

FIVE PROPOSITIONS CONCERNING GOD'S WORD

1-God's Word is His bond

When God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by nothing greater, He swore by Himself. (Heb. 6:13) In the New Covenant, established long after Abraham, in whom Jesus Christ is the mediator, Jesus Himself is the Word that confirms the promise of salvation.

2-God's Word is the expression of His nature.

Jesus came to earth as the expressed image of the person of God. (Heb. 1:3) In John 14:9, Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father". John 1:1 states "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". As the rest of John 1 makes clear, Jesus is that living Word of God. Because God's Word is the expression of His nature, when Jesus came, the very nature of God was revealed in Him.

3-God's Word is the expression of His character.

There is no end to God's character, and thus no end to His Word. No matter how much of Himself He reveals, even in eternity, there will be no end to the revelation of His character. The measure of His character is His Word.

4-God's Word is magnified above His Name Ps.138:26

God's name is as good as His Word. If His Word was no good, His name would be no good. Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The prayer of faith is always made on the basis of His Word. The use of His name is predicated on His Word. When Jesus says to use His name, He is literally telling us to use His authority.

5-God's Word is the sole source of faith and absolute rule of conduct.

There is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved. God's Word alone---Jesus---accepted by faith, has the power of salvation. And once saved, man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt 4:4) God's Word stands sure.

FIVE PROPOSITIONS CONCERNING OUR WORD

1.Our word is our bond

I remember from my youth when men's character was much stronger and richer in integrity. When a man gave his word and shook your hand, it was better than a signed contract. Such is not the rule today. Lawyer draws up legal papers with infinite pains to cover every detail of the agreement. Yet the paper is only as good as the character who signed it.

2. Our word is the expression of our nature.

As a Christian, we are taught to sanctify our speech. Many of us, when we were saved, were delivered from using such words as God and damn, and even other minced oaths that expressed our old nature. For some of us, God has not finished cleaning us up yet. Most of us have some work to be done in us so that we can have God's nature expressed through us.

3.Our word is the measure of our character.

The honesty of a man's heart, the depth of his character, is shown by how he keeps his word. It's called integrity. Job cries out in his deepest need, "I will not deny my integrity" (Job 27:5) Men who prove their integrity are held in high admiration and great respect. The scripture says, "A man with integrity is one who 'keeps an oath even when it hurts'". Psalm. 15:4

4.Our word is magnified above our name.

Our name is only as good as our word. ; Men who don't value their word diminish their personal worth. An amazing number of people submit false resumes for professional positions. They will exaggerate and lie about their abilities, and then when they are discovered, they fight because they are fired.

5. Our word is the source of faith and rule of conduct for those to whom we give it.

God is a maximizer of men; Satan is a usurper. Christ is truth. Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44) Satan has the character of a thief who steals, kills and destroys. (John 10:10) Satan attacks God's Word to lure men into sin. If he attacks God's Word, it is obvious he will attack man's word to lure into sin the man who gives into his wiles.