

ACCESSING GOD THROUGH A WORD

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Believers in Christ are given the privilege of being able to move God by the words that they speak. The Bible clearly teaches us that words of faith draw God's attention to us and our situations. We touch God's emotions, releasing His favor over us as we speak words of faith. Words of faith are simply the word of God found in Holy Scripture. The Word is filled with promises that can affect every area of our lives and our families. As we speak God's word, we are tapping into the God-kind of faith that Jesus Himself said we are to have if we are to see mountains moved in our lives, thus bringing pleasure to the heart of the Lord by our faith. We can see this kind of faith in the life of the Apostle Paul when he said in the book of Galatians that he lived by the faith of the Son of God (Gal. 2:20). I truly believe that we are living in a day when the Holy Spirit is once again reminding the Western Church of the importance of returning to the foundation of Holy Scripture, provoking us to once again make faith the bedrock of our salvation.

I. WE MUST FAITHFULLY SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD NOT JUST WORDS

- A. A word that pleases God is a word of promise found in the Bible for a specific need or situation. God's word teaches us what to SAY by simply SPEAKING back to God what He already has said and promised us.

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” John 15:7

- B. God opens doors of blessing and closes doors of oppression in response to our words in prayer. There are blessings that God has chosen to give, but only if His people rise up in the intimate partnership of prayer to ASK for them. We cannot allow our faith to stumble over the time delay factor when we do not see an immediate answer to our requests.

“Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.” Isaiah 30:18-19

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- C. Allowing God's word to abide in us is what creates faith in our hearts and confidence to approach God in prayer. God's word reveals to us our rights to approach Him in prayer that we may boldly and confidently ask Him for what we need. Many in the Body of Christ miss out on their blessings and spiritual inheritance for the lack of asking. In addition, many do not ask for the lack of walking in their true identity as Sons of God.

“You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.” James 4:2

II. SPEAK HEALING PROMISES OVER OUR BODIES

- A. There are two main ways that God responds when it comes to healing. First, God is a merciful God, healing the unbeliever because of His mercy. The Syrophoenician woman is a good example of this. Second, God responds to those in covenant relationship with Him. His sons and daughters have every right to experience healing because of the spiritual inheritance that He has made available to us through the Cross of Christ. The unbeliever gets healed because of mercy but the believer receives healing by covenant rights. This can be compared to the Bill of Rights in our government constitution.

“If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.” Exodus 15:26

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.” Psalms 103:2-3

- B. Blind Bartimaeus was in desperate need of healing for his eyes. When he HEARD that Jesus was passing by his way, he began to CRY OUT with a loud voice, imploring the Lord for his healing, based upon what was promised when the Messiah would appear. The crowd told him to be quiet but he cried out the more SPEAKING LOUDLY despite the opposition of the multitude.

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“Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ . . . So Jesus answered and said to him, ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ The blind man said to Him, ‘Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.” Mark 10:46-48, 51-52

***“I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.”
Isaiah 42:6-7***

- C. A woman who had bleeding from her female organs had spent all her money on doctors and medicine, seeking a cure for her issue of blood. After 12 years, she still could not obtain her healing but rather grew worse. Upon hearing of Jesus, she approached Him by PRESSING through the crowd and DECLARING the promise of her healing. Like Bartimaeus, she knew the promise of healing once Messiah would appear and confessed it.

“Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. . . And He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.’” Mark 5:25-29, 34