

THE POWER OF WORDS

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Introduction

- We are going to learn about the power of WORDS. Words are incredibly powerful. Words are the reason everything in this world exists!

Tonight's Objectives

- We are going to learn:
 - The Origin of Words
 - The Creative Power of Words
 - The Power of the Word of God
 - The Battle for Our Tongue
 - The Power of Our Words
 - How to Harness the Power of Words

The Origin of Words

- The origin of words of course, originated from God Himself. The very act of speaking requires words. Words are utterances. In eternity past, God spoke to create everything into existence. God uttered His voice. He used WORDS to create. There is NOTHING in existence that does not have its origin in God. The entire universe was created by God, and even today scientists say the universe is growing! The Creator is ALWAYS creating!
- From eternity past God established TIME. Genesis 1:1 says "In the beginning," but beginning of what? Time. God had a plan and it had everything to do with time. Out of the vast universe God chose our galaxy, and our sun and the neighboring planets and our own planet Earth as the place where He would raise His children. Let's read **Genesis 1:1-31 & 2:1-4**. Notice how many times the words "and God SAID" are recorded. God created everything with WORDS. I want you to get that into your spirit.

The Creative Power of Words

- We see how our Father, used words to create everything, including US. But now let's look at Adam, who was His pride and joy. A special being that He could fellowship with. A son with whom He could have that special relationship with.
 - Genesis 1:26 says *“God said Let Us [Father, Son and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.”*
 - Genesis 1:27 says *“So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*
- Adam and Eve were created in the image of God, doing the same things He was doing: creating with WORDS. How did Adam tend the Garden of Eden? With his words! God gave Adam complete authority to rule the earth. Think about this.
- Adam could literally move a mountain with his words. He could move a stand of trees with his words. How do we know this? Jesus said it in *Matthew 17:20 “For truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “move from here to there,” and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.”*
- Where do you think Jesus got that particular example? I think from watching Adam dress and tend the Garden of Eden! Remember He was there in the Garden too. Adam was perfectly created. His faith was perfect because He saw God face to face! Every day He saw Him face to face. For him, a mustard seed level of faith was all he needed to move mountains and mountain ranges! Here Jesus is telling US we can do the same thing! Just like faith is the currency of heaven, words are the tools of heaven that brings everything to pass.
- After Adam rebelled against God and the curses came in, Adam's faith dwindled and he was reduced to scraping out a living with his hands and physical body. What a bitter pill that must have been to him when he realized what he had lost! We are all still created in His image, with the same innate ability to create with our words. Because the knowledge of good and evil was allowed into the earth, we now have to choose between good words and bad words.
- Our future is directly determined by the words we speak in our everyday lives. Also the faith-filled words we speak from the Word of God also plays an important role in our future! With our words we are condemned and with our words we are blessed. It is totally up to us which path to choose. God says “this day I have set before you life and death. Choose life.”

- Life says “By His stripes I AM healed!”
- Death says “my father died of cancer, his father died of cancer and I’m going to die of cancer.”
- If you take nothing away from this teaching, take this: YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD THROUGH YOUR WORDS!

The Destructive Power of Words

- On the flip side, words are used to tear down when we allow the devil to use our mouths. He wants to control our tongue because he knows the power it wields to create and to destroy. You see the results in people around you. The gossip, the verbal abuser and the judger. How many lives have been derailed because of evil words and word curses spoken over them?
- Evil words can rip the soul to shreds. They can tear down a person’s self-image. They can fester into murder if given the right circumstances. Satan uses our words to destroy others. When we curse others, he can use those words against the person we are cursing. Curses are used by witches to hurt other people. They do it all the time because they know how powerful words are.
- Most people, however, don’t even realize how much damage they are doing. All they know is that they want to hurt because they are hurt. “Most people” includes Christians who are ignorant of God’s Word on this. How many people in this room alone have been hurt by other Christians?

The Power of the Word of God

- Our greatest and most precious possession we have is our BIBLE. This book is a wealth of powerful, life-changing words that, when spoken out in faith, can literally turn any situation around for our good and God’s glory! The Bible has the answer and the tools you need to overcome any situation life throws at you.
 - Isaiah 55:11 says *“So shall My WORD be that goes forth out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*
- God’s Word is the Bible. When we speak His Word out into our lives and into our problems, THE WORD OF GOD IS GOING TO CHANGE IT! There is just one caveat: You MUST believe it IN YOUR HEART that it will happen. Faith has to be present for any transaction in the Kingdom of God to take place.

The Battle for Our Tongue

- The battle for control of the human tongue started in the Garden of Eden and continues until this day. If we can allow the Holy Spirit complete control of our tongue, we can turn the world upside down for Jesus! Let's look at what the Word of God says about the tongue.
 - *Proverbs 10:20 "The tongues of those who are upright and in right standing with God are as choice silver; the minds of those who are wicked and out of harmony with God are of little value."*
 - *Proverbs 12:18 "There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."*
 - *Proverb 15:4 "A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit."*
 - *Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]."*
 - *James 1:26 "If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren)."*
 - *James 3:5 "Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood or how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze!"*
 - *James 3:6 and the tongue is a fire. [The tongue is a] world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating and depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man's nature), being itself ignited by hell."*
 - *James 3:8-10 "But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison." With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness! Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so."*
 - *I Peter 3:10 "For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit)."*
 - *Psalms 141:3 "Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips."*

- Who is in the battle for the tongue? Our spirit-man is battling our flesh (soul & body) and the devil. This natural world is negative. Just look around you. It's negative on TV, on the radio, and on the Internet. Everywhere there are negative actions and words going out. We naturally lean towards the negative. We have to discipline ourselves to be positive.
- The Bible says that our flesh is enmity against the things of God. Look at Romans 8:6-7 *“Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises of all miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the Holy Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. [That is because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God’s Law; indeed it cannot.”*
- The tongue is compared to the rudder of a large ship. An uncontrolled tongue is like a ship without a rudder. The ship can’t stay the course. It will drift off and be shipwrecked. So too, is everyone who does not choose to let the Lord control their tongue.
- Remember James 3:8 “But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.” When we submit our tongue to His Lordship, it will begin to come under His control.
- How can we begin the process to control our tongues?
 - First, you need to make the decision to submit your mouth to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
 - Second, you need to get the principles on the tongue into your SPIRIT. Head knowledge won’t cut it. It MUST get into your spirit through studying the Word on the tongue.
 - Third, you must begin to be conscious of the words you are speaking and ask yourself this:
 - **Are these words speaking LIFE into my future or are they speaking DEATH into my future?**
 - Fourth, you must begin to speak what the Word says about you and any situation you are standing for; including control of your tongue! That in itself is a huge battle!
- When you can get comfortable doing these things, you are well on your way to living a victorious life in the Kingdom of God!

The Effects of Our Word in the Spirit Realm

- Let's talk a few minutes about how our words are viewed in the spirit realm. All of the spirit realm is listening to our words.
- Who is listening?
 - God Himself (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is listening.
 - All the angels are listening
 - Satan and all his hordes are listening
- Why are they all listening to our words? What possible interest could my words have to them? Let's look at some principles in the Bible on this very thing.
- **God is listening to our words:**
 - *Genesis 11:4-6 "And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them."*
 - God heard their words and He saw what they were doing! And He actually came down to observe it!
- **The Angels are listening to our words.**
 - *Hebrews 1:14 "Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?"*
 - *Hebrews 13:2 "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*
 - *Psalms 103:20 "Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His WORD."*
- Angels obey God's Word spoken out verbally. When God hears His Word spoken out in FAITH over a situation or a person, He dispatches His angels into that situation or person to bring about the accomplishment of His Word. Remember, His word does not return

void. When we speak God's word out in faith, it gets the Almighty's attention! It gets the angels attention! The Words of God activate all of the host of heaven on our behalf!

- **Satan & Demons are listening to our words.**
 - ***I Peter 5:8 “Be well-balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce anger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.”***
 - ***Acts 19:13-15 “Then some of the traveling Jewish exorcists (men who adjure evil spirits) also undertook to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I solemnly implore and charge you by the Jesus Whom Paul preaches! Seven sons of a certain Jewish chief priest named Sceva were doing this. But [one] evil spirit retorted, Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”***
- How does Satan know who he can devour? How can he tell whose is vulnerable? He listens to the words we speak and he watches what we do. He can't read our minds, but if he can get us to speak out words that agree with what he wants to do, then he can devour us.
- How did the evil spirit know about Paul? Paul wasn't even there when the sons of Sceva were trying to cast him out. Paul had a reputation. Demons heard Paul's words, and heard about his exploits. Notice the evil spirit said he knew Jesus, and he heard ABOUT Paul. Jesus created him, of course he knew Him! Our words agree with Satan or they agree with God. There is no middle ground. Let your words choose life!

How to Harness the Power of Words

- Everybody is different. We have different personalities and preferences. God deals with each one of us differently. God has shown me what I need to do to harness the power of words. He may have a whole different plan for each of you. There are, however, some common things that need to happen to begin this process.
 - **You must begin to develop an intimate relationship with God each day. It all goes back to relationship.**
 - **It's the intimate relationship that is going to give you the confidence in His Word and its ability to change your world.**
 - **It is built line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little and there a little. Day by day interaction with Him.**

- **You must commit to hiding the Word in your heart. That is to read it, study it, and devour it.**
 - **Every day read it out loud. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. There is something about hearing it that makes it “stick.”**
 - **Give your tongue to God every day before you step out that front door. Say a scripture like “Lord, I ask that You set a watch over my mouth and a guard over my lips today that I might not sin against You with my mouth.”**
 - **Make a conscious decision each day to be aware of the words you speak. Think about what you about to say. Ask yourself if they are words of life or words of death. The old saying “if you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all” is a true statement. Proverbs says that even a fool is considered wise when he doesn’t speak.**
 - **Finally, ask the Lord to give you His plan for your mouth. He knows what will fit you the best.**
- For me, I’m structured. I like to have a plan laid out for me that is very systematic. That’s just my personality. He has given me a plan that suits me. And guess what? IT’S WORKING!



THE CHALLENGE

- I challenge everyone in this room to carve out 1 month to test this out. That's 4 weeks out of your whole life that could very well change your world forever!
- Take this teaching and run with it. Take it to Jesus and let Him show you how to harness the power of your words and His Word!