

The Power of Words

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In just 6 days, God spoke the world and humanity into existence. With our words we can speak things into existence. There is power in our words. Words are creative either for good or evil. Words either bind or they loose. Words can be destructive or constructive; they can build up or they can tear down. With them we can hate or love, heal or make sick. In James 3:2 it says,

“If we can control our words, we can control our whole body (ours, our family, the body of Christ).”

This would include our weight, health, finances, relationships, circumstances, etc.

Here God is likening the tongue to a “rudder” that guides a ship according to the inclination of the pilot. What he is saying is that with our tongue (rudder) and by our own choice we can direct our course and the course of others either for good or for evil. There is life and death in what we say. We either bring cursing or we bring blessing upon our selves and others by what we say. With our words we can praise our way out of the pit or dig our pit deeper by the words we speak. God watches over His Word to perform it. Hebrews 3:1 says Jesus is the High Priest of our confession. In Hebrews 4:14, we are told to hold fast to our confession.

This means to be strong and rule over your words otherwise, our words will rule us.

Satan also watches over his word to perform it; that is any word that contradicts God's word. It is very important for us to learn what God is saying in His Word and to say it. Jesus said in Mark 11:23,

“We will have what we say.”

PRO 21:23

“He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles.”

PRO 18:20 says

“With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; he will be satisfied with the product of his lips.”

PRO 13:3 says,

“The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.”

It says in Proverbs 18:21,

“death and life is in the power of the tongue.”

What you say will eventually come around to you. When we speak words of iniquity we open up our selves and others to curses. A good example of this is found in Genesis 31. When Jacob took his wives, children and livestock and left Laban's house. He came after Jacob accusing him of taking his household gods. Jacob, not knowing that it was Rachel who had stolen them, denied he had them. He said, “Whoever has stolen your gods, let him not live.” Just two chapters over, Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin. The words Jacob spoke over his wife sowed the seeds for her death. That is the power the Bible says is in the words we speak.

Another example is found in Numbers 13 and 14. Moses sent in the men to spy out the land of Canaan. The men came back with a bad report. They said, “We can't go into the land because there are giants in the land and we are like grasshoppers in their sight.” The bad report these men gave defiled the children of Israel and opened them up to a spirit of death that kept them from possessing their land. Because they spoke negative words, God turned them into the wilderness until the whole generation died. Caleb and Joshua said, “We can” and did enter into the land. A spirit of death may not kill you physically but it will cause you to be defeated in the things you try to do. It can bind up your emotions, relationships, circumstances, health, finances and your success. You will never be able to realize good change until you repent of negative words.

JAM 3:6 says

“And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life (man’s nature).” Words of iniquity spoken over us before and after our birth affect the course of our whole lives. In fact, according to the Word of God these negative words can change the hormone structure and even mutate the physical body of a child. Words spoken over a child by authority figures are especially powerful. The child receives the words in his heart and he becomes who and what he thinks he is. This can work in the positive as well as in the negative.

PRO 23:7 says,

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Not only do negative words set the course of our lives and affect us physically but they defile us as well. To defile means: To lower in character, quality, or value, cheapen, debase, degrade, depreciate, devalue, diminish, to ruin in character or quality, corrupt, bastardize, brutalize, canker, debauch, demoralize, deprave, pervert, stain, warp, misuse, abuse, demean, desecrate, exploit, maltreat, misapply, misappropriate, misemploy, mishandle, mistreat, profane. To cause to become impaired in quality or character, dishonor, demoralize, poison, rot, stain, warp, muddy, trample, pollute and to beat down. To spoil or mar the sanctity of, to touch or affect with something undesirable, besmear, blur, cloud, dirty, discolor, smear, smut, soil, blacken, sully, tarnish, to make morally impure, taint, contaminate, infect and soil.

Who likes to be around anyone with a hateful, mean, vicious, devouring, cruel, cutting, critical, sarcastic, negative tongue? Or a person who talks so much it seems they never stop to take a breath or a person who is always talking about himself.

How edifying is it to be around person who is always putting people down to make themselves look good, or a parent who constantly criticizes his child, or a child who puts down and disrespects authority, or a wife who openly despises and humiliates her husband with words, or a husband who belittles his wife?

But how pleasant and delightful it is to be around those who have matured to the place of having a beautiful tongue. The Scriptures bear this out. PRO 16:24 says,

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”

PRO 25:11,

“Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.”

PRO 15:23 says,

“How delightful is a timely word!”

PRO 16:13, tells us,

“Righteous lips are the delight of kings and he who speaks right is loved.”

The King in SOL 4:11 compliments His Bride (representative of the Bride of Christ) by saying,

“Your lips, my bride, drip honey (sweetness); Honey and milk are under your tongue.”

He goes on to describe His Bride in SOL 4:3,

“Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely.”

To verbally abuse with words reveals that we are deceived and our religion is worthless (vain and useless).

James 1:26, “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.”

PRO 17:28 says,

“Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is counted prudent (discerning).”

The Bible has much to say about people who speak cruelly and negatively with their words. Jesus called them serpents, “a brood of vipers”. MAT 12:34-37, He said, “You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil. And I say to you, that every careless (idle) word men shall speak, they shall render account of it on the Day of Judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.”

At least five things are revealed in this passage:

1. Evil words come out of evil that has been stored in the heart
2. A good man cannot speak evil words and an evil man cannot speak good words.
3. What is in the heart comes out of the mouth
4. We will give an account for every careless (idle) word we speak which is a very sobering thought
5. We will be condemned for every careless word we speak because what we speak reveals our true heart.

In I COR 6:17, it says,

“When we are joined with the Lord, we are one Spirit with Him.

GAL. 2:20 says,

“It is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me.”

I JO 4:17 says,

“As He is so am I in the world.”

COL 1:7 says,

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

The fruit of this union with Jesus is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.” This is the characteristic of the kingdom of God. We have a sick relationship with the Lord if our union with Him is not at least producing His character and nature. The Kingdom of God is within us because the King lives in us.

This love is God’s love as described in I COR 13:1-8 where it says,

“Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.”

This love is seeking the best for someone else expecting nothing in return. That is the character of this love. It doesn’t criticize and tear down. We are called to build up. When Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses, the Bible says that the PRESENCE OF THE LORD DEPARTED and God struck Miriam with Leprosy. God tells us in James 3 that wherever there is contention and strife there is every evil work and this kind of behavior is earthly, natural and demonic.

If our mouths are always spewing out hate and bitterness there is something seriously wrong with our union with Christ. Something is amiss and in need of repentance. It is the characteristic of the wrong king and the wrong kingdom.

ISA 57:20 says,

“But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet (no peace), and its waters toss up refuse and mud (defiling words).”

God says that from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing and it should not be this way. Then He asks a question in James 3:12,

“Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh.”

God is saying, it is not befitting a believer to speak evil. We are instructed in EPH 4:29 to

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

James 3:1-7 says,

“No man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.”

As we seek God for answers as to why we say the things we say and repent, He will purify our heart so our lips can be pure.

STEPS TO DELIVERANCE

- Ask the Lord to show you what has been stored in your heart through unresolved childhood issues. Your words reveal what you have stored and what you need to forgive your mom and dad for.
- Repent of not honoring mother and dad.
- Forgive your parents.
- Repent of letting the sun go down on your anger. Negative words come out of the unsanctified areas of your heart where we have made judgments on your parents and turned to false gods.
- Ask God to forgive you for words you have spoken over your self and others.
- Nullify and make void the words spoken over you and that you have spoken over others.
- Renounce (means to speak off) the words you have spoken over your self and the words you have spoken over others
- Confess as sin pride, bitterness, resentment, hate, anger, self-pity, feelings of being put upon, and of being a martyr, etc. and any other sin God may show you.
- Break the curses and command the demons carrying out the curses to leave in Jesus Name.

No man can tame the tongue but when the heart is pure, the words will be pure. Ask God to purify your heart so your lips will be purified.

ZEP 3:9 "For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, That all of them may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him shoulder to shoulder.”

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