

STRIKE THE ROCK

Jeremiah 23:29 “Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

God likens His word to a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. That rock can represent any seemingly insurmountable obstacle that would try to intimidate us and stand in our way.

It is God's will that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers, (3 *John 2*). The word prosper here speaks of our advancement and a pushing forward into the blessings that God has provided for us.

God's word is His voice speaking to us. He wants us to be more like Jesus and, as we spend time listening to His voice, we can expect Him to bring to our attention areas in our lives in need of change.. With the understanding He gives we will be ready to use the hammer of God's word to deal with those things that are not in alignment with His will for us.

Can anyone use this hammer? Yes, but to break the 'rock' in pieces we will need diligence which is a commitment to persevere through good times and bad. *Proverbs 10:4* says, “The hand of the diligent makes rich.” With a heart set on pleasing God, we will take His word and with diligence apply it to the 'rock' of difficulty that challenges our faith.

We also need God's strength to equip and empower us to strike the rock relentlessly and to consistently hit blow after blow until it is shattered. *Philippians 4:13* says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

When we use God's word as a hammer, it is this word that defies every lie of the enemy that would seek to bring us into fear. When a negative thought comes to our minds that opposes God's Word, we must refuse to listen to the voice of the enemy and like Jesus, tell the devil, “It is written...” (*Matthew 4:4*)

When we are prepared to only listen to what God is saying to us and submit to His authority, as we resist the devil he will flee from us. God laughs at the devil and we can laugh with Him for Jesus has totally defeated him at the cross.

Celebrate the victory you have in Jesus and rejoice in the truth that in all these challenges of life you are more than a conqueror through Him who loves you. Because God is for you, no one and nothing can be against you!

I have equipped you with the weapon of My word so you can stand strong in the face of adversity. Keep it in your heart day and night and you will be ready to use it in the day of battle. You will find I have given you a promise to cover every situation. Treasure My word and make it your continual confession and My power will be released into your circumstances bringing the answer that you need.