

# Unmatched word power

God insists, “My word . . . will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire.” Isaiah 55.11 (NIV).

God's desire for his Word is –

**First**, to *save* us: “It pleased God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who believe.” 1 Corinthians 1.21.

The unbeliever says, “How utterly foolish to say that God became a man and died on a cross to save us!”

But “the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” 1 Corinthians 1.25.

**Second**, to *bless* us. What kind of blessing? (1) by his love, forgiving our sins through Christ (John 3.16) and (2) guaranteeing that nothing can then separate us from that love. Roman 8.38-39.

**Third**, to *instruct* us: “The humble he teaches.” Psalm 25.9. Therefore believers can often say “I have more understanding than all my teachers.” Psalm 119.99.

**Fourth**, to *hold our attention* so that, like the psalmist, we will say, “I will not forget your word.” Psalm 119.16.

**Fifth**, to *prosper it*. Psalm 55.11. Despite great opposition, no other Book thrives century after century, unaltered and unedited, having worldwide impact, enjoying widespread acceptance and saving many lives from self-destruction.

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**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119.105.**

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