

The Eternal Unchanging Word

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God seeks to teach us the difference between the carnal and the spiritual. Ultimately, the problem of the carnal is not sin or wickedness, but the fact that it is temporary and impermanent. We must learn to be at home in the realm of the permanent and the eternal.

I. All Things Are Possible

- A. Matt. 19:26—With God all things are possible (compare Mark 10:27). We may not always feel it, but we must believe it.
- B. Luke 18:27—The things that are impossible with men are possible with God.
- C. Mark 9:23—All things are possible to him that believes.

II. Victory At All Times And Places

- A. 2 Cor. 2:14—Always and in every place we can celebrate a victory that has already been won.
- B. 2 Cor 15:57—We have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. Rom. 8:37—We come out of conflicts with more than we had when we went in. This is what God desires for us.

III. The Word Of God Abides Forever

- A. Is. 40:1–8—The Bible calls God, “The God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). God comforts His people by weaning us from the temporal and showing us how to find satisfaction in the eternal. He causes us to enjoy and love the beauty of the temporal, then by His Spirit He causes it to wither, so that we are compelled to turn for lasting comfort to that which alone is eternal: God’s own ever-living Word.
- B. Is. 40:28–31—Natural strength is not sufficient. We must exchange our own strength for God’s.
- C. 2 Cor. 4:7–18—Right now God wants to manifest the divine, eternal, resurrection life of Jesus Christ in our mortal flesh, but we must submit to the cross. There is an inner source in each of us that must be in contact with God so that no matter what happens on the outside, there is enough on the inside to undo the ravages of sin or sickness or fear, because of the continual inflow of divine, eternal, resurrection life.
- D. Heb. 11:1, 27—Faith relates only to the eternal. The secret of endurance is seeing the invisible.