Chapitre 156

## Is your heart empty? Here's good news!

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3).

God is manifested in creating, by His word. And that word by which He created all things has in it the power to make a thing appear which before could not be seen at all because it was not.

After God spoke, things were seen which before He spoke did not appear at all. Nobody could see them. Then there is power in the word which God in Jesus Christ speaks, that is able to produce the thing which He names. That is, God can call those things which be not as though they were, and not lie (see Rom. 4:17). A man can speak of those things which be not as though they were, but there is no power in his word to produce the thing which he speaks, and consequently he lies.

And there are many people who do that thing. They speak of those things that are not as though they were, but it is a lie. And the reason that it is a lie is that there is no power in them or their word to produce the thing. But God is not such.

The thought that is in His mind, expressed in a word, produces the thing that was in the thought. The creative energy, the divine power, is in the word which God speaks. Consequently, when there were no worlds that appeared, God in Jesus Christ spoke, and there the worlds were, and there they are yet, because He spoke them.

Not only does the word of God produce the thing that is in the thought, but it keeps that thing in existence in the place where God wants it, after it is produced. The word which God shall speak has all that power in it.

What holds these up since they were made? Is

it necessary that He should keep on talking all the time to the worlds and the planets to keep them in their courses and in their places? No. The word which produced them in the beginning has in it the creative power which holds them together and holds them up. [1]

## Note:

1. General Conference Bulletin, pp. 440, 441.