

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Psalm 36:9

# —the LifeWord—

with Michael Green



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Dear Friend:

## FINAL, FINALE, FINALLY

Final thoughts. Final score. Final resting place. All sales final. Study for my finals. The active word here...final. It has a sound of finality, doesn't it?

Final things are just punctuation pronouncements of a determined outcome or definitive ending. The final thoughts, the last words to close the book, are usually most significant. I always loved Jamie Buckingham's "Final Word" column in Charisma Magazine, every month, I always read it first.

In the Scriptures, the stating of final thoughts is sometimes simply summed up as, "finally"; the last important thing for God's people to remember. Perhaps the fight had been tough, the journey tenuous. Perhaps it seemed like there were more questions than answers but God always had a "finally" final word. He is still faithful. Don't be discouraged!

Actually, the Word is all about final words; I call them the "take away" thoughts and these real final words should be of great first priority in our lives. The Word tells us to carefully observe them, heed them and act on them.

*"Finally, brothers (after all we've faced together), be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you!"*

*"Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in His power"*

*"Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord!"*

*"Finally, brothers, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue and praise, think on these things!"*

*"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified".*

*"The last (read "final") enemy that will be destroyed is death!"*

*"...every one who sees the Son, and believes on Him, will have everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last (final) day!"*

On that final day, complete with trumpets, white horses, bursting graves, dancing and rejoicing, the momentary things that have bugged us down here will really be seen as the light afflictions that they really are. The final things will have preeminence. Levees won't matter anymore. Neither will Democrats and Republicans. Five dollar gas won't concern you one bit; you'll have new transportation that will get about a million miles on a thimble's worth of fuel. Justice will be served and those silly oil sheiks won't even be able to afford the trip unless they have had their "final ticket" punched by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

He has the Final Word and that is my Final Answer!

*Michael*

PS: As I said a few weeks ago, thanks so much for you kinds words regarding this weekly blog. Feel free to pass them on to a friend. MG

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