

It Shall Not Return Unto Me Void, Isaiah 55:11

If you read Isaiah chapters 54-56, you will find the prophetic picture, of the coming of Christ, and the establishment of the age of salvation by grace, and the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. With these thoughts in mind our focus is on: **Isa 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."**

What word has gone forth from the mouth of God, which is under consideration? The prophesy of the Old Testament scriptures, which speaks of the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, the Saviour of God's people, is the word that has gone forth from the mouth of God. Let us examine some scriptures, to get a view of what is revealed by the "**Word**" of God.

God promised to send the Messiah, the Christ, which is his only begotten Son to be born of the virgin, Mary, seen in: **Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."** God did what God said he would do. His word was not void. God also told us that this Son would save his people, seen in: **Mt 1:20-21; 20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."** Again, we understand that God's word was not void.

We know from the scripture that Jesus is referred to as the "**Word**" as seen in: **Joh 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God."** We know this was manifested on earth as seen in: **Joh 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."** John tells us; God promised to send a Saviour into the world; God fulfilled his promise by sending the "**Word**," Jesus Christ. John says, we know it is true, because we saw him manifested in the flesh; we saw him glorified; we saw him risen from the tomb; and we beheld him ascend into glory, wherefore, God's promise is not void.

Now, consider the text and what it says in: **"it shall not return unto me void"** This is the promise of God to us. How? God did send his Son, and Jesus did establish the church of salvation by grace. Jesus came to save God's chosen people from their sins, and he accomplished this eternally upon the cross, where he stated in: **Joh 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."**

The "**Word**," Jesus Christ, told his disciples, and us, that he must die upon the cross, be buried in the tomb and on the third day arise from the dead; then he would return to the eternal heaven, from whence he came. Jesus did what he said he would do. Thus, this prophesy of God **"it shall not return unto me void"** was fulfilled with the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Jesus having fulfilled God's prophesy of **Mt 1:21 "for he shall save his people from their sins."**

However, God also said of his word: **"but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."** The scriptures tell us plainly that Jesus accomplished the eternal remission of sins for all that the Father gave unto him to save. This prophesy continues to be manifested on earth. Each time a child of God is regenerated, we see another fulfillment of; **"but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."** Jesus has already accomplished the eternal work of the salvation of God's people. Jesus is still accomplishing this work of salvation by grace each time a child of God is born-again. Jesus will continue to manifest this work, of salvation, in time here on earth, until time is no more. When God declares that time shall be no more, the age of salvation by grace will be ended, and this prophesy will be finally, and completely fulfilled.

We get a view, of the final fulfillment of this prophetic text, as seen in: **1Th 4:13-18; 13 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the**

clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words." When this scripture is accomplished, then we shall see the final fulfillment of *Isa 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*

If you believe the King James bible, then you believe what Jesus told us in: *Joh 6:38-40; 38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."* Thus, we have the promise of Jesus, "*The Word of God*" that everyone, that God the Father sent Jesus from heaven to earth to save, will be in this number. Not one shall be missing. There is none that can nullify the finished work of Christ. At the end of time, we shall see manifested the fulness of God's Word not returning to him void. Then all of those saved by Christ will be called forth from the earth, gathered into one body, and Christ will carry us to the place he has gone to prepare, the New Earth, the New Heaven, and the New Jerusalem. Praise, and glory, to Jesus Christ, for manifesting to us that there is nothing void about God's Word. Hallelujah! Amen!