

Mystery Of The SPOKEN WORD There Is Life And Death In The Power Of The Tongue

What Scripture Says About the Power of Words

In the day of judgment we must give account of every word; careless words, unguarded and foolish words.

The mature and righteous person should aspire to speak words that reflect faith and the pure oracle of scripture.

The Word of Faith and hyper-faith movement teaches that we can have whatever we say. This has led to the notion that we can create and control the outcomes of every need and situation. It also allows that wellness and prosperity are a certainty that is produced by the creativity of speaking things that are not as though they were. This has often brought frustration and condemnation in its wake when our confessions are not manifested. The "name it and claim it" belief as it is called, is a distortion that tends *to focus our faith upon our faith* and not to the will of the Lord, who is the "Author and Finisher" of our faith.

The principle of speaking the word as promises of Scriptures remains and guides life and godliness. The promises of God are to be trusted and stood upon in the face of every occasion in life. *We believe and therefore we speak*. The things that transpire are in the plan of the Savior for his purposes and for his glory. We can not circumvent the greater plan of God.

We are given understanding of the deep and hidden things of God in the light of Jeshua (Jesus.) We grow in understanding line by line and precept upon precept. Jesus, as revealed by the apostle John, is the **Word of God** who manifested in human flesh. This is itself a great mystery. When the Scripture at last is fully known, it will reveal Jesus as He truly is. Revelation of the mysteries of God's kingdom is progressive and deepening as His truth is being revealed by God's Holy Spirit.

SPOKEN WORDS:

WORDS ESTABLISH COVENANT

FAITH FILLED WORDS BEAR HEAVENLY RESULTS

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The doctrine of the spoken word is revealed as a key concept of Biblical wisdom. It is expressed from Job to David, to Solomon's Proverbs, and is restated by the Lord Jesus and his apostles. The impact of the words we speak, not only reflect an individual's character but engage deeper spiritual things. While we who believe are being transformed into the

image and characteristics of the Lord Jesus we should take on his attributes. We know that the spoken word has an impact of authority in this world. This world is the domain of spiritual forces both for good or evil, who react to our words of faith. The unholy spiritual powers in heavenly places are equally mindful of our words. Our spoken words must be consistent to establish our identity as a redeemed soul. The **"double minded person"** (James 1:8 and 4:8) has not yet gained mastery over negative words that can affect their daily lives and relationships. The words of the double minded vary as the wind. Their speech may range from positive expressions that are faith-filled to ungodly utterances and negative or profane words that are contrary to what God says about our identity in Him. We know that our spiritual enemy, Lucifer, is the father of lies and deceit. He desires that anyone speak words of UNBELIEF not affirming the knowledge of truth. There is no deceit or variability of any kind in the almighty.

Words of faith should echo the promises of God. God's promises overshadow and supercede the apparent realities of this world, though reason and observation may argue contrarywise. The spiritual impact of words which come from our own mouths is a sadly neglected area of knowledge. Words affirm and regulate our spiritual well being and grow our faith. The unredeemed person has "misused his tongue" all of his life. They regularly speak words that are lies or that brutalize others, even members of their own family. The new birth brings the power of the Holy Spirit by whom we begin to get the tongue back under control and working for our soul's betterment. It may be necessary to undo the accumulated seeds of negativity that we planted with words of unbelief or profanity. This usually occurs as we come to God for repentance from years of profanity uttered in ignorance. The "new man" has a heavenly priest who can be petitioned to help to remove the seeds of evil words that they no longer bear fruit thereafter.

I am convinced that there are many Christians who are unaware of any kind of spiritual consequences to that words that come out of their mouths. Of course there are social and emotional consequences as people

react to the words of others. Scripture is filled with reference to words, the tongue and speaking. Speaking is the source of both blessing and cursing. There can be neither a blessing nor a curse if it were not for the fact that words have power of a spiritual kind. The patriarchs of the Old Covenant spoke blessings to their children, these blessings carried power and were tied inextricably to the future and destiny of those receiving it. In the book of Proverbs alone there are more than forty verses that describe the power of words or the tongue. I will share several of the more important ones in just a moment. Why are words powerful? Why are words Spiritual? Why do our words guide our lives and our potentiality to walk in Faith? I will share some of my thoughts and insights which I believe to be supported by Scripture.

God has spoken things into being. Jesus is the "Word of God" that was spoken and that *abides forever*. Those things spoken by the Lord will all come to pass. While we are created after His image and likeness, we are not with our words able to create realities separate from God's purpose and creation. We can by words affirm our belief and faith in His divine promises as a faithful adopted son or daughter. Those who teach that we are co-equal to God the creator are expressing a doctrine which moves close to occult, demonic practices.

Jesus said, "the words that I speak are Spirit and they are life." Jesus taught many things about words, including the fact that we will hear the words we have spoken preserved eternally and give account for them in the judgment. We're taught to let our yes's be "yes" and our no's simply "no" as anything else touches on sin. Jesus also taught that words mark our spiritual treasure house: When we speak we give evidence to the stuff which we have within us (our hearts.) **Luke 6:45 an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.** In other words, our words reflect our thought and values held in life.

James, the half-brother of Christ and an apostle, gives a lengthy dissertation on the power of the tongue to do good and evil, he says that though the tongue is small it has the power to rule and guide our lives

even as a ship is guided by a rudder. James also advises that one well should not bring out two kinds of water, poisoned and sweet.

Solomon, who is called the wisest man, included more than 35 proverbs dealing with the power of words. It is clear that words have a large part to control not only our faith but our life of prayer. Have you wondered about silent prayer versus spoken prayer. This is a very important understanding that is not taught enough in the church. *The words we speak have the power to change life and circumstances; the words we think are merely meditations.* Yes, God speaks to us in the meditations of our heart; and yes, God hears the meditations of our thoughts. Scripture tells us that God knows our hearts and our thoughts. It also teaches that thoughts are not sin, but when our thoughts become words and actions based upon evil thoughts, this constitutes sin. (Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.) This means that he had thoughts which were like ours, temptations which are like ours, but he did not give place to these but cast them down. In his worst temptations Jesus actually addressed Satan, "Get thee behind me Satan!" or, "It is written, you shall not put the Lord thy God to the test!" Spoken word brought the power of God into action against these circumstances.

We see in the gospels how Jesus ministered by speaking words. Now we do not see many people in churches speaking words like Jesus did. I wonder why? Paul said, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." This means we should pray and speak like Jesus. How did Jesus minister? Jesus spoke to diseases. He spoke to demons afflicting many people. He spoke to the fig tree and it responded; he spoke to the wind and it responded. Jesus by speaking took direct authority over the condition or situation. Jesus did not ask God to fix things for him he himself took action with the Words and the authority which the Father had given him. Jesus obviously prayed in a different way that you and I have learned to pray. Jesus heard and saw in prayer, he ministered with words and with authority. Words spoken in the world have power to minister good. Salvation comes to a believer by speaking aloud from the belief of the his heart. John 12:50 - - And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. John 5:19: So Jesus

answered them, "I tell you the solemn truth, the Son can do nothing on his own initiative, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.

MISAPPLICATIONS OF WORDS SPOKEN IN FAITH DOMINION THEOLOGY, LITTLE GOD THEOLOGY,

While the notion of speaking the Word and agreement with the Word is clearly an application of a life of faith, it is clear that some in the Word of Faith movement have followed a path that is not biblical. We can not create something out of nothing as God, the creator, originally formed all things that are in existence. We can not force God to fetch and perform any way we want. God remains in control and his will will control the ultimate outcome. The heart of man is desperately wicked and to give us full authority to fulfil the lusts of the flesh and to have things our way would be to give a believer "over to witchcraft." The realm of the occult can produce some manifested outcomes by the use of creative visualization and declarations but this kind of action gives the activity over to the realm of the adversary.

A COVENANT IS FORGED IN WORDS: WORDS ESTABLISH A COVENANT AND WORDS INDICATE ASSENT TO THE COVENANT.

"And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless." -- Gen 44:10

GOD SETS FORTH THE COVENANT; WE ACCEPT AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF HIS COVENANT

"And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window." -- Josh 2:21

THE MOUTH EXPRESSES WHAT WE HAVE FED OUR SPIRIT IN OUR MEDITATIONS

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things." "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matthew 12:34-36)

JESUS EXPLAINS HOW WORDS ARE SPIRIT: BUT THE SPIRIT MUST BE THE LIFE OF GOD'S SPIRIT NOT SATAN'S SPIRIT (A SPIRIT OF DESTRUCTION)

"It is the spirit that quickened; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." -- John 6:63

JESUS SPOKE AS HE SUBMITTED TO GOD'S VOICE WITHIN

Below you will find some of the dozens of Scriptures which address words, lips or the tongue of speech. This is ancient and foundational wisdom.

"Believe thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he dos the works." (-- John 14:10)

The Book of Proverbs Is Filled with references to "WORDS", "LIPS", and "TONGUE"

"A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence." (-- Proverbs 13:2)

"He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction." (-- Proverbs 13:3)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (-- Proverbs 18:21)

"The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth." (-- Proverbs 10:20)

"The tongue of the wise uses knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness." (-- Proverbs 15:2)

"He that hides hatred with lying lips, and he that utters a slander, is a fool." (-- Proverbs 10:18)

"For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips." (-- Proverbs 8:7")

"All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing forward or perverse in them." (-- Proverbs 8:8)

"In the multitude of words there wanted not sin: but he that refrained his lips is wise." (-- Proverbs 10:19)

THE TONGUE IS POWER FOR GOOD AND EVIL

"For thy mouth speaks thine iniquity, and you choose the tongue of the crafty." (-- Job 15:5)

"Thine own mouth condemns thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee."(-- Job 15:6)

JUDGMENT (PUNISHMENT)

INCLUDES CONSEQUENCES OF THE USE OF WORDS

"The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things:" (-- Psalms 12:3)

UNDERSTANDING IS A GIFT OF THE LORD

"The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens mine ear to hear as the learned." (-- Isaiah 50:4)

THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER TO GUIDE OUR LIVES:

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF FAITH DIRECTLY CONNECTS TO FAITH WORDS, OR NEGATIVELY BY OTHER NON FAITH WORDS, UNBELIEF, FOOLISH JESTING, HURTFUL WORDS, A TONGUE YIELDED TO SATAN, CURSING - ETC.

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles!" (-- James 3:5) "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and setts on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." (-- James 3:6)

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." (-- James 3:8)

"Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God." (-- James 3:9) "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" (-- James 3:11)

WORDS SPOKEN IN THE WORLD (EARTH) ARE SEEDS PLANTED IN THE EARTH:THEY SPRING FORTH TO BEAR THEIR FRUIT EACH ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. (Genesis 1) IN THE EARTH

"Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth." (-- Deuteronomy 32:1)

The sower, sows the word. (-- Mark 4:14)

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after itself, and the tree yielding fruit after itself, whose seed was in itself, after his kind (-- Genesis 1:12)

A PRAYER TO CONTROL THINKING AND SPEAKING

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (-- Psalms 19:14) *"Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth."* (-- Psalms 54:2)

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ACTION OF FAITH THAT BRINGS GOD INTO OUR HEART

*"For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**"* (--Romans 10:10)

DAVID'S PRAYER TO GOD TO GUARD HIS MOUTH

"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (-- Psalms 141:3)

A final thought. Among Christians I am always disturbed when I hear a brother or sister talking like "the world." The world has its own manner of expression. It is always changing according to the fashion of what is modern slang or tolerance for the profane. Profanity in the present age is rampant by both men and women. Profanity expresses the course-mindedness of the times. Trashy talking, and *expressions that are cool* are emulated by those who want to express the latest trendy in-talk. Many have no self control when it comes to words coming out of there mouth. Some have what can be called *verboreah* (diarrhea of the mouth). Other indulge in foolish jesting. Satan is the god of this world and he loves to see speech degenerate into coarseness and profane expression. It was not long ago that certain words were inappropriate, even taboo. Sadly, the days when *darn* and *heck* were the norm have past.