

IT IS WRITTEN!

Matthew 4:4 It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Perhaps the devil thought he could catch Jesus off guard in the wilderness when he came to tempt Him, but Jesus was well prepared. God's word was in His heart governing His life and any alternative offered no attraction to Him. He knew what God had said. He knew who He was and stood His ground in the power of the Spirit. In the face of temptation He opened His mouth and said, "It is written...!" He spoke God's word, the final authority on all things, and willingly submitted to it. There was no other way for Jesus.

Making God's word the final authority on all matters in our lives is also where our strength lies. Knowing what God has said and putting His word in our heart and in our mouth we too can overcome every doubt and fear the enemy would try to bring our way.

This makes it so important for us to deposit God's word in our hearts every day so that whenever the need arises we can make withdrawals upon it. When it becomes our delight and our meditation day and night any intrusion of doubt or fear is easily identified. We pass by the traps and snares set by the enemy avoiding every pitfall, because the word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We follow Jesus, our good shepherd, each step of the way knowing He said, "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. With this knowledge we have nothing to fear.

When doubt questions the validity of God's Word and its relevance to us we can answer just like Jesus did. We can say, "It is written" and, without hesitation, boldly confess what God has said. When we stand our ground on the word we are submitting to God's authority and at the same time we are resisting the devil with the assurance, he will flee from us, just like he did from Jesus (*James 4:11, Matthew 4:1*).

Today, know that you are a child of the King, the One who reigns over all and as such you are to face your life without fear. You are to look circumstances in the face and refuse to allow them to hem you in or limit you. Remember that I am a faithful God. I will not fail you. You can count on Me. My word is ever full of power and as you rise to obey Me, what I have promised will be fulfilled in your life.