



KNOWING THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD

LESSON SIX

THE POWER OF WORDS

Occasionally when I am preparing to teach a class or give a talk, I hear within my spirit instructions from the Lord about what I am to include in the presentation. Below are words given to me years ago which I believe are still relevant for today.

TEACH MY PEOPLE ABOUT THE POWER OF WORDS:

Words grant salvation.

Words release My healing touch.

Words set My people free.

Words set My heavenly hosts into action.

Words praise Me, thank Me, and bless Me.

Words call on My protection and cause Me to act in a mighty way.

Teach your class to become more aware of the words they utter all during the day.

Are they words of faith, hope and love of Me, love of My people?

Are the words from My divine teaching, the Holy Scriptures?

Are the words knowledge, wisdom and prophecy that I constantly am bestowing on My people?

Each person needs to become aware of the power of words to heal, uplift, help, comfort, encourage or to defeat, discourage, condemn, and hinder My beloved ones.

Listen to your words.

Measure your words by My standards.

Help My people by speaking My words, My truths, My Scripture. Be Mine in all your words, in everything you say. Do this for Me. Amen. Amen.

The first thing I do when I receive a message like this is to ask the Lord to confirm the words with references from the Bible. Below are passages of Scripture which seem to apply to the instructions.

WORDS GRANT SALVATION

Romans 10:9 NIV states *if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Confessing, in this context, is speaking one's belief. But there needs to be a link between what one says and the way one really believes – an agreement between the lips and the heart. Also, saying that 'Jesus is Lord' implies His holy leadership over one's life. The concept of God raising Jesus from the dead means that Jesus lives. He has conquered death and we will have victory over death, 'be saved' by our belief and our words about Jesus.

WORDS RELEASE MY HEALING TOUCH

Acts 3:1-10 tells of a man lame from birth asking for alms. Peter said to him that he had no silver or gold but he would give him what he had. Then he spoke the command: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Then Peter took him by the hand and raised him up and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

When Peter said that he would give him what he had, he apparently sensed God's anointing – an empowerment for service by the Holy Spirit. At times, God chooses to forward His words of love, mercy and healing through one of His followers. God chooses the person, the time and place and circumstances for the common good. As explained in First Corinthians 12:1-11, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is being used to forward God's healing power.

Peter's one sentence prayer included: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Words released the healing touch of the Lord. But, saying those words does not automatically make it so. Nevertheless, there are times when one is prompted by God to pray for healing. Amazingly, our prayers seem to sometimes open the way for the Lord to work in a miraculous manner in a person's life. But all of our prayers are not answered as we desire or request. If everything we spoke came into being, we would be dictating to God how He should act and what should happen and when. It is God who decides what should be and then He gives each one the choice of living in agreement with Him or not.

WORDS SET MY PEOPLE FREE

As explained in John 8:31-36, Jesus told those who believed in Him, "*If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.*" NIV He went on to explain that choosing to live as He teaches, sets one free from being a slave to sin. Preaching and teaching about the life and truth of our Lord gives people the opportunity to choose to live in the fullness of all that God created them to be. Casual words spoken over a cup of coffee or tea can also be used by the Holy Spirit to free people from the lies of the enemy in order to live in love and truth.

WORDS SET MY HEAVENLY HOSTS INTO ACTION

Psalms 91:9-16 explains that those who have made God their refuge may call on Him for protection in times of trouble. One of the ways He may respond is by giving angels charge over us to guard our ways. The Lord does not promise a trouble free life but that He will be with us in times of trouble.

The Bible tells us of the work of an angel in Acts 5:17-20. The apostles had done many signs and wonders and many believers were added to the Lord, so the high priest and the Sadducees were filled with jealousy and put the apostles in prison. But at night, an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and told them to go to the temple and again speak truth to the people. So it is scriptural for angels to come to our rescue. They may appear in times of emergency, freeing us from danger and helping us on our way. A few times in my life I have prayed, "God, release your angels," hoping they

would help someone in trouble. But, we are taught not to pray to angels. They are servants of God, not gods. Hebrews 1:14 NIV states: *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

WORDS PRAISE ME AND THANK ME AND BLESS ME

Psalm 105:1-4 NIV *Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.*

WORDS CALL ON MY PROTECTION AND CAUSE ME TO ACT IN A MIGHTY WAY

Psalm 116:1-9 NIV *I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord save me!” The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the unwary: when I was brought low he saved me. Return to your rest my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

TEACH YOUR CLASS TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE WORDS THEY UTTER ALL DURING THE DAY

As recorded in Matthew 12:34-37, Jesus explained that our words reflect what is in our heart. He warned that on the day of judgment each one of us will be accountable for the words we speak. If you know that some of your words have not been pleasing to God you might want to pray for the Lord to forgive you and begin a new account with Him. I John 1:9 NIV explains *if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

It is possible that you have been hurt by the words of others. The sting of those painful memories can be healed. I want to share a beautiful way that God did a healing in me so that, perhaps, you will be encouraged. I was at a church service on a Sunday night. I went up to the altar to a pastor and his wife who were waiting to pray for those who came forward. The pastor's wife, with a word of knowledge asked me, “Beverley, who has hurt you?” Because the question was prompted by God, as soon as she said that, the faces of a specific couple came to my mind. She said just enough to allow the Holy Spirit to bring to my mind what He wanted to heal. She did not ask me to identify the people aloud. They continued to pray for my healing and I was fascinated by what I saw within my spirit. I ‘saw’ the couple facing me. Jesus walked between them and me. He was facing them. Then He turned around. He had taken the fiery darts, the words that they had said that had wounded me. The pile of darts in His arms were burning but not hurting Him. They burned down until they were hot coals, and then they were ashes. Then Jesus opened His arms and let the ashes drop down on the dirt. Then with His sandaled foot He smoothed the ashes into the earth and they disappeared. He gave me the word, ‘DEFUSE’. Later I looked up defuse in the dictionary. It means to take the fuse from a potential explosive. He had defused those painful memories making them harmless and ineffective in my life. The Spirit of God offers healing to us today.