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"Present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28)

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Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday English / Chinese Worship Service: 10.45 am Sunday Chinese Worship Service: 7.30 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8.00 pm

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Word of God

Matthew 4:4

Introduction

After Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, he was hungry and the devil tempted and said to him, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." But, our Lord Jesus Christ replied, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." The Lord quoted from Deuteronomy chapter 8 verse 3. Our living does not consist in mere satisfying our physical need. Rather, we are clearly instructed to live by the word of God – to feed on and obey God's word. Not mere hearers of God's word but we are to be doers of God's word.

In order to obey the Lord's commandment to "live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God," we must know the word of God. How then can we know the word of God? We are to read and study the word of God diligently. We are to mediate upon God's truth day and night. We are to delight in the word of God.

Our physical body needs physical food to nourish it, to provide energy to it, to strengthen it and to build its immunity against diseases. If we were to neglect our physical body and not feed it, prolonged under-nourishment can wreak havoc to the physical body and destroy it and eventually cause physical death. Likewise, our spiritual man needs spiritual food. The word of God is our spiritual food. Without which we cannot function spiritually, we will be stunted in our spiritual growth and prolonged neglect will eventually affect our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We will not be victorious in our Christian living – defeat is the only eventuality. However, if we were to live by every word that come from the mouth of God, victory in Christ is a certainty. The word of God which is our sword of the Spirit will drive away every temptation each time we yield it in the face of the devil. The devil will run away from us.

Consider now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, in this New Year, to live by every word that come from the mouth of God. Assuredly, we shall experience great blessings and our souls will definitely prosper

beyond our comprehension. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it (Luke 11:28). We will see the transforming power of God.

The Benefits of the Word of God

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Our saving faith in Christ came from our hearing the word of God. The word of God by the quickening of the Holy Spirit wrought faith in every believer and transformed us from being dead in our trespasses to being alive in Christ (Jn 5:24, Jas 1:21, 1 Pet 1:23).

The word of God in our lives, when we delight in them, will make us fruitful in our Christian walk, will bring true spiritual health and well-being, will prosper our souls and result in success in the things we do (Ps 1:3). The word of God keeps us from sin (Ps 119:11), guides and counsels us (Ps 119:24), strengthens us (Ps 119:28), quickens us to the things of God and truth of God (Ps 119:93), lights our path (Ps 119:105), gives understanding and makes us wise (Ps 119:130), grants peace to our soul (Ps 119:165), sanctifies us (Jn 17:17), revives us (Acts 10:44), causes us to grow in the Lord (1 Pet 2:2, 1 Cor 2:1-5),

Conclusion

If there be a resolution in our lives, let it be that we eat, breathe and live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We can start to do so by reading the word of God daily – three chapters of the Old Testament, one chapter of Psalm and three chapters of the New Testament. May God help us to resolve to live by every word that come forth from His mouth, that we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and that the image of Christ be formed in all of us. Amen

By His Grace and Mercy,
Elder Daniel Tau

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Theme for the Quarter :

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

English Worship Service :

Rev Eric Kwan
speaks on

Forget None of His Benefits

(Scripture Text : Psalm 103:1-5; Responsive Reading : 1 Chronicles 16:8-36)

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