revelation.*

***Verdict is an opinion or judgment; a decision disputed on an issue.*

***Opportunity is a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something—God takes Satan's deceit and turns it into an opportunity to change things for our good. Meanwhile, we take the opportunity to read, study, pray, and grow in faith. Opportunity for a Christian is a positive and constructive action.*

***Deliberation is a waiting period in which persons are slow and careful in movement or thought.*

***Mechanics are the purpose actions of the LORD. It includes who, how/ways, when, where, and what.*

***Analytics is accumulated (visual) data, scriptures, maps, photos, and documentation of the mechanics to bring the message of Jesus Christ and God's kingdom. Analytics are evidence.*

***Logistics is the detailed coordination of a complex operation involving many people; strategy; plans; direction; or handling. Similar to the mechanics.*

***Order is the arrangement or disposition of people or things in relation to each other according to a particular sequence, pattern, structures, or method of mathematics, science; an authoritative assignment, command, direction, instruction, law, or decree; order is peace, not chaos.*

Since God is a God of order, we should strive to be, as well. We were created to think in orderly ways, reason, judge, and consider all aspects of a matter. God invites us to "come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). God enjoys our communion with Him, our questions, our studying of His Word, and our willingness to let Him bring order to our chaotic thoughts. The more like Him we become, the more orderly our lives will be because He is a God of order.

***Ring represents the crown of thorns and the victory won on the cross.*

***Translucent is (of a substance) allowing light, but not detailed images, to pass through.*

***Transfiguration is The Glory of God—Holy Spirit.*

***Chamber symbolizes the place of operation where the Holy Spirit fellowships and is positioned, works, and pours out God's Glory upon His people—the place of worship.*

***The kingdom of God is the realm where Jesus Christ reigns as King, and God's authority is supreme. This kingdom exists here and now (in part) in the lives and hearts of the redeemed, as well as in perfection and fullness in the future. Christians are referred to as the kingdom of God.*

***Company is the fact or condition of being with another or others, especially in a way that provides friendship and enjoyment; companion; presence; fellowship. In a Christian's life, the Company represents the Holy Spirit.*

Note: Keep these definitions at hand, you may need to refer back to them as we progress into our next lesson topic.