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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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No Word Without Power

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The New Testament reveals that some men’s words are “idle” words producing nothing profitable, but only condemning judgment in the last day. Also, men sometime speak “empty” words which are void of truth, deceiving hearers (*Matthew 12:36-37, Ephesians 5:6*). However, when God speaks, His word is always the truth (*John 17:17*), and always powerful. Gabriel, the announcing angel claims, “*For no word from god shall be void of power*” (*Luke 1:37*).

Gabriel was sent from God to give Mary a seven-fold promise: (1) she will “conceive” in her womb, (2) “a son named Jesus.” (3) “He shall be great,” and (4) shall be “called the Son of the Most High.” (5) “The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David” and (6) “shall reign over the house of Jacob forever.” (7) “Of His kingdom, there shall be no end” (*Luke 1:31-35*).

Would all these things come true? Were they improbable? Wait! Gabriel adds a new fact: Mary’s kinswoman Elizabeth “*she also hath conceived a son in her old age...and this it the*

sixth month wit her that is called barren” (*Luke 1:36*). Elizabeth had been experiencing God’s promise coming true for six months now. Surely Mary will experience the fulfillment of promises made to her. What might seem improbable can be counted upon as coming true. Therefore, Mary, trusting that no word of God is void of power, says, “*be it unto me according to thy word*” (*Luke 1:38*).

It may seem improbable to many that all the cemeteries throughout the world, in a moment of time, will open releasing all who have died. But, Jesus promises this very event: “*Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment*” (*John 5:28-29*). Don’t marvel, for no word of God is void of power. This hour of judgment will come. It will not be the hour that all begin to turn from evil and do good, but the time when the moral character of our life already lived will become most important in determining our eternal destiny. Doing good and eschewing evil

every day should be a priority because no word of God is void of power.

We understand that individuals pass from this life daily, but to think that one day this whole world will pass away with fire may seem improbable to some. But, the Lord is not slack concerning His promise. The day of the Lord will come in which “*the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,*” and “*the earth and the works therein will be burned up*” (*2 Peter 3:10*). Knowing this, we should reflect soberly on our life. “*What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness*” (*2 Peter 3:11*)? Knowing that no word of God is void of power, living for the world to come instead of this present world is the only life worthy of our attention.

When God makes a promise, He has the power to make it happen. His Word, promising incredible things, will occur. The very earth you stand so firmly upon will one day be burned up. All the dead, not just a few, will stand before God in judgment. God’s promises are not void of power. He can speak the world into existence! He can promise the miraculous, and they occur!