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Das Gras ist verdorrt, die Blume ist abgefallen;
aber das Wort unseres Gottes bleibt in Ewigkeit!

Jesaja 40,8

Der Ratschluss des HERRN bleibt ewig bestehen,
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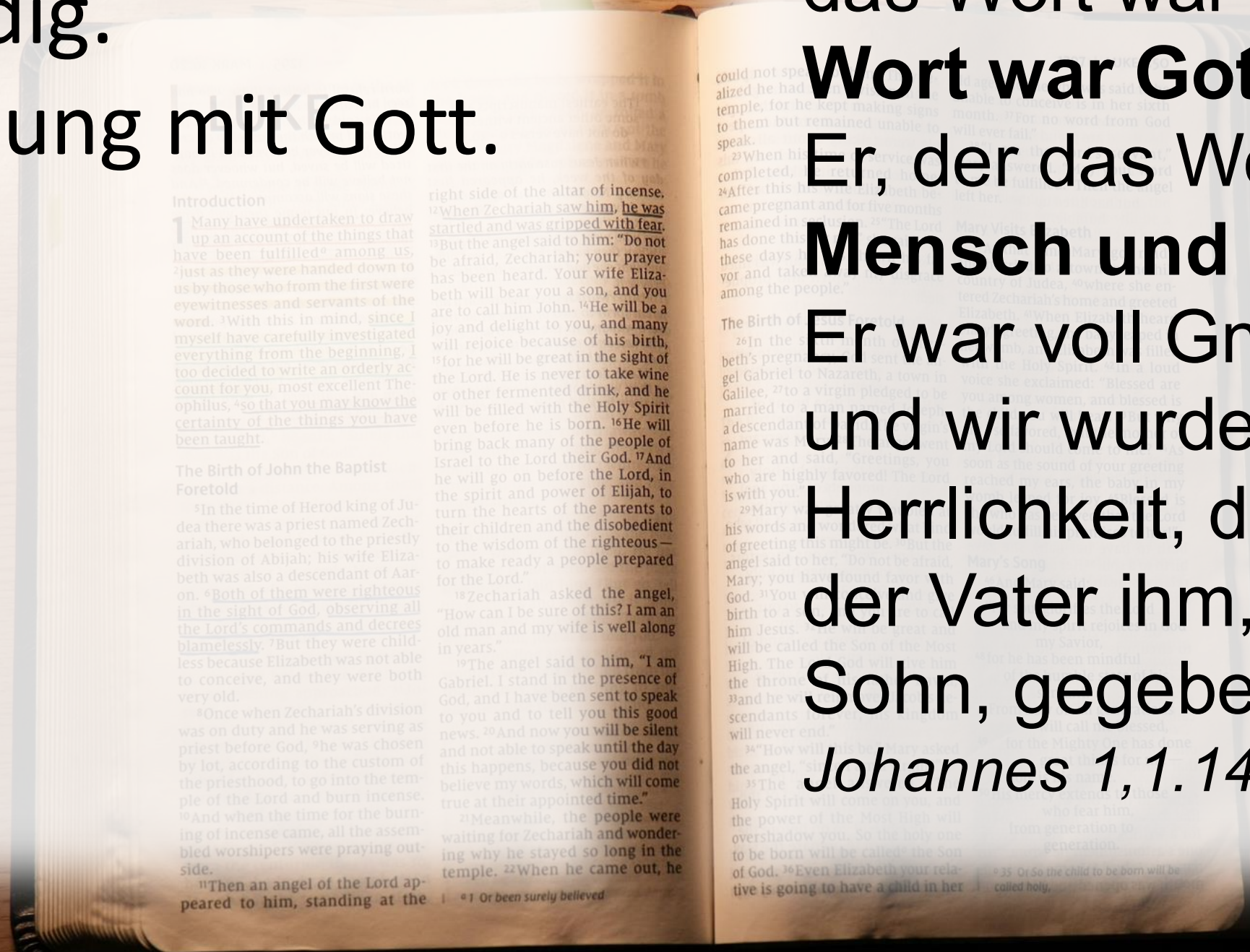
...Begegnung mit Gott.

Im Anfang war das Wort, und das Wort war bei Gott, und das **Wort war Gott.**

Er, der das Wort ist, wurde **Mensch und lebte unter uns.**

Er war voll Gnade und Wahrheit und wir wurden Zeugen seiner Herrlichkeit, der Herrlichkeit, die der Vater ihm, seinem einzigen Sohn, gegeben hat.

Johannes 1,1-14 (NLB)



Gottes Wort ist...

...beständig.

...Begegnung mit Gott.

...richtig gut für uns.

...hilft uns Weise zu leben. (Jos. 1,8)

...erfrischt die Seele. (Ps. 19,8a)

...erfreut das Herz. (Ps. 19,9)

...hilft nicht zu sündigen. (Ps. 119,11)

...zeigt wo wir Sünde haben. (2.Tim. 3,16)

...hilft gutes zu tun. (2.Tim 3,17)

...ist ein guter Ratgeber. (Ps. 119,24)

...ermutigt uns. (Ps. 119,28)

...lässt den Glauben wachsen. (1.Petr. 2,2)

...gibt Hoffnung. (Röm. 15,4)

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Von was lässt du dich prägen?



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- ...beständig.
- ...Begegnung mit Gott.
- ...richtig gut für uns.
- ...wie Milch.

Und seid als neugeborene Kindlein begierig nach der unverfälschten Milch des Wortes, damit ihr durch sie heranwachst. *1. Petrus 2,2*



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Denn ihr seid wiedergeboren
nicht aus vergänglichem,
sondern aus
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durch das lebendige Wort
Gottes, das in Ewigkeit bleibt.
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Denn gleichwie der Regen und der Schnee vom Himmel fällt und nicht wieder dahin zurückkehrt, bis er die Erde getränkt und befruchtet und zum Grünen gebracht hat und dem Sämann Samen gegeben hat und Brot dem, der isst — genau so soll auch mein Wort sein, das aus meinem Mund hervorgeht: Es wird nicht leer zu mir zurückkehren, sondern es wird ausrichten, was mir gefällt, und durchführen, wozu ich es gesandt habe!

Jesaja 55,10-11

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Denn wer [nur] Hörer des Wortes ist und nicht Täter, der gleicht einem Mann, der sein natürliches Angesicht im Spiegel anschaut; er betrachtet sich und läuft davon und hat bald vergessen, wie er gestaltet war.

Wer aber hineinschaut in das vollkommene Gesetz der Freiheit und darin bleibt, dieser [Mensch], der kein vergesslicher Hörer, sondern ein wirklicher Täter ist, er wird glücklich sein in seinem Tun. *Jakobus 1,23-25*

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Denn das Wort Gottes ist lebendig und wirksam und schärfer als jedes **zweischneidige Schwert**, und es dringt durch, bis es scheidet sowohl Seele als auch Geist, sowohl Mark als auch Bein, und es ist ein Richter der Gedanken und Gesinnungen des Herzens.
Hebräer 4,12

Go



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