

### The power of the Word of God.

The prophet Elijah knew the power of the word that counted - the Word of God. Elijah appeared in Israel one day with a message from the Lord for king Ahab and the people of Israel: (1 Kings 17) "*As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.*"

The power of this Word was clear from the destruction it caused. The Word of the Lord spoken by Elijah in the presence of the king made the crops in the field to die, dried out the earth and caused the streams and springs of Israel to go dry. Poverty and hunger threatened the nation. Even creation suffered under the drought caused by the Word.

Israel experienced the power of God's Word, a Word spoken by a prophet of God. That Word could not be removed from Israel's life. It was more powerful than the words of the king and certainly also more powerful than the prayers of the priests of the idol, Baal.

By announcing the judgment in advance, God showed both the power and the truth of his Word. As long as the drought continued and the life giving dew did not fall on the land, it reminded the people of the power of the Word of God. God's Word is powerful. It shuts the heavens. And at God's time, it grants life giving rain and dew, through its power, again.

God's Word is a powerful Word. It must be taught, preached and listened to and it must be obeyed. *We live in the age when the Word has become flesh, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the one Word* that must be listened to by all who seek life - even eternal life.

If we reject this Word, the Son of God, who came to call us to repentance and to life, it leads to eternal judgement. If we listen, obey, love and follow this Word of God, Christ Jesus his Son, the Word has the power to save, to forgive and to bless.

The Word continues to triumph in our lives and our nations. The Word cannot be destroyed. It calls all people to repentance, faith, and obedience. We have to allow ourselves to be guided, moulded, and directed by the Word of God - a Word that has power, a Word that is victorious and a Word that gives life to all who listen and believe.

*Everything, all that I have to know,  
all sufficient to calm a lonesome soul -  
is God's Word, written inspired Word:  
All I believe,  
I need to know,  
know to be saved!  
With his finger God wrote his Word  
on two stone tablets.  
Through the Spirit  
prophets, apostles wrote his Word too.  
Only God's  
written, inspired Word,  
reveals the Way, the Jesus way,  
Only God's Word!!*