

Our Father's Good Word!

I. The Word of the Father - Begotten Before All Ages

John 1:1 NIV In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4 In him was life**, and that **life** was the **light of men**. **5** The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not **understood [grasp-master]** it.

9 The true **light** that gives light to every man was **coming into the world**. **ei'ß to\ñ ko/smon**

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not **recognize [experience]** him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not **receive** him. **12** Yet to all who **received** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God —

14 The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his **glory**, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another [**grace upon grace**]. **17** For the **law** was given through Moses; **grace and truth came** through Jesus Christ.

Jer 33:14 NKJV "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that **I will perform that good thing (Heb. Dabar Tov)** which I have **promised** to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

'when I will **fulfill the gracious promise**' (NIV)

15 "In those days and at that time
I will cause to grow up to David
A Branch of righteousness;

He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

- 16 In those days Judah will be **saved**,
And Jerusalem will dwell safely.
And this *is the name* by which she will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

II. The Good Word We Speak (Word — Light)

Prov 12:25 **ESV** Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a **good word** makes him **glad**.

Prov 16:24 **NIV** Pleasant **words** are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and **healing** to the bones.

Prov 18:21 **NIV** The tongue has the power of **life** and **death**, and
those who love it will eat its fruit.

Deut 30:14 **NKJV** But the **word is very near you**, in your mouth and
in your heart, that you may do it.

15 "See, I have set before you today **life and good, death and evil**,

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I
have set before you **life** and **death**, blessing and cursing; **there-
fore choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; "

III. The Good Word We Fulfill

John 5:24 **NIV** "I tell you the truth, **whoever hears my word** and
believes him who sent me **has eternal life** and will not be con-
demned; he has ***crossed over from death to life***.

1 John 3:14 **NKJV** We know that we have **passed from death to life**,
because we **love the brethren**. He who does not love *his* brother
abides in death.

IV. The Word That Reorders the Universe

Isa 9:1 **NIV** Nevertheless, there will be **no more gloom** for those
who were in distress. ... 2 The people walking in darkness have

seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death **a light has dawned.**

- 3 You have **enlarged** the nation and **increased their joy**; they **rejoice** before you as people **rejoice** at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.
- 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the **yoke** that burdens them, the **bar** across their shoulders, the **rod** of their oppressor.
- 5 **Every** warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for **burning**, will be **fuel** for the **fire**.
- 6 For to us **a child is born**, to us a **son is given**, and the **government** will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, - His plans are beyond comprehension
Mighty God, — the Warrior God who fights for us
Everlasting Father, — That His Name be Sanctified
Prince of Peace. — The Contender for Shalom

- 7 Of the **increase** of his **government** and **peace** there will be no end.

He will **reign** on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The **zeal** of the **LORD of Hosts** will accomplish this.

O Come All Ye Faithful
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!