



# ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

## Proceeding Word

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*Matt 4:4*

*But He answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.''(NKJ)*

“word” – rhema – the spoken word

“proceeds” – comes forth

Proceeding word brings life. Spiritual death results from an absence of the proceeding word.

*Prov 29:18*

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.(NKJ)*

*Prov 29:18*

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.(KJV)*

**VISION = REVELATION = WORD(MESSAGE) = PROCEEDING WORD FROM THE LORD.**

Consider the question “What must I do to be saved?” posed to each of the following and their respective answers.

**ABEL – OFFER A BLOOD SACRIFICE.**

**NOAH – GET INTO THE ARK.**

**LOT - GET OUT OF THE CITY.**

**ABRAHAM – GET CIRCUMCISED.**

**MOSES – KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.**

**JOHN THE BAPTIST – REPENT AND BE BAPTISED.**

**PAUL – BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Notice that the question is the same but the answer constantly changes with time. Getting into the ark was relevant for Noah, but is no longer relevant for us. The present demand of God for salvation is belief on the Lord Jesus Christ. Getting circumcised or keeping the commandments were preceding truths. Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ is a proceeding truth that is the present demand of God for salvation.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF PROCEEDING WORD

- **IT IS A MANNA WORD**

**YESTERDAY’S MANNA IS TODAY’S WORMS.**

*Exod 16:16-20*

*16 "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'"*

*17 And the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less.*

*18 So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.*

*19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning."*

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*20 Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.*  
(NKJ)

Yesterday's manna was good for yesterday. You could not live on yesterday's manna. Similarly you cannot live on yesterday's revelation(illumination). God must be sought for fresh bread today. When the cloud moved, the nation had to move, because the manna was only found under the cloud.

**PROCEEDING WORD CAN ONLY BE GRASPED BY THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO MOVE WHERE GOD IS, NOT WHERE GOD WAS.**

- **ANOINTED WORD**

*Rev 2:29*

*"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.(NKJ)*

Proceeding word is what the Spirit is saying to the church now.

- **NEW WORD**

*Isa 42:9*

*9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."(NKJ)*

*Isa 48:6-8*

*6 "You have heard; see all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them.*

*7 They are created now and not from the beginning; and before this day you have not heard them, lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.'*

*8 Surely you did not hear, surely you did not know; surely from long ago your ear was not opened. For I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb.(NKJ)*

- **NOW WORD**

*2 Pet 1:12*

*For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.(NKJ)*

- **ADDITIONAL WORD**

**GOD IS CONTINUALLY COMMUNICATING WITH HIS CHURCH.**

*1 Chr 12:32*

*of the children of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;(NKJ)*

*Luke 12:54-56*

*54 Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.*

*55 "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.*

*56 "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?(NKJ)*

**EXAMPLES:**

**1. MOSES**

*Exod 17:6*

*6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.*

*(NKJ)*

*Num 20:8-12*

*8"Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."*

*9So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.*

*10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"*

*11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.*

*12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."*

*(NKJ)*

The first time God told Moses to strike the rock in order to obtain water. The second time God asked Moses to speak to the rock. However Moses repeated the past action of striking the rock, failing to recognize the new demand of God in a new season. This act which God called unbelief disqualified Moses from entering the promised land.

## 2. ELIJAH'S PROPHETS

Elijah's prophets saw Elisha emerging from Jordan with the mantle of Elijah. Instead of pursuing the mantle, they went looking for the body of Elijah - the past. They failed to perceive the new season of the double portion upon Elisha.

The understanding of the present demand of God will keep the church in obedience to the voice of God and relevant to the purposes of God.

Failure to understand the times, leads to religious bondage.

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**ALSO SEE Josiah and Pharoah Necho(2 Chron.35:20-25).**

*Prov 29:18*

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*1 Sam 3:1*

*Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.(NKJ)*

**GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL REVELATION.**

*Col 2:2-3*

*2that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,*

*3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(NKJ)*