

WORDS of TESTIMONY
and the
WORDS of FOOLS

In November of 2000, my work in oil and gas exploration had taken me to western Kentucky, where a deep well was drilling just west of Mammoth Cave Park. As is often the case, much time is spent waiting; in the midst of one of those times, my attention was caught one afternoon in Revelation. Jesus here in Rev. 12:11 is telling us how the cow ate the cabbage, by saying the enemy, Satan, is overcome by “the blood of the Lamb and *by the word of their testimony*” The English word, ‘word’, here in the Greek is *logos*, the overall Word of God. The testimony here is that which a person has acquired through the Spirit having lived out and proven the Word of God. That testimony then transforms from the *logos* to a *rhema word*, meaning a word particularly significant, a word with special meaning to a particular person for a particular time and circumstance that the Holy Spirit has literally quickened (brought life) to the individual. Put another way, it is a word out of scripture which the Holy Spirit causes to jump off the page at you, resulting in Divine hope, encouragement, affirmation, direction, discrete message, etc. For these to be true *rhemas*, they will be indelibly printed in to your memory banks, rarely if ever forgotten. Thus they bring life to the reader; no one can convince you God did not speak to you. They are words you cling to in trying times.

These are also called stones of remembrance.

“Word” was well understood; it was *testimony* that jumped off the page, specifically the root ‘test.’ My mind started gyrating wildly, snapping up similar words like ‘test,’ ‘attest,’ ‘testate,’ ‘intestate,’ ‘testify,’ ‘testosterone,’ ‘testicles’; no question of the significance. So I called my wife in East Texas and asked her to look up the root of ‘test.’ The call brought immediate fruit; *testis* means a witness; the latin diminutive of *testis* is *testiculus*, from the early practice of placing the hand on the seat of manliness when one was swearing. (Later political correctness gained its first victim and the Hebrews instead placed the hand under the thigh). The early Bedouins, or their predecessors, were placing their hands on their testicles when they swore, not because they knew how things worked, but because they simply knew that was where the source of *life* was. Their testicles were the holiest, most sacred items they knew. There was nothing else more valuable nor more weighty. (No pun intended..)

Testimony then took on a whole new significance, in particular testicles and testosterone. Past word studies involving ‘loins,’ in which “girding your loins with truth,” and “crushing the loins of our adversaries,” “His loins girded,” and so forth added to the total grasp of the truth. So now there is an interweaving of words joined to “loins” such as truth, life, gold, fire, pain, sackcloth, strength, burning, affliction, shaking, witness, water, and even eunuchs. The following is how the interweaving was revealed to me.

Since the testicles are where sperm are generated, the element from the physical realm came to mind. The Word says the physical shall precede the spiritual; so, it would stand to reason the physical would lend an understanding of the spiritual.

The woman is a shadow, a type, to the husband in the marriage as the Holy Spirit is to the Trinity in the Second Realm (Eph. 5:32). The woman is a helping antenna from Heaven itself for the man, the husband. The woman sets the spiritual tone of the home, and is a spiritual sponge for the man as he comes in from the world. She is his counsel and by example and mannerisms teaches him submission to Christ by being submissive herself. In essence, the marriage is a training ground for each member's relationship with Jesus Himself, not only here on earth in part, but in Heaven. As a husband's relationship with his wife goes, so goes his relationship with Jesus; no more, no less; no higher, no lower; no deeper, no shallower.

As the woman is a type of the Holy Spirit in the family, she is a co-participant with her husband in reproduction. In conception, the woman's ovum essentially witnesses to her husband's sperm by receiving its penetration, wrapping around it, and joining with it. (A whole essay could be written about this in the sense of the mutual mood of the two at the point of conception. Whether or not one was willing, loving, coerced, forced, selfish, carnal, etc., at the time of conception influences the spirit of the child). Now this matching, this mutual witnessing, or wrapping around the husband's sperm is a key; it is a picture of what happens in the spiritual. Without it, there would be no conception, no life formed, neither in the physical nor the spiritual.

It is no coincidence that in the scripture 'word' is tied to 'testimony,' as in "word of testimony." Nor is it any coincidence that Jesus is called the 'Word,' except here it is the Greek word *logos* used for 'word.' Nonetheless, Jesus is called the Word of God, so here we see another link in the chain, Jesus used with 'word.' This in turn brings us to the Mosaic Tabernacle where, from a detailed study of the Tabernacle, reveals the plan view of it as a picture of Jesus Himself in a horizontal position. The Head, where the Holy of Holies is; the chest, or heart, where the Holy Place is; the arms represented by the Lampstand and the Table of Shewbread; the feet represented by the Brazen Altar, and the *LOINS* represented by the Brazen Laver. Now how would the *loins* be represented by the Laver?

Remember the passage "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her by the washing of water with/by the word (*rhema*)"?? Here things clear up immensely; the loins of Jesus are synonymous with the washing of the (*rhema*) word, so now water enters the chain of words tied with loins. The *rhema* word sanctifies the church; the *logos/rhema* word also defeats Satan; the *rhema* word brings life. How?? It follows the same pattern spiritually as it does physically; as the woman witnesses to the life of, and in the sperm, so the Holy Spirit witnesses to the Life of and in the *rhema* word!! He witnesses to that which is true life in the believer, that which is quickened (enlivened) by Him in the person. It is this, and only this, that the Spirit listens to, hears, anoints and brings life out of, nothing else!! This is the Word of Testimony that defeats Satan, sanctifies the church, and brings forth conception, or life.

This is why scriptural words, coming out of a preacher who doesn't have it in his soul and spirit, fall lifeless on the ground to his audience. It was dead in him and it will be dead to the hearers!! Again, the Word of God has been spewed out on the ground, holy though it were when it was issued...Seems I rememeber the fate of a man who spewed his semen onto the ground....

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