

Watching over the word

Jeremiah 1:11-12¹ And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

Ephesians 5:1¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

There is something that can be seen very clearly in Jeremiah 1:12 is that God is vigilant without giving place to the dream to fulfill his word, to perform it.

We must imitate him and watch over his word to perform it and not fall asleep in the fulfillment of the word, but be attentive.

The exact translation of «watching» in the original Hebrew is «to be alert», that is, we must be alert to the word that God has giving us to perform it.

Also in the verse before 12 says:

Jeremiah 1:11¹ And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch."

The word almond in the Hebrew is «shaqed»² that comes from the Hebrew root «shaqad»³ that it means *to be alert* or *hastening*, for that reason the almond tree was called «the hasty» because it was the first to bloom in the spring. And the root of the word almond is the same that used in the next verse for the word «watch» for that reason in some translations translated it «hasten».

Jeremiah 1:12⁴ Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will **hasten** my word to perform it.

Let us seek to hurry to fulfill his word because the person who loves God fulfills his commandments.

Ephesians 5:14⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Psalms 40:7-8⁴ Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea thy law is within my heart.

Deuteronomy 17:19⁴ And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

1. Bible English Standard Version (ESV) [↗](#)

2. **H8247** - שָׁקֵד - *shaqed* - from H8245; the almond (tree or nut; as being the earliest in bloom): *almond (tree)* [↗](#)

3. **H8245** - שָׁקַד - *shaqad* - a primitive root; to be alert, i.e. sleepless; hence to be on the lookout (whether for good or ill): *hasten, remain, wake, watch*

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4. Bible King James Version ↔↔↔↔