

# There Is No High Like THE MOST HIGH





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#### There Is No High Like the Most High

When people in the world indulge in drugs and alcohol to get high, they don't know it, but they are searching for something God has made available to His people. Why do you think He is called the Most High? There is nothing higher than God and His Word and the revelation that comes from it.

In fact, everything we need to be healthy, happy and prosperous is contained in God's Word. Peter said it this way: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature..." (2 Peter 1:3-4). God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness...in His Word! When I found this out, it was very good news to me.

From the days when Ken first went out to preach and I was at home with the children, I began to learn more about the Word as I studied my Bible and listened to the handful of Kenneth Hagin tapes that were available at the time. I was hearing things I had never heard. I didn't know much, but I got in such a precious place with God as revelation began to come from the Word. I was exuberant!

I discovered that as God reveals answers to your problems through His Word, you can get so excited about the Word of God that you experience a kind of high. You realize, God has given me His Word on this situation, and I am out of trouble!

You can also experience that kind of high from the Word of God when you're not in trouble. When you put the Word in front of your eyes and in your ears and keep it in the midst of your heart, it is *life and health to all your flesh* (Proverbs 4:20-22). It stirs you up and actually affects your physical body. Issues of life begin to manifest out of your spirit. I believe that is how we are supposed to stay healed.

Of course, this doesn't happen by just reading words or because you read so many verses a day. People can study the Word that way all their lives and not get much revelation or supernatural health out of it.

But when you read those words and let the Spirit of God *reveal* them to you, it can have the same effect as if Jesus walked in and talked to you in person. The result of the healing or insight is the same

#### Day and Night...in the Word!

The Word of God has to become a part of you for it to work for you. It has to take over your thought processes, your ideas and expectations.

Learning to live by the Word as God told Joshua to do has really been the key to our lives—for me, for Ken and our whole family. Look at Joshua 1:8. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Day and night we began to go after the Word. We were desperate. Sometimes it's not bad to be desperate. When there is nowhere else to turn, you are encouraged to turn to God and receive from Him.

We discovered we could depend on the Word. We learned that the Word is God speaking to us right now (Proverbs 6:22) and that it is alive and powerful. The Word took us out of the place of asking, "Where are You, God? Are You up there somewhere?" We realized that we could find God—what He says, what He does and what He promised He would do for us—in His Word.

When we began to take the Word literally and act on what we read, things quickly began to change for us. What God told Joshua was really what took place in our lives. We began experiencing good success but it took seeking the Word day and night. We had to: "Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:7).

This doesn't happen overnight or because you attend a good service or two. As you diligently seek God through His Word, you learn His ways and precepts. Then you begin changing what you do to agree with what He says, and it causes you to prosper. You cannot obey the Word of God and fail to prosper.

Obeying the Word includes being obedient, speaking right words, walking in love and doing all that you know to do. According to Joshua 1:8, *doing the Word* is what makes your way prosperous.

If you are not prosperous, you need to spend more time in the Word of God and grow more. Give it a greater place in your life.

You don't get it automatically or because your pastor knows it. You have to put your own eyes and ears on the Word and get it in your heart. Then you can do what verse 8 says: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night." If you want supernatural victory, put the Word of God in your mouth—make your words agree with what God says. Meditate on it, apply it, let the Spirit of the Lord bring

revelation to you. You'll get excited about it because you'll realize, This is my deliverance I'm reading about!

When I read the Word of God, I'm not reading about some Bible character. This is my word. God said I can have any word I can find in the Scripture. I can put it in my eyes, in my ears, and get it in my heart. I can put it in my mouth and it will change things until I have peace—nothing missing and nothing broken—in every area of my life. But I can't skip any of the steps.

I can't skip thinking about How does this word apply to me? What is this word saying to me? How does this word from God change my life? What do I need to do? That's meditating on it.

#### Say Good, See Good!

When you get to know the ways of God and the Word of God, you will watch what you say. Your words matter. Mark 11:23 says, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." If you truly believe that, you will get hold of your mouth and make it work for you, not against you.

Get over being timid about speaking to your situation. Begin to practice saying what the Word says. Thank God we're not a people who are defeated by whatever comes our way. We have control over circumstances in the Name of Jesus—so begin to take authority.

Ken and I have learned to do this. For instance, Ken is the weatherman at our house. If he is gone, I take over! When a bad storm is coming our way, he opens the door or goes outside and tells it, "No you don't. You're not coming here, in Jesus' Name." He points his finger and tells it what to do, and we have even seen tornadoes go the other way.

You don't just say, "Lord, save us!" Use your authority, and don't wait for the "big one" before you start doing this. If it looks like it's going to hail on your tomatoes, get out there and say, "No you don't, in the Name of Jesus!"

Several times in chapter 1, God told Joshua to be courageous. In other words, don't doubt. Instead, He said "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (verse 9). Having faith in God's Word is being courageous.

Faith gives you the ability to look at any problem and see God moving to give you an answer. Faith looks not at the things that are seen. When you put faith in the Word of God, regardless of the circumstances, faith brings a manifestation into the natural realm. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the evidence of things not seen. Believing what God says and *saying* what God says instead of what the circumstances say, bring God on the scene.

So put the Word of God in your mouth and think about it continually, not just when you go to church.

In my life, the Word is with me all the time. I don't mean that I am consciously thinking about it all the time. But whatever I run into runs into the Word of God. If I encounter trouble, the Word that will get me out of that trouble comes up in my spirit. Why? Because I've been meditating on the Word day and night.

A lot of times you may not see the answer the moment you pray. You may have to stand. If that's the case, then stand no matter how long it takes. I have found that if I don't quit, I will

see results.

I'm not saying I've done everything right. But I have walked this faith walk enough that the Word of God is before me all the time. God is the first thing I think of when times are good and when times are bad.

When times are good and I'm blessed, I say, "Oh Lord, thank You for all that You have done for me. You are so good to me. Thank You that my body is well. All the members of my family are well and strong."

That's what you do in good times. In bad times, when you have pain in your body, you say, "Thank You, Lord, I'm healed by Your stripes. I thank You that I am pain free. I am curse free. Glory to God."

You say what God says, whether it's a good time or a bad time. You say the good that God has for you, and it produces good in your life! That's the way you learn to live day and night. Remember: Say the good...See the good!

#### Seek...Choose...Eat the Good Fruit

Our *delight* should be in the Word of God according to Psalm 1:1-2: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." It is a blessing to us that the Spirit of God will reveal wisdom and truth that will change our lives. We are blessed to know that God's Word can take us from failure to success, from sickness to health, from poverty to abundance.

The person who spends time in the Word is the one who learns the ways of God and walks in them: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (verse 3).

Verse 4 goes on to say, "The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." I remember the days of being like chaff, do you? Days before Jesus became the Lord of our lives. Nothing worked for us then. No matter what we did, it wasn't enough. If we made more money, we needed more money. It seemed like we were just blown around, never reaching a point of success.

But thank God, we found out we didn't have to stay in that condition. We discovered if we were willing and obedient, we would eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19). Isaiah 3:10 says it this way, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings."

The righteous are to walk with God, do what He says and make changes in their lives when they are corrected. That's not difficult to do when you understand that what God says is His wisdom and according to Proverbs, the very foundation of the earth was formed by wisdom, so it responds to wisdom. When the wisdom of God gets into your situation, change occurs—it makes you prosperous. But it's your choice.

You must "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). If you choose God, it will go well with you. And sadly, if you don't choose Him, the choice is already made for you. There are two families in the earth—the family of God and the family of the devil. Until you *choose* to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, you belong to the family of the devil, with all the curses that came because of sin. So choosing Jesus is your first step out of trouble.

It's like what I read years ago in a Bible that Ken's mother had given him. In the front of it she had written, "Ken, precious, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you.'" I didn't know anything at

that time, but I knew I needed some things added to me. So my walk with  $\operatorname{God}$  began right there.

Not long after that I got an *Amplified Bible*, and read Matthew 6:33: "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

The Scripture teaches us to be seekers. In Hebrew <code>seek</code> means "to inquire or require." That does not mean it's something we do once in a while. The principle of the word is "to tread frequently." Webster's dictionary defines <code>seek</code> as "to try to find, look for, search for, go to, resort to, explore, ask or inquire, learn or discern."

That's what Ken and I did all those years ago. We began to search the Word, to seek after God. We didn't just wait for God to take over our lives, we went after Him. The Word instructs us to seek Him first, and *then* things will be added to us. We can't add them to ourselves, but we can all be good seekers, no matter where we are, no matter what our intelligence level or education might be.

Read Psalm 119 and you'll discover how much receiving is tied to seeking. Psalm 34:4 says, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

#### **Every Word of Torah Is True**

Recently a friend of mine gave me an inspiring book called *The Rabbi From Burbank*. It was written by a born-again Jewish man who talks about the importance of the Word in his life from the time he was just a little boy. He says, "The power of Torah, God's immutable Word, was the center and source of all that we did. As Jewish families we studied Torah, we lived by Torah, we talked Torah." Isn't that what Deuteronomy says? We are to talk the Word of God when we rise up, when we sit down, when we walk by the way—all the time.

He went on to say, "Our lives were intimately impacted by Torah. The way we lived and the way we died, the way we worshiped and the way we married and treated our wives and our children, the way we conducted business—everything we did was a reflection of our Torah....We believe that every word of Torah is true."

Ken and I discovered these very truths and that's exactly what changed our lives. We believe that every word of the Bible is true. We believe that God is exactly who He said He is. We believe that God is to His people everything He said He would be and that He will do exactly what He promised. We learned to take God literally.

We discovered that all the places we give over to Him in our lives—in our thoughts, our time, our families—He will fill up and overflow with Himself. It's up to us how much of the presence of God is in our lives. It is determined by how much we let Him into our lives.

Sure, you listen to your teachers and your pastor, and you learn from what they say about the Word. But until you start putting your own eyes and ears into the Word and getting revelation from it, it's not enough to change your life. Secondhand is not good enough for total victory.

What really makes the difference is when you put *your* eyes and *your* spiritual ears into the Word and it begins to talk to you. You never forget those times. You might forget a sermon, but you never forget a major revelation flooding into your life. It is precious when you see the answer to your problem and know God is bringing you out. When the Word becomes that real to you, suddenly God Himself is on the scene. You *know* every word of God is true. You *know* your problem is under your feet.

When you start getting revelation like that, you get high on the Word, and you discover...there is no high like the Most High!

### Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).

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