

## Your Tongue

Words have tremendous power. They have an assignment, a substance.

### God Created the Earth with “WORDS”

In Genesis, nine times God created by speaking words, such as: “*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. . . Let there be a firmament. . . Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind*” (Gen. 1:3, 6, 24). Twelve times during the creation God “called” or “said”, in bringing the world into existence.

### Jesus blessed, healed, performed miracles, and cast out demons with “WORDS”

One example is: “*and he cast out the spirits with his word*” (Mat. 8:16). (Also refer to: Mat. 9:20-22 and 28-30, Mark 5:33-34 and 41—“*arise.*”)

### Jesus gave us power to CREATE or DESTROY, to BLESS or to CURSE, with WORDS

1. Proverbs 18:21: “*The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*”
2. James 3:2-11: “*Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be*” (vs. 10).
3. Deuteronomy 11:26-28: “*Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse ... A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God ... And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God.*”
4. **Blessings:** are found in numerous passages (Lev. 26:2-13, Deut. 28:1-14 and 30:16).
5. **Curses:** are likewise identified in numerous passages (Lev. 26:14-33, Deut. 28:15-68 and 30:17-19).
6. **Blessings** are mentioned 221 times in the Bible; curses, 230 times.
7. Romans 10:10: “*with the mouth confession is made*” (good and evil).
8. Matthew 16:19 affirms the principle of binding and loosing with our words.
9. Romans 12:14: “*bless, and curse not.*” (Also Tit. 3:2 and Jas. 4:11—speak evil of no one).
10. Matthew 12:37: “*For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*” What we speak (confess and claim) is what we receive.
  - When we complain, we criticize God.
  - We have no right to criticize or judge another of God’s creation.
  - As long as we say what we have, we will have what we say.
  - We bless with our mouth and our hands.
  - Bless and curse not.

## The Power of Words

1. **Words determine destiny:** Caleb and Joshua reported “*Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it*” (Num. 13:26-31), while the other ten scouts reported “*We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.*” And God replied “*as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you*” (Num. 14:28). Speak and pray the promises, not the problems.
2. The tongue speaks life or death. (Refer to Ps. 34:11-13, Prov. 13:3, 15:4, 21:23, Jas. 1:26.)
3. **The tongue represents what flows out of our heart:** “... *For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks*” (Mat. 12:33-37; see also Jas. 3:6-13 and 4:11-12).
4. **Diseases of the tongue include:**
  - 4a. Excessive talking (Prov. 10:19, Jas. 3:8, Eccl. 5:2-3)
  - 4b. Idle or careless words (Mat. 5:37 and 12:36)
  - 4c. Gossip (Lev. 19:16, Prov. 18:8 and 20:19, Ps. 15:1-3)
  - 4d. Lying (Prov. 6:16-19 and 12:22, Rev. 21:8)
  - 4e. Flattery (Ps. 12:1-3, Prov. 26:28 and 29:5)
  - 4f. Hastiness of speech (Prov. 29:20)
  - 4g. Murmuring or complaining (Ex. 16:7, Num. 14:27 and 16:11, John 6:43, 1 Cor. 10:10)
  - 4h. Criticism, accusation, or judging (Mat. 7:1-2, Luke 6:37, John 7:24)
5. The root of every problem affecting our tongue is in our heart.
6. Two purposes of the tongue: (1) to glorify God; (2) to share the Good News.
7. The importance of “confession”: it means “to say the same as.”
8. We “create” with our words: “*Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven*” (Mat. 16:19 and 18:18). Likewise, we “create” when we pray health and healing to parts of the body.
9. God creates by saying that things which don’t exist, do now exist (Rom. 4:17).
10. If we decree (claim, call, confess) a thing, it will be established (given) to us.
11. We never rise higher than our confession: “... *but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him*” (Mark 11:23).
12. Self fulfilling prophecy. What we say shall come to pass. We speak our own destiny.
13. Words become decrees or mandates that, when spoken, come to pass according to the power and the authority behind the one speaking them.

Words have an assignment. They carry substance. Whatever you come into agreement with gives it power. (Matt 18:19). The words we speak loose angels or demons to fulfill the assignment. We are either agreeing with God and his angels, or with the Devil and his demons. When we speak the same thing (agree) we are joined together. (Gen 11, I Cor 1:10) If we accept what Satan or someone else tells us, we come into agreement with the words

even though they are a lie. Jesus' prayer in John 17 was that they be one. He knew if they were unified and in agreement there would be much power. Isaac blessed Jacob. When Esau wanted the blessing, Isaac said he could not retract the blessing given to Jacob. (Gen 27)

Whatever words come out of your mouth have a mission. The words either enable heaven or hell. You can always tell when you are listening to the words of hell (channel B). They sound like this: "you are worthless, you are just like your father, you should never have been born, you will never amount to anything, you are stupid." Words from hell degrade yourself worth, your value, your destiny and limit your future potential. We can actually bind the angels of heaven from blessing us by the words we say.

Words from heaven sound like this: (channel A) "you are loved, you are destined for greatness, you are precious, you will attain much in our future". As an adult, we can accept or reject words that are spoken to us. But when a child hears words of this kind spoken over them by someone with authority, such a parent, or teacher they believe them. They assume they must be true, when in fact they are a lie. If you tell a child they are stupid and they receive the word, they will become stupid, even if they are not, because they have now come into agreement with those words, and Satan says, now I can ride that assignment, that door has now been opened to me, and he will fulfill the assignment of those words.

Words are positive or negative. We can create a heaven or a hell over us by what we say. We can change our atmosphere by agreeing with and give my words a new assignment. Criticism, complaining, and judgment are the worship language of hell. It kept Israel out of the Promised Land. (Num 11). We empower demons or we empower angels. *"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.* (Matt 12:36-37).

Negative confessions and expectations bring negative results: The law of sowing and reaping activates the law of judgment. Luke 6:38 is usually used as an offertory scripture, but look at the context in the verses before it. It talks about loving your enemies, and blessing those who curse you. v38 talks about not judging or condemning others. *It says give (heavenly language) and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you". The scripture lists five ways it will come back to you.*

Now consider this. If I give criticism, condemnation or judgment, it will come back to me five times more, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together . . . . If complaining is coming out of you, guess what is coming back. The darkness says, it came out of their mouth, so I have a legal right to bring it back to them. Some of the curses coming against you may be because of what is coming out of you. If you bless them, guess what is coming back to you fivefold. Give them a gift they don't deserve.

Consider the following scripture which suggests that if you let corrupt communication come out of your mouth, you may be grieving the Holy Spirit. *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Eph 4:29-32)* So will you create heaven all around you, so angels can fulfill their assignment or an atmosphere where demons can fulfill their assignments?

### **Sin of Lying**

The sin of lying seems to be much more common among born again Christians than many of the others. We are commanded not to lie. *Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;* (Col 3:9). *“Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor...”* (Eph 4:25) Lying is considered “evil speaking” in v 31, and grieves the Holy Spirit of God. (v 30). There is no exception in the Bible for “little white lies”, such as telling your spouse he/she really looks good, when they don’t, or telling the pastor he/she preached a really good sermon when they didn’t. Several scriptures indicate we reap what we sow. When we sow lies, we reap dishonesty, loss of respect and loss of credibility. Lies are the language of hell. From the section on Healing Your Tongue, you see that words have power, they have an assignment. When you lie you are coming into agreement with Satan and sending false words on an assignment. When you believe a lie, you empower the liar by agreeing with the Devil, giving him further license to “kill, steal & destroy? This opens a door for darkness in your spirit, as well as opening a door of deception in the one who receives the lie. The root problem behind people who lie is fear of rejection, fear of failure, primarily fear of man.

### **The Power of Words in Deliverance**

Now that you have some understanding of the power of words, let’s apply that knowledge to our deliverance.

Once we have identified the open doors, then we need to close them. We do this using words. God knows our heart and our thoughts, but Satan knows neither our heart nor our thoughts. Therefore we have to tell God several things aloud so Satan can hear us: (1) confession (2) repentance (3) renunciation (4) removing the spiritual authority/permission that allowed the door to be open in the first place. Then we must tell Satan to leave. All of this is done with words. Our words have an assignment to evict the unwanted intruders. They have great power when we speak the words in Jesus’ name. That means the same as if Jesus himself was speaking them. His death on the cross allowed us to use Jesus’ name. Our words are Kingdom of God words, in agreement with Jesus and the Father. Words set us free from the influences of darkness. Praise God.

**Prayer for healing your Tongue**

In the name of Jesus I break every curse of words against me. I take every word captive that has been spoken over me, that I spoke over myself or that I have spoken over another. I break the power of these words and curses. I rebuke and cancel every assignment of darkness and I cast them to the ground to be without effect. I reject and nullify every lie that I have believed. I repent of every idol word I have spoken and take back every curse I have spoken against another. I cast those words down to the ground to be without effect. I return a blessing on those whom I have cursed. Jesus took my curse so I can live in blessing. Lord, please guard my heart and my mouth from this moment on in Jesus' name. AMEN.

**Resources**

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