

## The “Rhema” Word of God

**Rhēma** ~ *that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word*

Almighty God has revealed His will for all of humanity through His written Word. Literally, everything we need for life and godliness is found in the Word of God!

**Hebrews 4:12**, *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.*

One of the great truths in the life of the believer is, “No matter what we think we need, what we really need is a Word from God!” Or in our discussion, a “rhema Word!”

You might have heard someone say, “I was reading my Bible, and suddenly this verse of Scripture leapt off the page at me!” Or, you may have heard someone say, “I was going through a difficult situation, and God gave me this Scripture.” What is that? That is what we would call a rhema word from God!

A rhema Word from God, spoken to your heart, will activate your faith, sustain you, and encourage you to keep moving forward! When God speaks to you, suddenly, nothing is impossible!

**Romans 10:17 (NASB)**, *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word [rhema] of Christ.*

By the power of His rhema Word, God created everything, out of nothing!

**Hebrews 11:3**, *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command [rhema], so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

A rhema Word will give you greater strength in overcoming temptation!

**Matthew 4:4**, *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word [rhema] that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

A rhema Word will help you find clarity in times of confusion, or disappointment.

**Luke 24:8**, *Then they remembered his words [rhema].*

A rhema Word will allow you to experience a new power in prayer!

**John 15:7**, *If you remain in me and my words [rhema] remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

A rhema Word will bring a new level of effectiveness in your witness!

**Acts 10:44**, *While Peter was still speaking these words [rhema], the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.*

And a rhema Word will give you a greater discernment for what God is doing around you!

**Acts 11:16**, *Then I remembered what the Lord had said [rhema]: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'*

But for many people, the Word of God remains a mystery. Even well-intentioned seekers may find themselves frustrated in their attempts to read and comprehend the Bible.

Jesus addresses this frustration:

**John 8:47**, *Whoever belongs to God hears what God says [rhema]. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.*

If we want to understand the Bible, and if we want to access its life-transforming power, we must first give our lives, in total surrender, to God! We must approach the Word of God with a predisposition to obedience. (We cannot expect Almighty God to speak to us if we're not willing to listen!) Instead, we must humbly pray, "God, whatever your Word reveals, teaches, instructs, or commands me, I will follow, and I will humbly obey."

The Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, brings further light to this frustration with the Bible. He helps us to understand that without the help of the author of Scripture, The Holy Spirit, these written words will remain just that, "written words," and ineffective in the life of the reader.

**1 Corinthians 2:14**, *The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

We need the help of God's Holy Spirit to transform these written words into words of life and faith! Every time we open up the Bible, we should pray and invite the Holy Spirit to help us, to reveal to us, and to make alive to us, the Word of God!

In the description of the "spiritual armor" provided for us, in Ephesians 6, the Word of God is called the "sword of the Spirit!"

**Ephesians 6:17**, *Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word [rhema] of God.*

Only in the hands of the Holy Spirit, will the words written in the Bible, become the living, active, and effective, rhema, Word of God in the life of the believer! And that's when you will experience the true, life-transforming power of the Word of God; when you ask the Spirit of the living God to guide you in your understanding and application of Scripture!

As you read the written Word of God, with the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit, you will begin to experience a greater understanding of the Bible. At times, certain passages of Scripture, (you may have read a dozen times before), will seem to come alive and "leap off the page." You will understand by faith that's God's Word *to you!* The written Word of God will become God's spoken "rhema" Word *for you!* You will understand that God's promises are yours! And your spiritual journey will take a giant step forward!

**John 6:63**, *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.*

You will trust God's Word, even when your circumstances appear contrary or impossible!

**Luke 1:38**, *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word [rhema] to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

So, don't just read the Bible as a religious activity. Read the Bible to find Jesus, and to receive a rhema word from God!

**John 5:39**, *"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me..." ~ Jesus*