

THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND

2Tim 2:9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Though the apostle Paul finds himself in bonds and hindered from his work, he takes courage in the fact that God's word cannot be so fettered.
- B. Many efforts were made in New Testament times to bind or hinder the Word of God, but all to no avail.
- C. Consider some ways God's word cannot be bound

DISCUSSION:

I. IN ITS RELEVANCE

- A. Because of its source
 - 1. The "Word-giver" is the "man-maker"; the word is for the man, all men Matt 28:19; Rom 1:16
 - 2. To say that God could not give an ever-relevant word reflects on His power
 - 3. To say that God could but would not, reflects on his integrity
 - 4. Man's view of God and His word are inseparably connected
- B. Because man's basic needs have not changed
 - 1. Man still needs salvation & the gospel reveals it Rom 1:16
 - 2. Man still needs reproof, rebuke & exhortation from the word 2Tim 4: 2
 - 3. Man still needs to know how to live & the Bible tells him Matt 4:4
 - 4. Man still needs faith in God and it comes from the word of God Rom 10:17

II. IN ITS POWER

- A. It is still God's power to save sinners Rom 1:16
 - 1. Able to make believers of unbelievers Mk 16:15,16
 - 2. Able to bring the rebellious to repentance Acts 2:38-41
- B. Continues to work in the believer 1Thess 2:13
 - 1. Able to furnish believer unto all good works 2Tim 3:17
 - 2. Able to build us up, give us an inheritance Acts 20:32

III. IN ITS SUFFICIENCY

- A. Sufficient to make man all God would have him to be 2Tim 3:17
 - 1. Gives us all things pertaining to life and godliness 2Pet 1:3
 - 2. It never needs revision, amending, up-dating

- B. Everything that is added or deleted in religion is man's apology for God's work Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18

IV. IN JUDGMENT

- A. It is the standard of right by which all will be measured Jhn 12:48; Rom 2:16
- B. Not bound by good intentions, doctrines, traditions feelings or opinions of men,

CONCLUSION:

- A. The only sense in which God's word can be bound is in man's rejection of it
 - 1. When man does not allow it free course 2Thess 3:1
 - 2. It is veiled to them that perish 2Cor 4:3,4
- B. We must not make the mistake of so binding it.