



## 2.12 - The Bible Principle - The Tongue and its Power.

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(Scriptures from KJV)

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### 1. There is Creative Power in the Tongue

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**Pro. 18:21**

<sup>21</sup> *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (KJV)*

**A Bible Secret -**

- Words are spiritual and carry creative power.
- The words we speak can carry God's Creative power - life.
- The words we speak can carry enemy's creative power - death

**God creates the human race -**

- Mankind has the special ability to choose his own words.
- That ability makes the human being different from all other creatures, even the angels.
- Angels speak only the words God tells them to speak. (Psalms 103:20)

### 2. God Designed Words to be Creative

God used words when He created the heaven and the earth. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3).

- God spoke the worlds into existence, Genesis 1 "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (verse 3).

**And God said, appear ten times** in the first chapter of Genesis. –

- Holy Spirit had it written that way **to stress how vital** a part words played in Creation.
- Each time God spoke, **He released His faith**—the creative power to bring His words to pass.
- He created all things by the power of His Word and is **still upholding everything by the mighty power** of His Word. (Heb.1:3)

**Gen 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.* <sup>27</sup> *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)*

- **Man was created** from the faith-filled words of God - **words of power, dominion and life**.
- All of the power that it took to have dominion over the earth **was a part of man from the very beginning**.
- Adam was **created in God's class**, in the likeness of God (but not God) and, consequently **had a free will**. As we are of our parents, we are not our parents!

**Genesis 1:28**

<sup>28</sup> *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. (KJV)*

- He **made a covenant (agreement, contract) with man**. Man was created with power through words.
- Then God **gave man authority to use that power** by guaranteeing him dominion over this earth.
- Man had **total authority to rule** and he was **to rule by speaking words** which would carry the power & anointing.



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### 3. God's Original System & Power Perverted

Through Satan's entrance - the **power of words was perverted** to bring death and destruction.

**Satan is not a god**, he is a fallen angel therefore there is **no creative power in him**.

- As an angel of God in the past, Satan (or Lucifer) was forbidden to act by his own will, but he chose to exalt himself over God.

He tried to use the power of words against God when he said,

**Isaiah 14:13-14** (Satan speaking)

<sup>13</sup> For you hast said in your 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: <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (KJV)

- By choosing his own words, Satan chose to stand against God.

**Isaiah 14:15** (God responds)

<sup>15</sup> Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (KJV)

**Immediately, Satan was expelled from heaven.**

**Satan approaches Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to challenge their obedience to God.**

**Genesis 2:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shalt not eat of it: for in the day that you eat there of you shalt surely die. (KJV)

- But Satan came in the form of a serpent and said to them (Genesis 3:1),<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (KJV)
- First Timothy 2:14 says **the woman was deceived**, but **the man was not**.

Adam understood and knew what he was doing when he disobeyed God's command and took the forbidden fruit. –

- Through that disobedience, Satan was able to obtain **authority** in the earth.
- **He became man's god** - 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him, "the god of this world."

### 4. God's Word Became Flesh

God has never done anything without saying it first – this is His method of operation.

- Man disobeys God, authority transferred to Satan.
- God **forced to go back to His Word**:
- God **searches for a man** who would teach his children and believe Him – He found Abram.
- He made a **covenant with Abram**—a covenant that was to last forever forever. (Genesis 17:4, 6-7)
- God **starts to speak His Word back into the earth** through the Prophets over thousands of years.
- **Finally the Word became Flesh – Jesus**. (John 1:14)

The Word, which existed before the foundation of the earth, lived for thirty—three years as a man.

- Jesus **ministered for three years as a prophet** under the Abrahamic Covenant.
- Then He gave Himself to be the last sacrifice of the Old Covenant.
- He **became the sacrificial lamb**, offered upon the altar of the Cross for one reason: to defeat Satan.



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- Jesus was the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45), and He passed the test that the first Adam failed. He paid the price for Adam's transgression.
- Jesus defeated Satan by going to the cross, dying a horrible death, and spending three days and nights in the heart of the earth, hell itself (**Matthew 12:40**). Acts 2 says Jesus was raised up, loosed from the pains of death (**verse 24**). Jesus is called the firstborn from the dead (**Colossians 1:18**). He was the first man to be born again from death to life. When He appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos, He said, <sup>17</sup> *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: <sup>18</sup> I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (KJV) (Revelation 1:17-18).*
- Jesus defeated and He took from Satan the keys of hell. He took back the authority that Satan had stolen from Adam in the Garden of Eden. He made an open show of principalities and powers, lording it over them in their own domain (**Colossians 2:15**).

### 5. Our Authority as Believers

Satan is still "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) and he has **authority in the earth over natural men**.

- We are **not of this world, so Satan is not our god!** In Matthew 28:18-19, Jesus said, *"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore....."*
- Mark 16:15-18 gives every believer that authority to stand against Satan.
- Through Jesus, we have been delivered out of the power of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13]

#### **2 Corinthians 10:4**

<sup>4</sup> *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds) (KJV)*

- God has given to us spiritual weapons to fight with – they are his weapons!

#### **Eph.6 17**

<sup>17</sup> *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (KJV)*

- The **basis of all our weapons** is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God – the Gospel".
- Jesus as having a sharp two-edged **sword coming out His mouth**. (Rev 1:16)
- We must learn our weapons and know how they function.
- Satan will challenge but as a "Believer" you have authority over him in the name of Jesus.
- In order for Satan to go around "God or a believer", he has to avoid God's Word because the Word of God is where the power lies.

### 6. The Tongue is a Little Member

#### **James 3:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> *My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup> 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 listed. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindle! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: <sup>8</sup> But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. <sup>11</sup> Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? <sup>12</sup> Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries?*



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*either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. <sup>13</sup> Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (KJV)*

### Two points to understand:

1. There is nothing in this earth so great or so powerful, including the Physical body, that it cannot be controlled by the tongue.
2. The entire course of nature and the circumstances surrounding every human being **are controlled by that persons tongue.**

### In verses 3-5, James uses some examples to illustrate:

- Here the Bible makes a comparison and connection between a ship's rudder, a bit in a horse's mouth and the human tongue, even though they seem very small, they all have power to control.
- God has created us in His likeness to also use our tongue and words to control life circumstances and your tongue and words are the deciding factor in your life for victory or defeat.

### 7. The Tongue Is a Fire

In **James 3:5-7** (makes a comparison between the tongue and kindling for a fire.)

*<sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: (KJV)*

- Satan will try to control a person's life or an area of a person's life, by first starting with that person's tongue to get the person's (creative) words, this is where the fire first starts – the kindles.
- As Satan has no creative power he has to use a person's own words against the same person to have authority in that person's life, he starts with the tongue – this is where the fire starts.
- The Word of God also says that **the tongue is set on fire by Hell** and that it controls the course of nature, the life of a person!
- A large fire starts with Kindles, small wood, before larger pieces of wood will catch fire, so it is with a person's life.
- Satan puts thoughts into a person's mind or creates circumstances so that the person will start to confess the negative, this is where the fire or problems starts. As the person continues to confess the situation or thoughts they will eventually become a reality in the natural – the person will build a mountain (a problem).

### 8. Words are Answer!

**Matthew 6:31** (Jesus speaking)

*<sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (KJV)*

- Satan puts the negative thought into the mind and if a person dwells on the thought long enough it will eventually come out of the mouth and go back into the physical ear and down into the heart or spirit of that person.
- When it is in the heart or spirit in abundance it will eventually come out in "Fear" filled words and start to produce the harvest of that "word-seed"! The person is "calling for what they do not have at present" even though they do not that they are doing this – they are in the process of building their own mountain by their own words.



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### Matthew 15:11, 18

<sup>11</sup> Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defiles a man. <sup>18</sup> But those things **which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.** (KJV)

- It not the food that a man eats that defiles him but what comes out of his mouth or heart in words that defiles him.

### James 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. <sup>11</sup> Does a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? <sup>12</sup> Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? **so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.** (KJV)

- As no spring (stream of water) has both salt and fresh water coming out of it, so Faith and Fear do not come out of the same mouth of a person.

### Matthew 12:34 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>34</sup> O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.** (KJV)

## 9. Speaking the Word in Faith

As a natural fire is put out by water, so natural circumstances can be removed, changed or added to by the using the Word of God – the washing of “**water by the Word of God**” (Ephesians 5:26).

### Mark 11:22-26

<sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

- As Satan`s power was released by “words of Fear” so God`s power is released by “words of Faith!”

### Matthew 16:19

<sup>9</sup> And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)

- All negative circumstances and problems can be changed by “binding” Satan`s operations and then “loosening” God through His Word, into the situation.

## 10. How Satan Operates

Satan will try to control the life of a person whether they are “born-again” or not through the power of the tongue of that person. He creates negative circumstances and/or puts evil thoughts into the mind of person so that person starts to confess what they believe they hear, feel, see or think.

As he has no creative power within himself, Satan relies upon deception to create problems in a person`s life by using the power of their own words and tongue. As there is creative power in God`s Word when spoken in FAITH so is there creative power in Satan`s words when spoken in FEAR – both FAITH & FEAR will make it to become a reality in the natural – FAITH is the original system and FEAR is the counterfeit or perverted system – the original Godly system going backwards!



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### Job 3:25

<sup>25</sup> For **the thing which I greatly feared** is come upon me, and that **which I was afraid of** is come unto me. (KJV)

- Satan will tell you that the trials, problems, pressures and storms of life are there to teach you something but God uses His Word (2 Tim 3:16) and spirit of truth the Holy Spirit (John 16:13) to teach you and to bring you into all truth
- Satan will try to make you believe “Traditions and Religion” to keep your attention away from the Word of God and to keep you in bondage.
- The tongue can be tamed but only by the Word of God!
- A person`s heart will be filled in time by words of FEAR or words of FAITH – and those words will determine the natural course of that person`s life here on the earth and into eternity.
- **A definition of F.E.A.R.** ----- False \_ Evidence \_ Appearing \_ Real.

### 11. How to Stop Satan - it is Written!

#### The Life & Ministry of Jesus

(Our example to follow always – the bible says we are to be conformed in His image)

- He always used the written Word of God **to defeat** Satan.
- He spoke accurately, never crooked speech of doubt & unbelief. **His conversation always consisted of what God said.**
- He spent much time in prayer, but He never the problem; he prayed the answer. **What God said in the answer (the Word of God).**
- He always spoke the end results, **not the problem.** Never did He confess **present** circumstances. He spoke the **desired results.**

**THE WORD OF GOD CONCEIVED IN YOUR HEART, FORMED BY YOUR TONGUE, AND SPOKEN OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, RELEASES THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD – to create, establish or remove things in life!**

### 12. A Final Word

**A person`s heart will be filled in time by words of FEAR or words of FAITH – and those words will determine the natural course of that person`s life here on the earth and into eternity.**

**JESUS IS LORD!**