

Crossland Community Bible Church

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“It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”

Manna for Today's Church

The *other* “word of God”

There are two “words of God”

- The phrase “*word of God*” appears about 42 times in the New Testament
- “*logos*” is used for “word” in 38 of these
- **Logos**
 - *A word (as embodying an idea), a statement, a speech*

The *logos* “word of God”

- Luke 11:28- blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it
- Acts 6:7- the word of God kept on spreading
- Acts 11:1- Gentiles received the word of God
- Phil. 1:14- courage to speak the word of God
- 1John 2:14- the word of God abides in you
- Rev. 6:9- souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God

The *logos* “word of the Lord”

- Acts 19:10- all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.
- Acts 19:20- So the word of the Lord was growing mightily
- 2Th. 3:1- pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly

The *other* “word of God”

- Our full armor of God (Eph 6):
 - Having girded our loins...put on our breastplate... shod our feet... taken up our shield... put on our helmet... we are to...
 - Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
- Our sword here is not the “*logos*” word of God!!!

The *other* “word of God”

- Hebrews 6:4-6
 - For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,
 - and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
 - and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

The *other* “word of God”

- Heb. 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
- Luke 3:2 ...in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.
- **Rhema** (from *rheo*- “to speak”)
 - *A word spoken or uttered*

We can hear the *rhema* of God

- Jesus to the Pharisees:
 - “He who is of God hears the words (“*rhemata*”) of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God. (John 8:47)
- John 10:27- My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Christ and the *rhema* of God

- Christ heard & spoke the *rhema* of God
 - John 17:8- ...for the words (“*rhemata*”) which You gave Me I have given to them...
 - John 3:34- For He whom God has sent speaks the words (“*rhemata*”) of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.
 - John 8:40- ... you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God.

The *rhema* of God is...

- Rooted in God's love
- Relational
 - Interactive
 - Intimate
 - Personal
- Relevant
 - Present tense
 - Immediacy
 - Specific
- Life giving
 - Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

The *rhema* of God is...

- Healing
- Freeing
- Convicting
- Truth
- Exposes deception
- Holy

The *rhema* of God requires...

- A relationship
 - Us to come to Him (usually) or...
 - Us to respond
 - Opening our hearts up to hear
 - Us to share with Him too
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- His *logos* word doesn't require this.

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Matthew 4:4

“My sheep hear My voice”

- There is a depth of hearing and recognizing God’s voice that we can only get through His *rhema* word.
- This year, God is saying to us that He is moving us to a new level of “hearing His voice” and receiving His *rhema* word.