

# "He Opened The Book... He Closed The Book"

Text - Luke 4:17, 20

INTRO. - The passage of our text is remarkable in what it presents to our view.

One of the emphases of this chapter is our Lord's Spirit-led use of the word of God. Our words may not accomplish much, but His word comes with power and authority - Isa. 55:11

vs. 1-13 - His WORD Conquers the Enemy  
(Satan's Defeat in Wilderness)

vs. 14-30 - His WORD Convicts the Sinner  
(Preaching in Nazareth)

vs. 31-44 - His WORD Cures the Afflicted  
(Demonized/Diseased)

The evidence of the power of His word can be seen in these 3 points above

However, <sup>two</sup> most intriguing phrases are used of the Lord:

"He Opened the Book"  
"He Closed the Book"

Each phrase is packed full of meaning and significance.

"He Opened the Book" - Who else is worthy?  
 \* worthy - vs. 2  
 \* able - vs. 3  
 \* worthy to open - vs. 4  
 \* read - vs. 4  
 \* look there - vs. 4  
 \* took the book - vs. 7  
 Rev. 5:1-7  
 (The Lion)  
 (The Lamb)  
 (The Lord)

"He Opened the Book" - "he that openeth, and no man shall shut"  
Rev. 3:7

"He Opened the Book" - As he opened many other things

"He opened unto us the Scriptures" - "Did not our hearts burn?"

"He Opened the Book"

As: He opened:

The window of the Ark  
The mouth of Balaam's <sup>the</sup>  
The eyes of Balaam  
The eyes of Eliseus's <sup>sons</sup>  
The doors of Heaven  
The rock & water <sup>just</sup> <sup>out</sup>  
The eyes of the blind

"Contradictions"?  
Scott - Janet & Walt  
(Mouth)

\* With Authority & Power  
\* With Grace & Love  
\* With Compassion & MERCY <sup>"NO-ME"</sup>

"He Opened the Book" <sup>Creation begins</sup>  
Adam/Eve are made  
+ MOSES Penned the Pentateuch  
Israel marches thru Red Sea

"He Opened the Book" Joshua crosses Jordan  
+ ISRAEL WAS TAUGHT  
Jericho's Walls Tumbled Down

"He Opened the Book" Defeats Goliath  
+ DAVID explodes on Psalm

"He Opened the Book"

+ Isaiah is a man of  
unclean lips

"He Opened the Book"

+ Jeremiah is a weeping prophet

"He Opened the Book"

+ Ezekiel saw the  
glory of God

"He Opened the Book"

+ 3 Hebrew <sup>men</sup> walked  
with the Son of God

All one MEN who  
stand up for God!!

"He Opened the Book"

+ DANIEL is in & then  
delivered from the den of lions

"He Opened the Book"

Gayton, TX  
William Jennings Bryan  
+ Clarence Darrow  
"SCOPES Trial"  
+ Jonah is swallowed  
by a whale

"He Opened the Book" — <sup>Math / Mark / Luke / John</sup> <sup>are Friends / Comrades</sup> etc.  
+ the Gospels unfold

"He Opened the Book"  
+ I saw myself a sinner

" — " + I saw my Savior die

" — " + I saw my Savior RISEN  
"Mister, He didn't stay dead"

" — " + I called upon the name of the Lord

" — " + I was saved <sup>R.W. 20: 11-15</sup>

" — " + wrote my name in it

" — " + THANK God HE DID !!!

To the : Preacher this phrase means everything

(B. My Saviour)	Drunkard	SS Teacher
(Sinner)	Prostitute	Missionary
(Wife)	Backslider	Soul-winner
(Wife)	Wearied	Prayer-warrior
(Wife)	Persecuted	Mom/Dad
(Wife)	Sick Helpless	Young Person Seeking God's Will
(Wife)	Wakened	Sinner who is Lost
(Wife)	Holy etc.	Saint who is Struggling etc.

Thank God - "He Opened the Book"

— But also in Luke 4:20

"He Closed the Book"

How FINAL / How DEAFENING / How PERMANENT  
How REAL !!

- when Cain would have his way - "He closed the Book"
- when Pharaoh's <sup>hardened his heart</sup> <sup>world/society</sup> kept the people from going -
- when Israel rebelled in unbelief -
- when Achan coveted -
- when Korah rebelled <sup>questioned the authority</sup> of God's Man -
- when Samson brought the house down -
- when Saul would defy God -
- when Israel rejected their Savior -
- when <sup>peevish</sup> ~~peevish~~ <sup>rebelled</sup> ~~rebelled~~ <sup>Sodomites</sup> -
- when Demas forsook Paul -
- when Diotrophes sought preeminence -
- when Judgment comes -
- when PILATE sought to weaken His Christ Army -

- What a fearful thing for Him to

"Close the Book"

- Have a bitter spirit - on a church
- bad attitude - on a life
- rebellious will - ministry
- defiant way - marriage
- and God may - home
- "Close the Book" - mission
- future
- plan

"He closed the Book"

- Such Finality
- Attemptness
- Conclusiveness
- Authority to do so

"He (has) closed the Book" on many

Saints	+ SINNERS	ALIKE
Stewart Jackson - "Let us cross the river & rest 'neath the shade of the trees"	Robert Kennedy -	Chatterbox, his Masany
Moody - "This is my conviction day"	Voltaire	1968 Dem. Conventions
Unknown - "Goodnight, I'll see you in the morning"	Thomas Paine	Sirhan Sirhan
	Robert Thompson	
	C.O. Newell (Medtronic)	

- How will it be for you - when He finally closes the Book on you??

→ Gen. William Broth & young salu. army girl - went to the home of a family of 4 - Mom/Dad/Son/Po-ster

The son was dying!

Dad said, "Hold on son - There is nothing beyond - soon it will be over & you will sleep forever"

Mom said - "Hold on son - There are no possibilities of any life after death - we investigated"

Sister - "Hold on - Mom & Dad are right I'm sure!!"

Son → "That's all right, BUT there is nothing to hold on to. I am going into the dark & there is nothing to hold on to."

SALU. army girl - "Trust Jesus & there will be someone to hold on to"