



## Speak the Words

– upholding all things by the word of his power –

From the very beginning God has displayed His awesome power **through His Spoken Word!** We read, “For I am the LORD: **I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass . . . I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD**” (Ezek 12:25). God’s word clearly accomplishes His purposes! We read as Isaiah recorded, “So shall **my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it**” (Isa 55:11).

We humans are most comfortable observing things according to our context of time. It is easy for us when the past, the present, and the future operate sequentially. We understand that God’s word has long ago gone out of his mouth, and we are content that in the future His word will come to pass. This keeps us comfortably in the middle of the distant past and the far-off future.

However, our perspective of time is rarely in sync with God’s. We observe as Isaiah wrote concerning the Lord, “**I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth . . . and they came to pass**” (Isa 48:3). It is as if all of these things, which were spoken of by God and recorded in Isaiah chapter 48, had already transpired. Yet, some things clearly are yet to be accomplished in the future even as we read these words, “I have sworn by myself, **the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**” (Isa 45:23). Our confusion often lies in the fact that once God’s mouth speaks and the command has gone out of His mouth, the thing, which He has spoken, exists though it may not be immediately observable! The Apostle Paul gives us assistance in the discernment this concept, “God, who . . . **calleth (speaks of) those things which be not** as though they were” (Rom 4:17). Our spiritual father Abraham toiled with these same aspects of time and faith, “Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; **according to that which was spoken**” (Rom 4:18). God called His personal friend, “Abraham” which means “the Father of many nations” yet he was childless for decades!

God calls or names things through His creative vocal powers:

- “And **God called** the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters **called he** Seas” (Gen 1:10);
- “And **God called** the light Day, and the darkness **he called Night**” (Gen 1:5);
- “And **God called** the firmament Heaven” (Gen 1:8).



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Notice the **breath of God** (His speaking) is equivalent to **His Word**; because we exhale or breathe-out when we speak, “By the **word of the LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth**” (Ps 33:6). We read, “The Spirit of God hath made me, and **the breath of the Almighty hath given me life**” (Job 33:4). From the context of His speaking being equal to the word of God, get ready to form a new picture in your mind regarding the creation of Adam.

When we read, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils **the breath of life**; and man became a living soul” (Gen 2:7), don’t we normally picture in our mind some form of mouth to mouth, or mouth to nose activity? Picture instead that God somehow is bending down over this inanimate earthen-formed creature that He has just fashioned from the dirt. Suddenly, He begins speaking with his breath (*the breath of the Almighty hath given me life – Job 33:4*) into Adam’s nostrils and saying, “Adam (man), live and have dominion.”

It can be found in the Stone Chumash where Rabbi Rashi wrote regarding Gen 2:7, “A LIVING SOUL. Also cattle and beasts are called ‘A living soul’ (Gen:1:20) (Gen:1:22) (Gen:1:24), but the soul of man is the most highly developed of all of them, because to him was granted understanding and speech.” Yet another Jewish commentary renders Genesis 2:7 as, “he became **another speaking spirit.**” The Almighty was a “speaking spirit” and so also became the man which he created!

God made our mouths that we might be like Him (in His image), “And the LORD said unto him, **Who hath made man’s mouth?** . . . have not I the LORD?” (Ex 4:11). Just like God, when man speaks he exhibits creative powers out of his mouth, “But **the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart**, that thou mayest do it” (Deut 30:14). Humans actually create futures with the words from their mouths!

### I. God shares His power of the spoken word with man and gives man dominion over the earth!

Adam’s first job was also a creative process or to name things, “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what **he would call** them: and whatsoever Adam **called** every living creature, that was the name thereof” (Gen 2:19); “**And Adam gave** names to all cattle” (Gen 2:20). Adam did the speaking, but God made his mouth and gave him the authority to speak and “call things.” There are some that believe that the when Adam spoke unto the animals that the breath of life actually came into them and they began to live at that instant! Adam also named or called his wife when he said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she **shall be called** Woman” (Gen 2:23). The bible goes on to say, “And Adam **called** his wife’s name Eve” (Gen 3:20). Adam’s wife Eve soon joined in the calling or naming process. We see that Eve also named her children, “And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and **called** his name Seth” (Gen 4:25). So too, Adam’s sons take



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on the same authority of the mother and the father, “And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he **called** his name Enos” (Gen 4:26). Along with naming things, Adam (mankind) was given dominion or rulership over all of the earth, “and **let them have dominion . . .** over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Gen 1:26). **Do not fail to capture this next most important concept!** From this point forward after man is given dominion, God does not exercise control over the earth; MAN does! We must realize that God’s word is his bond! When God speaks anything out of his mouth, He will not take it back, “My covenant will I not break, **nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips**” (Ps 89:34). This means that everything that takes place on the earth is not necessarily God’s will! God has set-up laws that govern the universe and those laws will produce a predictable result. And we know as Job teaches us that God always protects His people with a hedge. However, regarding the world as Eph 2:12 teaches us, “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and **without God in the world!**” It does not get any plainer; those people “without Christ” are “without God in the world!”

Man’s falling away from God was through the serpent’s lie (the spoken word), “And the **serpent said unto the woman**, Ye shall not surely die” (Gen 3:4). Satan who was the spirit behind the serpent is the father of all lies, “When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44). However, this was not the first lie! When do you think the first lie was uttered? Isaiah tells us, “For **thou hast said in thine heart, I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High!” This was the first lie! Satan lied to himself. Are you beginning to see just how powerful word are? All of the world’s evils started with, “For thou hast **said in thine heart!**”

Indeed, through Adam’s fall, man renounced his authority over the earth. The word renounce comes from (“re” – again and “nintus” – messenger or speaker. This means that man spoke something different than what God had originally said! It is important for us to realize that man exercised his own dominion while he placed himself under subjection! When Adam obeyed Satan he actually came under the devil’s authority. God’s word corroborates this concept, “Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey**, his servants ye are to whom ye obey” (Rom 6:16).

We also observe the word “announce” which means (to make known publicly); it comes from the root “nintus” – messenger or “nuntiare” meaning to report! When Adam (man) disbelieved and disobeyed God, he began to believe and obey Satan, he renounced his authority of this earth, “In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of **them which believe not**” (2 Cor 4:4). That is why Satan tempted Jesus, “And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee**, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me**; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, **all shall be thine**.



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And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan” (Luke 4:6-8). Satan had the power to give it all, for he said, “**all shall be thine!**” Therefore Satan is in control of the riches of this world! This world promotes a saying that is worthy of note. The “world” calls it the “golden rule.” However, it is obviously not the “Christian” Golden Rule! It states something like the following, “he who has the gold makes the rules.” Who do you think makes this “world’s” rules?

Are you getting the point here? This world’s major events such as (9/11) are not necessarily the will of God! What takes place in this world is the “will of the god of this world!” That is why James 4:4 says, “know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God”

Jesus has already restored man’s right to rule the world, “**All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth” (Matt 28:18). Further, Jesus has shared His power **on this earth** with us, “Behold, **I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). Jesus will come in the future and completely restore this world, “Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which **God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets** since the world began” (Acts 3:21). Did you catch the concept that the prophets **spoke** of the restitution of all things? Of course, God watches over and controls His entire universe through Divine Providence! However, in this world, God’s will is performed only through the words of His Holy prophets and of His people. Also, His will is performed through the prayers (words) of His saints!

Since Adam, God’s will has been spoken through the mouth of his prophets! Therefore, we can know God’s will. His will is recorded in the Holy Bible!

## II. Without God, fallen man under the influence of Satan naturally abused his power of the spoken word!

After the fall, we discover Adam afraid of God’s voice “And **they heard the voice of the LORD God** walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And **the LORD God called unto Adam**, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, **I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid**, because I was naked; and I hid myself” (Gen 3:8-10). Cain too misused the power that came from his mouth, “And Cain **talked with Abel his brother**: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him” (Gen 4:8). The “talking” that Cain engaged in was probably much like the proverb teaches, “The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but **violence** covereth **the mouth of the wicked**” (Prov 10:11). That verse is clearer in the New American Standard Version which says, “The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, But the **mouth of the wicked conceals violence**” NASU. It is very likely that Cain spoke



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deceitfully to Abel and lied to him about his true intentions, “Let’s go out to the field where we can worship God. Oh by the way, bring that shovel.”

Even in his sinful state God did not withdraw the authority through the spoken word that he had given to Adam and Cain. When God was speaking to Cain He expressed the actual power of the words of man, “the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground” (Gen 4:10). We read, “And Cain . . . he builded a city, and **called** the name of the city” (Gen 4:17). Cain’s children also used the power of the voice, “And Lamech **said unto his wives**, Adah and Zillah, **Hear my voice**; ye wives of Lamech, **hearken unto my speech**: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt” (Gen 4:23). The scripture shows us from the beginning that that the mankind was sinful and bloody, “Their **tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably** to his neighbour **with his mouth**, but in heart he layeth his wait” (Jer 9:8).

David teaches us that all of us are responsible for our own words of our mouth, “And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for **thy mouth hath testified against thee**, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed” (2 Sam 1:16). We Christians simply must get to the point where we respect the power of the spoken word! The scripture does not say in vain, “**Death and life are in the power of the tongue**: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof” (Prov 18:21).

Notice the contrast in the consequences and the power of the spoken word that comes out of man:

<i>The powerful results produced from the mouth!</i>			
Prov 10:13	In the <b>lips of him</b> that hath <b>understanding wisdom</b> is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding	Prov 15:2	The <b>tongue of the wise</b> useth knowledge aright: but <b>the mouth of fools</b> poureth out foolishness
Prov 10:19	In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that <b>refraineth his lips is wise</b>	Prov 15:23	A man hath <b>joy by the answer of his mouth</b> : and a <b>word spoken in due season, how good is it!</b>
Prov 10:21	The <b>lips of the righteous feed</b> many: but <b>fools die</b> for want of wisdom	Prov 15:28	The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the <b>mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things</b>
Prov 10:31	The <b>mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom</b> : but the <b>froward tongue shall be cut out</b> .	Prov 15:7	The <b>lips of the wise disperse knowledge</b> : but the heart of the foolish doeth not so
Prov 10:32	The <b>lips of the righteous know what is acceptable</b> : but the <b>mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness</b>	Prov 16:13	<b>Righteous lips are the delight</b> of kings; and they love him that <b>speaketh right</b>
Prov 11:11	By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is <b>overthrown by the mouth of the wicked</b>	Prov 16:23	The heart of the <b>wise teacheth his mouth</b> , and addeth <b>learning to his lips</b>
Prov	The wicked is snared by the	Prov	An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in



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12:13	<b>transgression of his lips:</b> but the just shall come out of trouble	16:27-28 & 30	<b>his lips there is as a burning fire.</b> A froward man <b>soweth strife:</b> and a <b>whisperer separateth</b> chief friends. 30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving <b>his lips he bringeth evil</b> to pass
Prov 12:14	A man shall be <b>satisfied with</b> good by the <b>fruit of his mouth:</b> and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him	Prov 17:28	Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and <b>he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding</b>
Prov 12:19	The <b>lip of truth shall be established</b> for ever: but a <b>lying tongue is but for a moment</b>	Num 35:30	Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be <b>put to death by the mouth of witnesses</b>
Prov 12:22	<b>Lying lips are abomination</b> to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight	Deut 17:6	<b>At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses,</b> shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.
Prov 12:6	The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but <b>the mouth of the upright shall deliver them</b>	Deut 19:15	<b>at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses,</b> shall the matter be established
Prov 13:2	A man shall eat good by <b>the fruit of his mouth:</b> but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence	Prov 24:1-2	Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and <b>their lips talk of mischief</b>
Prov 13:3	<b>He that keepeth his mouth</b> keepeth his life: but <b>he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction</b>	Prov 6:2	Thou art <b>snared with the words of thy mouth,</b> thou <b>art taken with the words of thy mouth.</b>

### III. Since the fall of man, God's plan has involved individuals whom He has called-out. God put His Word in these people that (*through man's dominion*) they would speak the future and the messiah into existence!

We have observed that Jesus has all authority over this earth; however, He has gone back into Heaven until a specified time, "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which **God hath spoken** (*The will of God was spoken only on this earth through His Holy prophets*) **by the mouth of all his holy prophets** since the world began" (Acts 3:21). We must note that God has spoken of the times and the restitution through the mouth of his prophets! Since men have dominion over the earth, it was men who had to speak the Messiah into existence! In order for the Messiah to manifest Himself into the world, man's words had to proclaim Him:



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The short list of the prophecies spoken by the men of God concerning the Messiah	
His place of birth	Micah 5:2 fulfilled in Matthew 2:1-6
He would be of the Seed of David	2 Sam. 7:12-14 fulfilled in Luke 1:32 Isa. 11:1
He would be born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14 fulfilled in Matthew 1:21-25
His Coming Announced by a Forerunner	Isaiah 40:3 fulfilled in Matthew 3:3
He would be Anointed by the Holy Spirit	Isa. 61:1 fulfilled in Luke 4:16-21
His ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2 fulfilled in Matt. 4:12-17
How people would treat Him	Isa. 53:3 fulfilled in John 1:11,12:37
His triumphal entry into Jerusalem	Zech. 9:9 fulfilled in Matt. 21:1-9
He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech. 11:12 fulfilled in Matt. 26:14-15
His blood money to be cast to the potter	Zech. 11:13 fulfilled in Matt. 27:3-10
The disciples to forsake Him	Zech. 13:7 fulfilled in Matt. 26:56, Mark 14:27
He was silent before His accusers	Isa. 53:7 fulfilled in Matt. 27:12-14
He was wounded and bruised	Isa. 53:5 fulfilled in Matt. 27:12-14
His hands and feet to be pierced	Psa. 22:16 fulfilled in Luke 23:33; John 20:25-27
He was crucified with thieves	Isa. 53:12 fulfilled in Mark 15:27-28
He was to pray for His persecutors	Isa. 53:12 fulfilled in Luke 23:34
The people were to shake their heads at him	Psa. 22:7 fulfilled in Mt. 27:39
The people were to ridicule Him	Psa. 22:17 fulfilled in Luke 23:35
His garments to be parted and lots cast	Psa. 22:18 fulfilled in John 19:24
His cry to God	Psa. 22:1 fulfilled in Matthew 27:46
His bones were not to be broken	Psa. 34:20 fulfilled in John 19:33,36
His side would be pierced	Zech. 12:10 fulfilled in John 19:34-37
He would be buried in a rich man's tomb	Isa. 53:9 fulfilled in Matt. 27:57-60

Just like God created with His mouth; so there is creative power in man's mouth! It was men who actually spoke the Messiah into existence! Inspired by God Almighty, Moses said, "Give ear, O ye heavens, and **I will speak**; and hear, O earth, **the words of my mouth**" (Deut 32:1). Moses went on to say, "because **I will publish the name of the LORD**" (Deut 32:3). God has always wanted man to speak His words carefully and faithfully, "and **he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully**" (Jer 23:28).



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Ezekiel and the prophets were told that their words would be directed by God, “Now therefore go, and **I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say**” (Ex 4:12). God emphasized this point as he prepared Ezekiel, “Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, **all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart**, and hear with thine ears.” Jeremiah recorded that God somehow supernaturally directed his mouth, “Then the LORD **put forth his hand, and touched my mouth**. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, **I have put my words in thy mouth**” (Jer 1:9). God explained to Moses that he could speak also through Aaron Moses’ brother, “And **thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth**, and will teach you what ye shall do” (Ex 4:15). In order for God to emphasize the importance he placed on speaking words He told the Israelites, “**That which is gone out of thy lips** thou shalt keep and perform” (Deut 23:23).

The words of humanity are important and they effect a result! For this reason man must live, “by **every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD**” (Deut 8:3). When man lives by God’s words the world will become a paradise. When man lives by Satan’s words the world will become desolate!

God also spoke through the patriarchs! Let’s notice some of their words, “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain . . . he being dead **yet speaketh**” The bible teaches that Abel the first prophet of God still speaks to us today! Lamech spoke of humanity receiving comfort when his son was born, “And **he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us** concerning our work and toil of our hands” (Gen 5:29).

Notice how the heroes of the Old Testament held the word of God in high esteem:

<i>OT Heroes High Regard for the Word of God!</i>			
Prov 10:13	In the <b>lips of him</b> that hath <b>understanding wisdom</b> is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding	Prov 18:4	The words of a <b>man’s mouth are as deep waters</b> , and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.
Job 2:10	In all this did not <b>Job sin with his lips</b> .	Ps 119:172	My <b>tongue shall speak of thy word</b> : for all thy commandments are righteousness
Job 23:12	Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; <b>I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food</b> .	Ps 119:46	<b>I will speak</b> of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed
Job 34:3	For <b>the ear trieth words</b> , as the mouth tasteth meat.	Ps 12:6	The <b>words of the LORD are pure words</b> : as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
Ps 119:103	How <b>sweet are thy words unto my taste!</b> yea, sweeter than honey <b>to my mouth!</b>	Ps 137:6	If I do not remember thee, <b>let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth</b> ; if I prefer not Jerusalem above



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			my chief joy
Prov 18:20	A man's belly shall be satisfied with <b>the fruit of his mouth</b> ; and with the increase <b>of his lips</b> shall he be filled	Ps 149:6	Let the high praises of God be <b>in their mouth</b> , and a twoedged sword in their hand
Ps 141:3	Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; <b>keep the door of my lips</b>	Ps 34:1	I will bless the LORD at all times: <b>his praise shall continually be in my mouth.</b>
Ps 19:14	Let the <b>words of my mouth</b> , and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.	Ps 37:30	<b>The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom</b> , and his <b>tongue talketh</b> of judgment.

### IV. The Messiah arrived as prophesied and fulfilled the spoken word!

John the Baptist was kept from speaking for several months because he did not believe the words spoken to him by the angel, “And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and **not able to speak**, until the day that these things shall be performed, because **thou believest not my words**, which shall be fulfilled in their season” (Luke 1:20). Mary had a supernatural visitation, “And the angel answered and **said unto her**, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). Indeed, in order for Mary to become pregnant, **she had to speak with her mouth and believe in her heart**, “And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me according to thy word**. And the angel departed from her” (Luke 1:38). The dominion or authority of her words caused the impregnation. Her husband Joseph also had a visitation and he was told, “And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call** his name JESUS” (Matt 1:21). The angel went on to say, “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel” (Matt 1:22-23). Joseph even moved his household to Nazareth in order that the prophecy be fulfilled, “**He shall be called** a Nazarene” (Matt 2:23).

### V. The Messiah called and taught men a new way to speak!

Jesus taught that, “out of the abundance of the heart **the mouth speaketh**” (Matt 12:34).

Jesus called his disciples, “And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and **he called** them” (Matt 4:21). Jesus both called and named them, “And when it was day, **he called unto him his disciples**: and of them he chose twelve, whom also **he named apostles**; Simon, (whom **he also named** Peter,)” (Luke 6:13-14).

Jesus taught of another calling to a wedding, “And **he called** his ten servants” (Matt 22:14). He went on to teach, “And sent forth his servants **to call** them that **were bidden** to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell **them**



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**which are bidden**” (Matt 22:4). In the context of being bidden to the wedding Jesus taught, “For many are **called** (*bidden*), but few are chosen” (Matt 22:3-4)

Jesus praised the man who recognized the concept of Jesus releasing authority and power through speaking, “but **speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed” (Matt 8:8). Indeed, the Psalm teaches that angels hearken to the voice of God’s word, “Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.” (Ps 103:20)!

Jesus was merciful to those that spoke against Him; yet he warned of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, “And whosoever shall **speak a word against** the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that **blasphemeth** against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven” (Luke 12:10). We see the same thing in Matthew where we read, “And whosoever **speaketh a word against** the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever **speaketh against the Holy Ghost**, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come” (Matt 12:32). This **speaking against the Holy Ghost** is something that needs to be more thoroughly studied! A man can easily be defiled by what comes out of his mouth, “Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh **out of the mouth, this defileth a man**” (Matt 15:11). Jesus taught against idle speaking, “That every idle word **that men shall speak**, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” (Matt 12:36). Jesus taught that the heart is the source of a man’s words, “But those things which proceed **out of the mouth** come forth from the heart; and they defile the man” (Matt 15:18).

When Jesus was offended he stopped speaking to them plainly, “Therefore **speak I to them in parables**: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand” (Matt 13:13).

The Apostle Paul taught that man could be saved through speaking, “**The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the **word of faith**, which we preach; That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**” (Rom 10:8-10).

### **VI. The Messiah fulfilled his earthly mission; however, He was always watching over His own words!**

Jesus’ very ministry was a ministry of speaking, “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” (Isa 50:4). Jesus actually spoke life, “the **words that I speak** unto you, they **are spirit**, and they **are life**” (John 6:63). Yet, His words of life came from the Father, “whatsoever I speak therefore, **even as the Father said unto me, so I speak**” (John 12:50). John quoted Jesus in



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this regard, “Believest 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**” (John 14:10).

Jesus never spoke dishonestly, “**neither was any deceit in his mouth**” (Isa 53:9). Even when he was maltreated of man he was careful that he did use his mouth to create a problem, “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, **yet he opened not his mouth**: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so **he openeth not his mouth**” (Isa 53:7). Jesus prepared himself for that last twenty-four hours by setting his mind that he would use his words sparingly, “**Hereafter I will not talk much with you**: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me” (John 14:30).

We too should carefully guard our lips, “I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I **sin not with my tongue**: I will **keep my mouth** with a bridle, while the wicked is before me” (Ps 39:1). We can observe that, “**in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength**” (Isa 30:15). Some people just chatter all of the time! In so doing, these people actually give Satan a deeper insight to their thinking. We do not need to speak everything that comes into our mind! Instead of glorifying ourselves, we should let others talk about us.

### VII. The Messiah sent the Holy Spirit through the power of His Word to call out a bride!

The Holy Spirit gave us and our children the very word of God, “As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, **and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed**, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever” (Isa 59:21).

Remember that to “call” someone is to prophesy over them. When we are called by some name, we become that thing, “And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone” (John 1:42). Likewise Jesus has called us and we too will be given a name in the future, “and will give him a white stone, and in the stone **a new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it” (Rev 2:17).

Jesus is proud to have Christians (the anointed ones) as his brothers, “he is not ashamed to **call them brethren**” (Heb 2:11). We are called with a special calling, “ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called** you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9). This special calling involves:

- “For, brethren, ye **have been called** unto liberty” (Gal 5:13).
- “but God **hath called** us to peace” (1 Cor 7:15).
- “that **we should be called** the sons of God” (1 John 3:1).

Jesus knows us individually, “**he calleth** his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out” (John 10:3). We were sinners but now have been set free from sin, “I am not come **to call**



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the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matt 9:13). Our calling includes several aspects, “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them **he also called**: and whom **he called**, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified” (Rom 8:30).

### VIII. The bride or those called-out ones learn to properly use the power of His Word to the Glory of God!

Christians are supposed to learn to discipline themselves. Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23). We must realize that the word deny means, 1) to **declare** untrue; 2) to **disclaim** connection with; and 3) to **give** a negative **answer**! Each of these definitions clearly have a connection with the spoken word! How many of you have denied yourself in that context? Begin to practice!

- “I hate sin!”
- “I do not allow myself to speak ill of others.”
- “I never look at things which cause me to lust.”
- etc. you fill in the blank “\_\_\_\_\_”

Christians are to speak boldly of their victories and conversion experiences, “Long time therefore abode they **speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word** of his grace” (Acts 14:3). Christians gain the victory through their words; “they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony**” (Rev 12:11).

There are other forms of positive speaking or self talk! Example Tony Robins and NLP.

For in many things we offend all. If any man **offend not in word**, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so **the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things**. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And **the tongue is a fire**, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and **it is set on fire of hell**” (James 3:2-6).

James explains that, “Out of **the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing**. My brethren, these things ought not so to be” (James 3:10). Just as Jesus had no guile, we should be like Him, “he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain **his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile**” (1 Peter 3:10). We can become holy in our speaking by following Paul, “**Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth**, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that **it may minister grace unto the hearers** (*this obviously still concerns speaking*). And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and **clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you**, with all malice” (Eph 4:29-31).



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Paul expressed the same concept to the Colosians, “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, **blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another**, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds” (Col 3:8-9).

One area that we must be especially careful of is making vows! The bible clearly teaches, “If a man **vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath** to bind his soul with a bond; **he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.** Num 32:24 “and **do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.**” (Num 30:2). In the New Testament we are taught the same thing, “But above all things, my brethren, **swear not**, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: **but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay;** lest ye fall into condemnation” (James 5:12).

**If you ever somehow get into a vow, make sure that you keep it! – And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD**, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then **it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me**, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and **I will offer it up for a burnt offering.** So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and **the LORD delivered them into his hands.** And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. And **Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances:** and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, **when he saw her, that he rent his clothes**, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for **I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.** And she said unto him, My father, **if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth;** forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year” (Judg 11:29-40).

### **IX. It is through the power of His Word that the Lord will return to rule the earth!**

Jesus possesses the power in his mouth capable of swift punishment, “And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:** and his



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countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength” (Rev 1:16); we also observe much the same picture, “And out of his **mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations” (Rev 19:15). Even the church is warned of his power, “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them **with the sword of my mouth**” (Rev 2:16). Besides the sword in his mouth Jesus speaks of eliminating whatever is disgusting for His mouth, “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth**” (Rev 3:16).