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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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His word "Will not" go void!

ISAIAH 55:11 NKJV – (11) So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

Because God is all-powerful, He possesses the power to communicate with us in any way that He desires. In **Exodus 3**, for example, God was able to get Moses' attention by speaking through a burning bush. God opened the mouth of a donkey in **Numbers 22:28** in order to express His will to Balaam. **Isaiah 6** records Isaiah's heavenly vision and subsequent call to serve as a prophet of the Lord.

These events, and others like them, are spectacular manifestations of God's power, but they do not represent the most important way that God has communicated with mankind. **Hebrew 1:1-2** explains that *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.* As magnificent and as miraculous as the above Old Testament interactions with the Lord were, they do not compare with the revelation of His Son, who is known **as the Word** (**John 1:1**).

Additionally, God has provided mankind with a written Word that we know as the Bible. The written Word is the means by which God communicates with believers today, and the New Testament speaks of the Bible's importance numerous times. In **Isaiah 55:11**, the word that will not return void is none other than that which the human biblical authors have recorded in Scripture.

Important also is that the "God's word will not return void" applies to *God's* word and not the word of humans. **In other words, people cannot make their desires a reality merely by applying Isaiah 55:11 to whatever situation they desire.** The only word that God guarantees is the word that proceeds from His mouth. Any other word from any other source does not carry His biblical authority.

The LORD also indicated that His word will not return "empty." The reader must understand the meaning of this term to understand exactly what God's promise entails. As an adjective, "empty" often carries the idea of "not fulfilled" or "unsuccessful." To say, then, that God's word does not return to Him empty is a strong declaration of His sovereignty.

Therefore no one, not even Satan himself, can frustrate the purposes of God's word, which is the means by which He has determined to work. He has sent His servants to His houses of corporate worship to teach them that what is true. A large number of these servants were rejected for unjust reasons. Some even claim God as the head of their lives, but yet the truth is or was ignored.

For the believers, take hold of these words of encouragement - *Stand on His word! He said want He meant.* To those who ignore, compromise, put Him in a box, and equate themselves as equal with Him, deceived they are, and again, His word will not go "**VOID!**"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 3:20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It's hard to get in shape spiritually, when you only work out on Sunday.