

HEBREWS 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

Hebrews 4:12

» 12 † For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



For the word of God **is alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, *it penetrates* even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it *judges* the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



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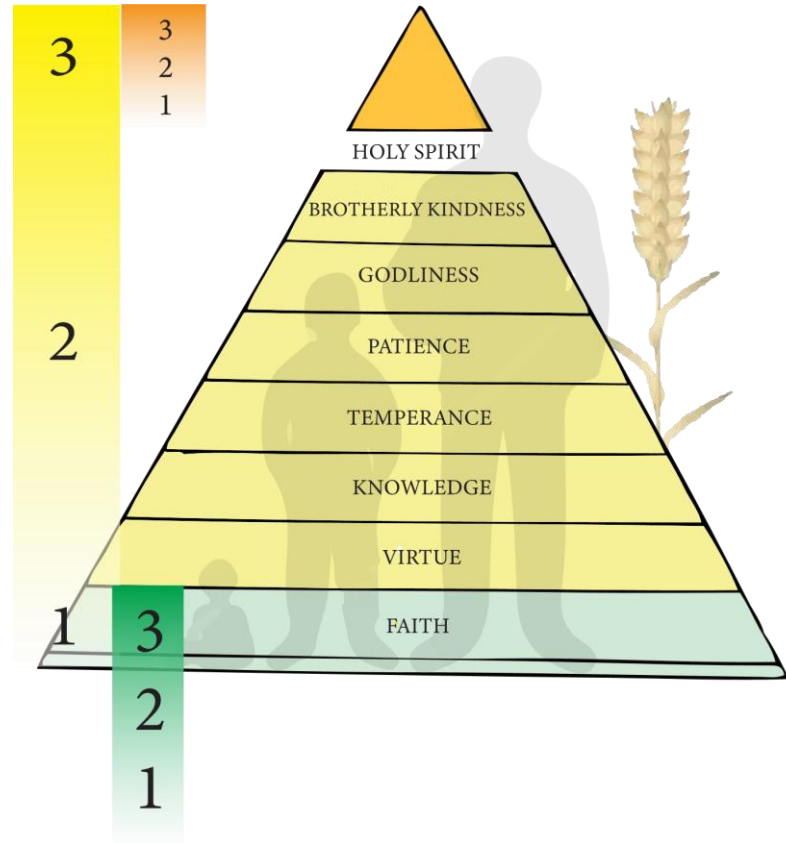
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- Now Paul said that the Word came **in power** as well as voice.
- **The Word preached actually demonstrated itself.**
- Like a flaming, cutting sword **it went to the consciences of men**, and like a surgeon's knife **it cut out the diseases and set captives free.**
- Everywhere those early believers went, "they went preaching the Gospel (Word) and God confirmed that Word with signs following."
- The sick were healed, devils were cast out, and they spoke in new tongues.
- That was **the Word in action.**
- That Word has never failed in the mouths of believing Christians.
- And in this last age it is here stronger and greater than ever in the true Word bride.
Oh, little flock, you little minority, hold on to the Word, fill your mouth and heart with it, and some day God will give you the kingdom.

Hebrews 4:12 ...and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder** of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow...

- **soul**
- and **spirit**,
- and of the **joints**
and marrow

“It cuts asunder the carnal from the spiritual.”



Hebrews 4:12

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Discerner:

One who, or that which,
discerns,
distinguishes,
or judges.

Discern: to distinguish



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PSALM 119:104-105

104 Through thy precepts **I get understanding**: therefore I hate every false way.

105 **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path.



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» 13 † Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but **all things are naked and opened** unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.



» 14 † Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**

Profession: speaking what you believe

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Profession: your declaration of faith

MATTHEW 12:34-35

» 34 † O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**

» 35 † **A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things:** and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.



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- Now, when you believed you were saved, setting in your seat, out in the-- wherever you was, **you accepted it and begin to confess and tell people you were saved. Well, you kept on saying, "I'm saved."**
- The people said, "They ain't no difference in you," **but you believed there was.**
- Is that right? **And you kept with your confession** and after while it worked righteousness.
- All your neighbors and everybody knows you're saved now, **because you believed it, you confessed it.** Why, what happened? **What changed you? He's the High Priest of your confession, setting at the right hand of the Father, making good what you're confessing.**

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- He's setting at the right hand of the Father **to make good anything that we confess that He has done**. But He cannot do nothing for us **until first we confess that He has done it, and act upon it.**
- He can't do one thing for us till we accept it, and say that we have accepted it, and believe it, **and testify of it.**

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- “God can't do nothing to you till first you confess that He is. **Then when you confess it, then believe it, act upon it, and stay with it, and God will bring you out.**”
- “Jesus Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father to accept you; for He's setting there the High Priest of your confession to make good before the Father anything that He died for, **that you're confessing that He done.** “
- Every sinner is saved tonight in the sight of Jehovah God. But it'll never do you any good until you accept it, and believe it, and confess it. And then He's the High Priest of your confession to make it right before God.
- Jesus is the High Priest of your confession. **Whatever you confess that He's doing He'll do.**

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1. 154 We haven't got no thought coming. It's what He said!
You deny your own thinking.
2. **You just say what He says.** That's really confession.
Confession means to **"say the same thing."** If I confessed that a certain thing taken place, I say the same thing that taken place.
3. **That's what real confession is.** "And He's the High Priest of our confession." See? **Saying the same thing God said, see, that makes it right, 'cause you're just repeating God's Word.**

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53-0219 ACCEPT.GOD'S.GIFT_ TALLAHASSEE.FL THURSDAY_ Now, healing is not something that you just say, "Well, I... yeah, I believe it. I believe it." Now, that's all right. If that's the best you can do, just mentally, or just say, "Well, I... Yes, I--I see it. I believe that; I accept it." Then if you accept it on those basis, keep saying it over and over.

Say it out loud. Say it over and over; just keep saying, "I'm healed. I'm healed." Say it until actually you believe it. And when you believe it, then it's going to take place.

Don't have a negative testimony. Every time when you confess, "Well, I still feel bad today. I guess I..." you go right straight back in the same rut that you was in the beginning. There's not a man or woman in here that is baptized with Holy Spirit but what would start your confession, "I believe I've lost the Holy Spirit. I believe It's gone from me. I believe I..." **you'll go right down;**

Listen close. You'll never live above your confession.

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ROMANS 10:6-12

» 6 † But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

» 7 † Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

» 8 † **But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

» 9 † **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.**

» 10 † For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; **and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

» 11 † For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him **shall not be ashamed.**



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I John 4:2-3

» 2 † Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth** that Jesus Christ **is** come in the flesh is of God:

» 3 † **And every spirit that confesseth not** that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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Hebrews 11:15

By him therefore **let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.



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- “And **upon your confession** of your faith, and your consecration to our Lord, I baptize thee, my beloved sister, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”
- **Upon your confession** of the Son of God, I baptize thee, my beloved sister, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. [The sister is immersed, then the curtain is closed--Ed.]
- So then, I said, '**Upon your confession of faith**, upon your confession of your sins and your faith in the Son of God, I baptize thee, my beloved brother, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.'" I said, "That's the way I baptize. I both recognize His titles, for He was both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and the reason Jesus said that was..."



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148 His name was Edward Colvin. And I said, "Edward, do you know what I'm doing now?"

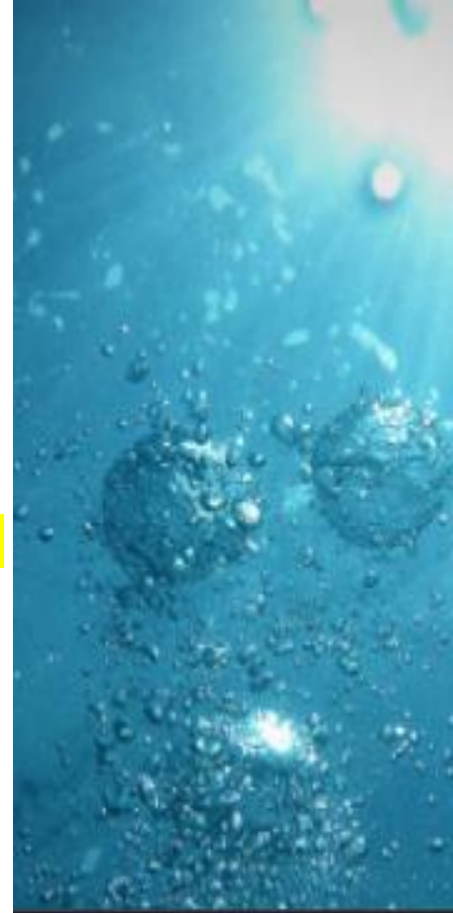
149 I said, "I am baptizing you, showing to this audience out here, that you've accepted Christ as your personal Saviour. When I baptize you in the Name of Jesus Christ, you take on His Name. You rise for a new life. And when you leave here, you're to walk a new life. **Do you understand that, Edward?**"

He said, "I do."

I said, "Bow your head."

150 I said, "Heavenly Father, **as this young man has confessed his faith in You**. And as Thou hast commissioned us to 'go into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,' commissioning them to believe all things which You have taught."

151 "I therefore baptize thee, my beloved brother, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ."



» 15 † For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin.**

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- Temptation was for Him. You know that?
 - The Bible said, "He was tempted in all points like we are, yet without sin."
 - He was tempted by drinking.
 - He was tempted by women.
 - He was tempted by everything that could be tempted by.
 - He was tempted by everything that we are.
 - He was a Man, **and yet you couldn't put a mark on Him.**
- Yes, sir.

» 15 † For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin.**

» 16 † Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.



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- « 43 † These first five chapters are positionally placing Jesus as High Priest. "God in sundry times and divers manners spake to the fathers through the prophets, but in this last day through His Son, Jesus," 1st chapter, 1st verse.
- 44 Then on down to the ending up of the 5th chapter, we find Him represented as "Melchisedec, who had no beginning of days, no ending of your life, but continually a Priest forever."
- Think of it. **Who was this great Man?** We'll get it, in about two more chapters. The entire life of Him, we're going to study.
- "This great Man who met Abraham, who never had any papa, never had any mama. He never had any time He ever begin life, or He never will have a time that He will ever end life. And He met Abraham coming from the slaughters of the king."



HEBREWS 5

- » 1 † For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:
- » 2 † Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.
- » 3 † And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
- » 4 † And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.
- » 5 † So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.
- » 6 † As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- » 7 † Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

» 8 † Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

» 9 † And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

» 10 † Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

» 11 † Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

» 12 † For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

» 13 † For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

» 14 † But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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Berean Study Bible

» 1 † Every high priest is appointed from among men to represent them in matters relating to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

» 2 † He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and misguided, since he himself is beset by weakness.

» 3 † That is why he is obligated to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

» 4 † And no man taketh this honour unto himself, **but he that is called of God**, as was Aaron.

EXODUS 28:1-3

» 1 † And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

» 2 † And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

» 3 † And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.



CALLING

The true doctrine of calling is that the man whom God has designed and qualified to preach learns his call through the Word. The Word is the instrument by which the Spirit teaches him, with prayer, that he is to preach.

- Robert Dabney

If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?

- David Livingstone

It was Mr. Spurgeon, I believe, who used to say to young men – “If you can do anything else do it. If you can stay out of the ministry, stay out of the ministry.” I would certainly say that without any hesitation whatsoever. I would say that the only man who is called to preach is the man who cannot do anything else, in the sense that he is not satisfied with anything else. This call to preach is so put upon him, and such pressure comes to bear upon him that he says, “I can do nothing else, I must preach.”

- Martin Lloyd-Jones

CALLING

I have always felt when someone has come to me and told me that he has been called to be a preacher, that my main business is to put every conceivable obstacle that I can think of in his way.

- Martin Lloyd-Jones

None but He who made the world can make a Minister of the Gospel. If a young man has capacity, culture and application (it) may make him a scholar, a philosopher, or an orator; but a true Minister must have certain principles, motives, feelings, and aims, which no industry or endeavors of men can either acquire or communicate. They must be given from above, or they cannot be received.

- John Newton

CALLING

Those whom God calls to the work, He usually so strips and empties, so pulls down, humbles, and abases, so shows them what the ministry is, and their own unfitness for it—that they shrink back from so arduous and important a work, and can scarcely be persuaded that they are called to it. We need hardly remark how different this is from the forward, pushing, bold, if not presuming spirit which so many manifest in their ambitious aim almost to force their way into the pulpit.

- J.C. Philpot

I felt shut up to do it and saw no other course of life open to me.

- J.C. Ryle

CALLING

He that can toy with his ministry and count it to be like a trade, or like any other profession, was never called of God. But he that has a charge pressing on his heart, and a woe ringing in his ear, and preaches as though he heard the cried of hell behind him, and saw his God looking down on him- oh, how that man entreats the Lord that his hearers may not hear in vain!

C. H. Spurgeon

Whatever “call” a man may pretend to have, if he has not been called to holiness, he certainly has not been called to the ministry.

C.H. Spurgeon

- » 4 † And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.
- » 5 † So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

JOHN 8:54-55

- » 54 † Jesus answered, **If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me;** of whom ye say, that he is your God:
- » 55 † Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

JOHN 7:16

- » 16 † Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
- » 17 † If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.
- » 18 † **He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.**

John 8:50

- » 50 † And **I seek not mine own glory:** there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

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- » 5 † So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

John 5:31-36

- » 31 † ¶ If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.
- » 32 † There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
- » 33 † Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
- » 34 † But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.
- » 35 † He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.
- » 36 † But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

The High Priest

- In the Old Testament, the primary purpose of the high priest was to serve as **a representative and mediator between the people and Yahweh.**
- It was the high priest's responsibility **to see that the covenant was enforced**, and to direct people to complete the duties of the temple and the law of Moses.
- As the representative for the nation of Israel, the high priest had a tremendous responsibility **to direct the hearts of the people toward God and the fulfillment of the covenant.**
- Throughout the Old Testament, there is a foreshadowing and forward-reaching **hope of a more perfect high priesthood** that can represent Yahweh effectively and be a sufficient mediator for the people of Israel. The cyclical pattern of the lives of good and poor high priests makes it clear that no human being can fully perform this responsibility.

Melchisedec

HEBREWS 5:6-7

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» 7 † **Who in the days of his flesh,** when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Genesis 14:17-20

» 17 † And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

» 18 † **And Melchizedek king of Salem** brought forth bread and wine: **and he was the priest of the most high God.**

» 19 † And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

» 20 † And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Who was *that* Melchizedek?



HEBREWS 5:8-10

- » 8 † Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered;
- » 9 † **And being made perfect**, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
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