



The Power of the Spoken Word Sunday February 11, 2024

Last Sunday we learnt about the power of the tongue. How the words we speak affect our own lives as well as others. We mentioned that this is a 'governing principle' or spiritual law set in place, as we discover in God's Word.

Today we wish to bring our attention to another important aspect that God taught His people in both the Old and New Testament – the power of the spoken Word. Here the "Word" refers to the Word of God, the Scriptures. We will learn that there is power when we speak God's Words from a heart of faith, believing His Word.

While there is a lot presented to us in Scripture, we will focus on three aspects:

The Spoken Word – Our Daily Vocabulary

The Spoken Word – His Covenant on Our Lips

The Spoken Word – Our Weapon Against The Enemy

THE SPOKEN WORD – OUR DAILY VOCABULARY

Deuteronomy 30:11-16

11 "For **this commandment** which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

14 But **the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart,** that you may do it.

15 "See, I have set before you today **life and good, death and evil,**

16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

In giving His commandment (His Word) to His people through Moses, God taught them **not to speak** as though God and His Word were too mysterious or too far away. Don't speak hopelessly.

Instead, the Word is very near you. The Word is in your mouth and in your heart.



God wants us to keep His Word in our mouth (that is to speak it) and in our hearts (that is to believe it).

This will help us to do it.

Immediately after this instruction – God reminds His people that they can either enjoy “life and good” or “death and evil”. While God surely desires for His people to have life and good, and blessing, the choice is finally theirs.

And this is connected to His instruction to keep His Word in their mouth and in their hearts, to do His Word.

Believe the Word. Speak the Word. Do the Word. You will have life, good and blessing.

We see a similar instruction to Joshua:

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Speaking (“your mouth”), believing (the heart, “meditate in it”), and doing (“observe to do”) which will result in prosperity and good success.

What is so interesting is that the apostle Paul when writing to believers, references this passage from Deuteronomy 30:11-14, and applies the same principle of BELIEVING and SPEAKING to all that Paul was teaching and preaching about Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:6-8

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

7 or, " 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



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When Paul quotes it vs 6-7, He replaces reference to the Word with “Christ”. He uses “Christ” and “the Word” interchangeably or synonymously. And then He extends this to the entire message He is preaching referring to “the word of faith”.

Notice this phrase: “the word of faith which we preach”. This obviously is referring to all the Paul preached that Jesus did for us through the Cross, which he has clearly enunciated in the book of Romans and His other Epistles.

The revelation of Jesus Christ, the work He completed for us on the Cross, and all that was revealed to us and preached by the Early Church is referred to by different terms in the New Testament. These include **the Word of God, the word of the Gospel, the word of faith, the word of grace, the word of life, the word of truth, the word of Christ, and the word of righteousness**. So, when you hear these terms, e.g. the word of grace, or the word of faith, the word of life – it is referring to the entirety of the New Testament teaching, what the apostles preached and taught, which has been written down for us.

Paul is teaching New Testament believers to do with the word of faith, the New Testament revelation, what God had instructed His people in the Old Testament to do with the Law of Moses.

Look closely at verses 9-10:

- Believe with the heart.
- Confess with the mouth.
- When we believe with the heart – it results in righteousness. We are POSITIONED in right standing before God. We are positioned to receive.
- When we confess with the mouth – we EXPERIENCE salvation, the outcome that is brought into our lives through the word of faith, the message of Jesus Christ and His redemption. Remember, “salvation” in the New Testament is a comprehensive term meaning and including forgiveness of sins, healing, deliverance, safety, protection, victory and triumph.

Essentially Paul is teaching us, that as we BELIEVE the word of faith, and SPEAK the word of faith, it POSITIONS us before God to EXPERIENCE the word of faith (all of God’s provision presented in the message of Jesus Christ).

So, the first understanding about the power of the spoken Word is this. God teaches us to believe His Word in our hearts, to speak His Word with our mouths, do His Word in our lives, and we will experience His Word – all that He has promised in His Word (the salvation, healing, deliverance, redemption, etc.) in our lives.



God instruct us to make this a normal way of life.

The Spoken Word must become part of our daily vocabulary.

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

THE SPOKEN WORD – HIS COVENANT ON OUR LIPS

God's Word is God's Covenant.

Psalm 89:34

My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

As His covenant people, when we declare His Word, His Covenant is in our mouth, and we are taking up His Covenant. We are laying a hold of His covenant. We are making a demand on His Covenant with us.

Notice Psalm 50:16

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But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth,

God is rebuking the wicked for speaking His Word. On the flip side, God would be eager for His believers to speak His Word and take His covenant in their mouths!

A great example of this is David running to fight Goliath. David spoke about His covenant with God, as he ran to face the giant.

What a principle for us to learn. Speak God's Word. Declare God's Word. You are taking up His Covenant in your mouth. You are making a demand on His Covenant. God will always fulfill His Covenant.

So this second understanding of the power of the spoken word is that the spoken word is us declaring, invoking and taking up God's covenant.

THE SPOKEN WORD – OUR WEAPON AGAINST THE ENEMY



In the New Testament, we are taught to speak God's Word as our weapon against the enemy.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Revelation 19:15

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword,...

The reason we know that to "take the sword of the Spirit" we have to speak God's Word is because we see the sword going out of His mouth.

Consider how the Lord Jesus Himself countered satan's temptations during His earthly life. For each temptation, the Lord Jesus quoted from the Old Testament. Now remember, these quotes from the Old Testament were general instructions given to the people. And yet, the Lord Jesus used it as a sword against the enemy, by speaking those Words of Scripture.

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written,...quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again,...quoted from Deuteronomy 6:16.

Matthew 4:10 Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:13.

So the third understanding of the power of the spoken word is that the spoken word is our weapon against the enemy.

CAN I USE SCRIPTURES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Now some people may ask "can I claim promises from the Old Testament? Can I speak God's Word even if found in the Old Testament?". The answer is a resounding "yes, ofcourse".

Briefly and quickly consider these facts:

1, Jesus used the Old Testament

We just mentioned that the Lord Jesus quoted general Scriptures from the Old Testament when He resisted the devil. If it was good enough for Jesus, then surely it is good enough for you and me.

2, All Scripture is given to believers



We learn in 2 Timothy 3:16 that all Scripture is given by inspiration. At the time Paul was writing, he was obviously referring to the Old Testament, since the New Testament had not been compiled yet.

3, Understand what is specific to an individual and what applies to all of God's people

We obviously need to know what was specific to an individual and what applies to all believers.

Some quick examples:

A, **Abraham's Covenant is for all believers** since the New Testament clearly states this in Galatians 3:14,29. While Abraham being called out of the Ur of the Chaldees or Abraham being asked to sacrifice Isaac, was very specific to him.

B, **New Covenant Better Than The Old Covenant** (Hebrews 8:6). So we can read the promises given in the Old Covenant, and expect above and beyond those.

C, **For those who fear the Lord**. Many of the Old Testament promises are for all who fear the Lord (e.g. Psalm 103, Psalm 112, Psalm 128, etc.). So these indeed are for us today.

D, **God is no respecter of persons**. We can also read of the things God did in the Old Testament, and then ask accordingly knowing that God is not a partial God. He will respond to faith today, as He did in the Old Testament, although the situations may be different. Example: Daniel was kept safe from literal lions. For someone, the "lions" they are facing may be attacks from people, etc. and they can ask God for similar deliverance.

These are just a few ways we can read the Old Testament and use the Word of God as part of our BELIEVING, SPEAKING and DOING – either from the Old or New Testament.

SUMMARY

The Spoken Word – Our Daily Vocabulary

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GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME



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Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *see discussion below*.

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Based on Deuteronomy 30:11-16; Romans 10:6-8 discuss how God wants us to use His Word as part of our daily vocabulary. What are the outcomes we can expect.

2, Based on Psalm 50:16 and the example of David going out against Goliath, discuss how speaking God's Word brings God's covenant to bear on the situation we are facing in daily life.



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3, Based on Ephesians 6:17 and the example of Jesus resisting satan's temptations, discuss how we are to use the spoken Word as a weapon against the enemy.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

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SERMON OUTLINE

God instructs us His people to believe His Word and to speak His Word. This instruction is given in both the Old and New Testaments. We learn the power of the spoken word in our daily vocabulary. The spoken Word in our daily vocabulary positions us rightly before God to experience what God has promised. The spoken Word is us invoking and taking His covenant on our lips, bringing His covenant to bear on our situations. The spoken Word is our weapon against the enemy, causing us to overcome every fiery dart. Learn to use the power of the spoken Word in your life.

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