

When God says NEVER, believe it!

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The word never has a distinct and clear meaning that CANNOT be misunderstood, revised or reinterpreted. It **MEANS** exactly what it **SAYS**.

NEVER *means*

Not ever On no occasion At no time Not at all In no way Absolutely not

When man uses the word *never*, many times, he has to retract his statement, but not God, for King David said. "FOREVER O Lord, THY WORD is SETTLED in heaven" (PSALM 119:89), and since it is "...IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie" (HEBREWS 6:18), all we need do is BE-LIEVE IT.

Moses called all of Israel together and gave them the words of God (DEUT. 5:1): "...the **POOR** *shall* **NEVER** *cease out of the land*: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt **OPEN THINE HAND WIDE** unto thy BROTHER, to thy POOR, and to thy NEEDY, in thy land" (DEUT. 15:11).

What *god* do you know, or what *religious* holy book so tenderly cares and makes provision for the world's poor like God Almighty? "...thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt **LEAVE THEM** for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God" (LEVITICUS 19:10).

In the Word of God, "Never" appears a total of 83 times. To refuse to believe God when He says, "Never" is to call Him a liar.

The chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus, but when the officers returned without him, they asked them "...Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, **NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS** MAN" (JOHN 7:45-46).

The reason is clear: Jesus Christ IS the Word of God. "In the beginning was THE WORD, and the Word was WITH God, and the Word WAS God...and the Word was MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14).

Why should we be surprised? Everywhere Jesus spoke, things *happened*: "...when the multitude **HEARD** this, they were **ASTON-**ISHED at his doctrine" (MATTHEW 22:33) "...for he taught them as one that HAD AUTHOR-ITY, and not as the scribes" (MARK 1:22). Religion has no authority, but the Word of God **DOES**.

"...they were **ASTONISHED** at his doctrine: for HIS WORD was with POWER" (LUKE 4:32), and speaking of power, look what happened in the <u>Garden of Gethsemane</u>: "As soon then as he had **SAID** unto them, **I AM HE**, they went BACKWARD, and FELL to the ground" (JOHN 18:6).

The words that Jesus spoke, were not his words, but the words of his Father. "For I have not SPOKEN OF MYSELF; but THE FATHER which sent me, HE gave me a commandment, WHAT I SHOULD SAY, and WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK" (JOHN 12:49).

There is **NO EXCUSE**. Since God SAID it, YOU must **BELIEVE** it, or become **GUILTY** of making God "...a liar; because [YOU BELIEVE] not THE **RECORD** that **GOD** GAVE of his Son" (1 JOHN YES, YOU.



Here are just some of the words that God gave us through His Son Jesus Christ using the word **NEVER**:

- "...WHOSOEVER DRINKETH of the WA-TER that I shall GIVE him [IT IS A GIFT] shall NEVER thirst" (JOHN 4:14).
- "...he that **COMETH** to me shall **NEVER** hunger; and he that **BELIEVETH** on me shall NEVER thrist" (JOHN 6:35).
- "...If a man KEEP my saying [TO GUARD FROM INJURY BY KEEPING THE EYE UPON], he shall **NEVER** see death" (JOHN 8:51).
- "... I GIVE unto them eternal life; and they shall **NEVER** perish, neither shall **ANY** MAN pluck them out of my hand" (JOHN 10:28).
- "...WHOSOEVER liveth and believeth in me shall NEVER die" (JOHN 11:6). WHY?

Because Jesus also said, "...He that **HEARETH** my word, and **BELIEVETH** on him that sent me, **HATH** [RIGHT NOW] everlasting life, and SHALL NOT come into condemnation; but IS PASSED [ALREADY] from death unto life" (JOHN

Do vou remember a time when vou were convinced, without any shadow of doubt, that **YOU** were <u>quilty of being a sinner</u>? The publican did: "...the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me A **SINNER**" (LUKE 18:13).

If YOU don't remember a time when the Word of God ALONE persuaded YOU of your SINS, and YOU became "...quilty before God" (ROMANS 3:19), YOU are still LOST, and on the road to " ...the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (REV. 21:8).

If you believe that you **ARE** a child of God, then your instructions are clear: "...give DILI-**GENCE** [SPEED] to make your calling and election SURE [STABLE; UPON THE SOLID **ROCK**]: for **IF** ye do these things, ye shall **NEVER** *fall* [OR TRIP, OR ERR, OR SIN, OR FAIL OF SALVATION]" (2 PETER 1:10).

God, who once **SPOKE** to man "...by the prophets, hath in these LAST DAYS SPO-KEN UNTO US BY HIS SON" (HEBREWS 1:1-2), and here is what He said:

"...if any man HEAR MY WORDS, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that REJECTETH ME, and **RECEIVETH NOT MY WORDS**, hath **ONE** *that judgeth him:* **THE WORD** *that I have spoken, the same shall judge him* IN THE LAST DAY" (JOHN 12:47-48). One day, God will judge the world BY HIS SON, and "...HIS NAME IS CALLED The Word of God" (REV. 19:13).

