

## #51 AN AUDIBLE WORD.....

*This word is spoken at the moment of awakening and it is audible to me, "polished shaft!"*

I thought to myself, "That's King James language." Since we use several translations of the Bible it is not surprising that the Lord will use these at times in communicating to us. Human language is ever changing. The text of this word is found in Isaiah 49:2:

"And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me" (KJV).

Now this portion of Scripture is a prophetic word concerning our Lord. All that Christ became (excluding His being the Son of God and our sin-bearer) He delights to give to us or, more clearly, it is Christ in us doing His Father's pleasure. At the time it was given this word was particularly applicable, for the Lord was causing me to withdraw from public ministry to a long season of solitary intercession.

What is a polished shaft? The word "polished" here is more clearly understood to be select, chosen or examined; the word "shaft" is understood to be an arrow or spear. Thus, a select arrow---God is the Archer and we are His arrows. No two of His arrows are alike, and He has a different calling and purpose for each. Before we become arrows we are made according to His plans and purposes. The wood must be cut and the head of rough stock must be chipped, ground and sharpened. Even when the shafts are made to the degree He desires, they may have to wait until the needed time.

We as arrows may be used to pierce the hearts of men in conviction and truth, or we may be used for warning, reproving and correcting. The anointed minister or preacher may be the arrow to stab consciences to awaken spirits and minds to the true word of God. The arrow may also be used to strike at the wicked, deceitful, false and cunning shepherds who fleece and attempt to make merchandise of the saints. We must allow the Lord to make us into the arrow of His choosing and be ready at His will to be used when and how He pleases.