



## SAY WHAT GOD SAYS!

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Before we get into the main study here are some important side notes:

As a pastor, I usually repeat things in several different ways, to make sure we have learnt and have started living by Biblical truth.

Hebrews 2:1 – we have to pay all the more careful attention to the things we have already heard, lest at any time we let them slip.

### Deception in the Church

• We may be accurate to state that the greatest form of deception in the Church today is **self-deception**. There are several **areas of self-deception** in the New Testament:

- James 1:22 – when we hear the Word but don't do it, we are in self-deception.
- James 1:26 – If we claim to be religious (spiritual) but cannot control our tongue we have deceived ourselves in thinking that we are religious.
- Galatians 6:3 – if we think that we are something (e.g. a pastor, a prophet, an apostle, etc.) when we are not, we are in self-deception.
- Galatians 6:7 – if we think that we can escape reaping what we have sown, we are in self-deception.
- 1 Corinthians 3:18 – if we think that we are wise in this world and take pride in that wisdom, we are in self-deception.

***Of all these areas of self-deception, the area that is most common is most likely James 1:22.***

So the challenge to us is not just to hear the Word, but be doers of the Word, lest we cheat ourselves.

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Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Joshua 1:8

God wants His Word to reside in two places in our lives: in our **heart** and in our **mouth**.

Romans 10: 6-10

- The apostle Paul quotes from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 and applies it to how the Gospel produces in the life of the one who receives the “word of faith (Gospel) which we preach”(Romans 10:8).
- According to Romans 1:16, the Gospel is designed to produce salvation.
- The Message of the Gospel (“the Word of Faith which we preach” Rom 10: 8) is designed to produce Salvation (Rom 1:16). Believing the Gospel, and confessing the Gospel brings me the fulfillment of what the Gospel is designed to produce.
- We believe with the heart and confess with the mouth. God desires His Word to reside in our heart and in our mouth. With the hear man believes the Word and with the mouth confession is made of that Word.
- Any word from God - If I believe it in my heart and confess it with my mouth,
  - (a) It will help me do it (Deut 30:14).
  - (b) It will bring a fulfillment of that Word to me (Rom 10:10).

Confess Gr. “homologeō” = to acknowledge, agree with, say the same thing.

“speak what agrees with something which others speak or maintain”

Our confession is our spoken agreement with what God holds to be true, and what He declares to be true.

Two important truths to understand and live by:

**(1) The Confession of God's Word (i.e. Saying what God says) is a way to appropriate God's promises for your life.**

According to Romans 4:12, Abraham is a pattern of the faith for us to follow.



Romans 4:17-21 Abraham came to a place where he believed God's promise for his life.

Genesis 17:5,15

We see that God changed Abraham's "confession" by changing his name.

Abram (Exalted father) - Abraham (Father of a multitude)

Sarai (Princely) - Sarah (Mother of princes)

Hebrews 13:5,6 - Because God has said, we can boldly say....

**(2) The Confession of God's Word is your weapon against the enemy.**

Ephesians 6:17 - We have to take the sword which is God's Word as we go into offensive against the enemy in spiritual battle.

How do we use the sword of the Word?

Revelation 19:15 - reveals that the sword comes out of His mouth.

So the sword of God's Word has to be spoken out of our mouth.

We have to say what God says. This is the way we use our sword against the enemy.

Matthew 4 - Jesus demonstrated how to overcome the enemy by saying what the Word says!

Revelation 12:11 - We overcome the enemy by saying what the blood of Christ has done for us!

Make this a way of live. Always say what God says concerning all areas of life!



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