The Word of God

Deut. 6:4-9

Intro. A. No Scripture more central in the continuing life and practice of Judaism than this!
1. The unity of God, the command to total loyalty, the centrality of God's word.
2. In spite of extreme of outward appearance, this command about the Word of God of great significance.
3. Jews considered selves existing by Word; their prayers & study of. Psa. 1; Psa. 19 express it.

B. Early Christ inherited this understanding and respect for the Word of God. "all Scripture is given ---"
1. This respect dissipated today.
2. Need first to see the importance of word of man.

I The Word of Man.
A. Words so easy and so many fail to see their power and meaning.

B. Nature of words.
1. Symbol of a ~~thought~~ idea.
2. When both understand a word, has power, meaning.
3. Can lift, crush, inspire, discourage, mislead, teach.
4. A word is a part of a man shared.

C. For this reason have such words from Christ.
1. Let word be as good as your life. Yea or Nay.

2. By words justified or condemned.
3. Judged by idle words.

II In this Light, Look at God's Word.

A. Active expression of God's will.
Isa. 55:10-11.

B. God's Word is able –

1. To create. Gen. 1:1 ff.
2. To recreate. Washing with water with word.
3. To generate faith. Rom. 10:17.
4. To shield from sin. Psa. 119:11-12. (and as above) Eph. 6..
5. To guide. Thy word is a lamp ---.
6. To judge. Heb. 4:12.

C. That God has spoken is remarkable, that man understand moreso.

But more remarkable – Jno. 1:14. Word seen + heard.

D. But the last word has come.

1. Not a word of threat, not of condemnation, but of salvation.
2. Heb. 1:1-4.
3. He is the Amen.