

“AMEN”

Introduction

- 1) **1 Chronicles 16:36** – “And all the people said, ‘Amen!’ and praised the LORD”
 - a) **Matthew 6:9-13** – Jesus teaches a model prayer which ends with the word “Amen”
- 2) “Amen” is a Bible word heard in prayers, sermons, and songs
- 3) Is it just a traditional, meaningless ending for a prayer? (Some may think it means “the end”)
- 4) It cannot be meaningless – Jesus applied the word to Himself
- 5) We will see that “**Amen**” has a *very* significant meaning for both God and man...

I) **The Word “AMEN” and Its Meaning**

- A) Hebrew word transliterated directly into Greek and English meaning “truly, verily”
 - 1) A form of the Hebrew word *aman* = “To confirm, support, make firm, sure, lasting” (BDB); “to show oneself firm, dependable, be durable, last” (Brown)
- B) Saying “Amen” confirms a statement made by someone else (“That was good food.” “Amen!”)
- C) Sometimes translated *verily, assuredly, sure, so be it, truly, let it be granted, let it be done*
- D) The word has application to God and man
 - 1) **God** – faithfulness and truth
 - 2) **Man** – submission and obedience

II) **AMEN = God’s Faithfulness and Truth**

- A) Highlights *God’s personal faithfulness and the truth of His word*
 - 1) God Himself (Deut. 7:9; Isa. 49:7; 65:16)
 - 2) God’s word (Psa. 19:7; 111:7)
 - 3) God’s promises (Isa. 55:3)
 - 4) God’s warnings (Hos. 5:9)
- B) Jesus is Amen = *Faithful and True*
 - 1) “The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness” (Rev. 3:14)
 - 2) Jesus used the word to signify and confirm His word as a faithful, true revelation (Matt. 16:28; “verily, verily” or “most assuredly” 25x in John [6:32, 47, 53])
 - 3) God’s promises in Christ are completely trustworthy (2 Cor. 1:20)

III) **AMEN = Man’s Submission and Obedience**

- A) Highlights *man’s willingness to submit to and obey God’s will*
 - 1) Israelites show submission to God’s law (Deut. 27:15-26)
 - 2) Agreement and submission to God’s will (Jer. 11:5)
 - 3) Agreement in thanking and praising God (1 Chron. 16:36; Psa. 41:13)
 - 4) Added when giving praise to God (Gal. 1:5; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16; Rom. 11:36; Jude 25)
 - 5) Proper ending for prayer (Matt. 6:13; Eph. 3:21)
 - 6) Found at the end of New Testament gospels and epistles (Jn. 21:25; Rom. 16:27)
 - 7) Saying “amen” to another person’s giving of thanks (1 Cor. 14:16); encouraging to hear!
 - a) Listen carefully to prayers and give an audible or mental “amen” if you agree

Conclusion

God as Amen and our saying “Amen” is inseparable:

In response to the Divine “thus it shall be” faithful men declare “let it be so”

This word should never be spoken lightly, flippantly, or irreverently, but solemnly, fervently, and in the fear of God. Is your life a living “Amen” to the faithful and sure word of God? Heaven is full of those saying “AMEN” (Rev. 5:14; 7:12). Are you preparing to go there (Rev. 22:20-21)?