

Heart to Heart

Week Three — What Your Family Needs from You the Most; Receiving the Rhema Word of God

Proverbs 18:21 (Amplified Bible) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."

Proverbs 18:21 (The Message Bible) "Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose."

Deuteronomy 30:19 "... I have set before you LIFE and DEATH, the blessings and curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live!"

Proverbs 3:5 says, "Do not lean on your own understanding ..."

II Timothy 3:16,17 (Amplified Bible) -- "Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), so that the [woman] of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Two Greek words in the Word for word → logos and rhema

- **Logos** literally = expression of thought
- **Rhema** literally = utterance

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the logos and the logos was with God and the logos was God."

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and my rhemas abide in you, you shall ask anything in my name, and it shall be given to you."

Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart."

2 vital things we need to know about the rhema word:

1. A RHEMA word is a *personal* word spoken to our spirit, not necessarily to our mind.
2. A RHEMA word will never contradict the logos word.

"The significance of rhema as distinct from logos ... is that it is not in reference to the whole Bible as such, but to the individual scripture which the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in a time of need, a prerequisite being ... the regular storing of the mind w/Scripture." - Vine's dictionary, page 683

Nehemiah 4:4 (Amplified Bible) "I looked [them over] and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and the other people, Do not be afraid of the enemy; [earnestly] remember the Lord and imprint Him [on your minds], great and terrible, and [take from Him courage to] fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

Benefits of the Rhema Word:

1. **Wisdom in guidance** – Psalm 119:15, 105, 130
2. **Peace in troubled times** – Psalm 119:50, 52
3. **Power for deliverance** – Psalm 119:37, 133, 170
4. **Counsel for relationships** - Psalm 119:24, 99
5. **Courage in difficulty** - Psalm 119:71, 92

Matthew 4:4 (the words of Jesus) "Man does not live on bread alone but on every rhema that comes from the mouth of God ..."

Luke 5:1-8

Characteristics of the Rhema Word

- The Rhema word is intimate.
- The Rhema word is an utterance of the Father's heart and plan; many times it won't make sense to us.
- The Rhema word has provision.
- The Rhema word will always bring humility! (the spirit of Jesus Christ Philippians 2:3-8)

Extra verses for personal reading –

Psalm 119
Proverbs 30:5
Isaiah 55
Matthew 24:35
Colossians 3:16
II Timothy 2:15
James 1:22-25