



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

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Arise and Go!

Acts 9.6 came before me today and caused me to stop and seek the Lord to help me with the Word – if there were something in it for me specifically. And there is; not only is there a Word for me, but for you as well.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *[said]* unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do** (Acts 9.6).

Gen 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, **Arise, go up to Bethel**, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

2Ki 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, **Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.**

Jer 18:2 **Arise, and go down to the potter's house**, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

Act 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, **Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.**

Acts 9.6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *[said]* unto him, **Arise, and go into the city**, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *[am here]*, Lord.

Act 9:11 And the Lord *[said]* unto him, **Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight**, and enquire in the house of Judas for *[one]* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

Act 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus**; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

"Arise and go" are words that make clear some things are going to change in our lives, if we obey the call of the Lord God Almighty. Oh, some of us are glad to hear those words – until we realize there are going to be some changes in our lives. Is this what we want?

Arise!

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Arise! Arise, my Lord did say.
My servant you shall be.
Proclaim My Word and heal the sick,
And set the captive free.
Be not afraid nor be dismayed.
Put all your trust in Me.

O Come, Lord Jesus Christ, and cleanse me, and give to me a new heart to

Arise and Go,

to do Your bidding with Your joy and peace.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Reviewing the above verses in which the words, *Arise and Go*, are given as a command - to the person who has ears to hear and a heart to obey, are words to be received with joy, but oh, the work that lies before us, the call to a stronger faith and courage and strength and confidence in the Lord - to go forward in the Lord may not be an easy road. Those who hear the call of the Lord upon their lives are not looking for an easy road, not looking back - come what may.

The word *Arise* in the Old Testament (Hebrew) is to stand with determination to go forward in what the Lord is calling you to do. It is to stand, to go forward in the Lord's work, to be established. When the Lord calls, we must know His voice, and seek understanding of what it is He is saying to us, what He wants of us. When the Lord calls and says, Arise and go, that may be all we are given. The Lord does not always finish the sentence initially. Sometimes, like for Paul in the New Testament, as Paul responded to the command to *Arise and go*, he was told more as he journeyed in obedience to the Lord – one step at a time.

Paul's response was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Paul surrendered his will to the will of the Lord; he resolved to do the bidding of the Lord. When one knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, their desire is to serve the Lord, to walk in obedience to the Lord. To know the will of the Lord, one has to - stop and wait and listen. One has to lay down their own will, what they want to do, and seek what the Lord wants - and walk in obedience with joy and peace, with a desire to serve the Lord in their daily walk.

Interestingly, we find Paul does not seek the thoughts of others; he does not care what the world leaders or the government might think or say - or friends. He walks away from those with whom he was walking, never to return to them seeking their advice. Paul gave his heart to the Lord for Him to mold and make him to be the vessel the He could use and would use. There was no looking back – come what may in Paul's life.

Oh, that we would ask the question Paul asked, seeking the will of the Lord in our lives, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Paul came to realize who he was not, realized his sinfulness. Oh, the pain of knowing that one has walked in disobedience to a loving Lord. Paul had men and women imprisoned and worse. Paul had authority over peoples lives as a Pharisee, but came to realize he was on the wrong road, the wide road that leads to destruction. When he gave his life to Jesus, he sought to walk *The Way* of the Cross, to walk with the Lord – come what may.

Arise also means to stand for the Lord, to go in His might, to speak forth the Word with holy boldness. Arise is go forth where you live, in your home, to live the Word of God and to speak the Word of God. Arise is to go forth where you work to live the Word of God and to speak the Word of God. Yes, there may be a time when we need to Arise and Go, to make a physical move when the Lord has a work for us to do elsewhere. But Arise and Go is As Ye Go preach the Gospel, heal the sick. Luke 9.1 and 2 makes it clear that the Lord called his twelve

disciples together, and "gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Matthew Ten states this also.

Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto *[him]* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *[against]* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

The Lord also appointed other seventy and sent them two and two. The Lord made it clear that this is not easy: "Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as **lambs among wolves**" (Lk 10.1-3, 9).

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Arise and go is to arise in our spirit, to arise in the Lord and His strength. I believe when we Arise and go in the Lord in obedience to His Word that we will go in the power of the Holy Spirit and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Whatever the call of the Lord God upon us, it will be a work of the Holy Spirit through us - if we walk in obedience to the call of the Lord step by step.

The Lord led the children of Israel to Arise and go, to go from Egypt to the Promised Land that lay before them. Joshua lead the children of Israel to pass through Jordan on dry ground en route to the Promised Land. Oh, the children of Israel had experience in responding to the words, *Arise and go*. It was not an easy road to travel from Egypt to the Promised Land over a period of forty years. But they heard the words *Arise and go*, and went forward through some very hard times.

How many times have we heard the words *Arise and go*, debating whether to obey, then grumbling when the going gets rough. How many times have we, like Lot's wife, looked back when we have been told to walk on, never to look back.

Arise and go, takes us through rough places and hard experiences. We must learn to trust in the Lord God. Oh, the enemy is ever present to discourage us, to place his followers before us to war against the Lord by coming against us. It is easy to be discouraged - if we are not continuously feasting upon manna from heaven, if our eyes our turned to our surroundings - instead of looking ever heavenward praying,

**Lord Jesus Christ, give us
Eyes to behold Your glory,
Ears fine tuned as an instrument
to the hearing of Your Holy Word, and
Hearts to walk in obedience to Your Holy Word,
with joy and peace.**