

God's Word in Human Language

This morning I am to speak on God's Word in Human Language. First we will ask what is the Word of God ? Jeremiah says,(23:29) His word is like a fire. . . and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. Ps. 119: says, Thy word is a lamp and a light. _____ says the word is a seed ad- this is repeated in 1 Pet. 1:23. Eph. 6:17 says that the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. It is impossible to over emphasize the importance of the Word of God. This is the means by which God brings salvation. It is the means by which he gives his people power to defeat the onslaughts of Satan. Just what is the Word of God? It is the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces.

We must recognize of course that there is a large figurative element in all these expressions. Like when we read/Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation that He gave His servants His word and they ate it. You This does not mean that you can take a Bible and break a rock with it. It does not mean that you can use a Bible and it will burn up a building in which wicked things are done. It is a ==These are figurative expressions. The work is actually done by the Word of God. It does not mean a particular book. It does not mean a particular language. It does not mean words in the Bible are magical so that you can take a few o- them and they alone will accomplish something.

Parts of the Bible were originally written in Hebrew; parts in Aramaic; parts in Greek. These have been translated first the OT was translated into Greek, and then the whole Bible was translated into Latin. Later it was translated into Syriac, and into the modern languages including English. God has preserved his word and kept it from error. By this we do not mean that a particular word == the given words are in themselves magical. You can read in the Bible "there is no God." You have to interpret this as meaning what it says right in its context: "The fool says in his heart there is no God." The Word of