



St Francis of Assisi Parish



REFLECTION

THE WORD OF GOD

Shalom

Prophet Jeremiah writing about the Word of God, says this: “When I found Your Word, O Lord, I devoured them. They became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Because I bore your name, O Lord, God of Hosts.”. Jeremiah 15:16. It is true that the Word of God is and must be the joy and happiness of every Christian and believer. The author of the letter to Hebrews says: “The Word of God is living and effective (active). It is sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow and judges the intentions and thoughts of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12.

For thousands of years, now that we see, the Word of God is alive and active in the life of the Church. For the Church, God’s Word is a bright shining light that leads those living in the darkness, to sin and slavery, to God and his Godly ways. Hence, Psalm 119:105 says: “Your Word, Lord, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” When the Word of God was delivered to Prophet Jeremiah, it was all a dramatic scene. Jeremiah 1:5-19. Please read.

The boldness of the Preachers of the Word of God and the duties of the preachers are prescribed by these words of the Prophet. “All authority over nations and kingdoms, is given to uproot....to pull down.....to destroy....to overcome..... to build and to plant.”

Those opposed to God’s Word will try to fight against the Word but will not be able to overcome it because “I am with you to rescue you” declares the Lord. The major Prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel were all specially chosen to receive the Word of God and to deliver it to the people of different ages. Whatever they spoke was considered the Word of God and Daniel was a special one because of the Apocalyptic nature of the Word of God, alluding to the ideas and events that will later be found and happen in the New Testament era, in the Book of Revelation.

All Words of God are for our Edification and Life. Let us celebrate the WORD.

Praise God
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