

Power of Words: Part 1

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Words are the Creative Force

Genesis 1:1–3 NLT

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, ...

Everything that God created was spoken. And within this series we will come full circle in our understanding of the “Power of Words”. But to understand the power of our words we must understand the power of the God’s words.

In six days God created:

1. Light
2. Sky
3. Land
4. Plants / Trees
5. Sun / Moon / Stars
6. Fish / Birds
7. Wild Animals / Livestock / Small Animals
8. Human Beings

In Genesis 1 verses 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, and 26 all begin with “Then God said”. As I read and hear the Holy Spirit speak to me in these verse I cannot help but notice that as He spoke He was present. He wasn’t distant for the creation. His words shows His involvement. In the midst of God saying...Let there be...and then there was.

This morning I want to encourage you that words equate to power. When God spoke, it came into existence. And the words that we speak birth a creation within our lives. We know this to be true because look at the creation of man.

Genesis 1:27–31 NLT

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” 29 Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

We were created in God’s image and likeness by the words He spoke. In His likeness or we may better understand His likeness as His image. And as I begin to study the Hebrew word for image, I come to find that it means a replica of the original. This means we are cut from the same fabric. We are not God but given God authority. Because in verse 28 God blessed them and said be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish, birds, and every animal. When God blesses them He empowered them with. I want you to notice that the blessing was not from a position of obedience, it was a prerequisite for it. The blessing came first then the mandate followed.

2 Peter 1:2–3 NLT

2 May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. 3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

God’s grace is the blessing we all get to live a Godly life. The question we must ask ourselves is what are we doing with the grace of God?

Acts 11:19–23 ESV

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 NLT

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:1 ESV

1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

We can either allow the blessings or grace of God to be evident in our lives or we can neglect the grace of God for our lives. And as God blessed man and said to be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. How were they to fruitful and multiply? How were they to fill the earth and govern it? In the likeness and image of God. By the creative force of words. This was the blessing that God graced them with. The ability to create by speaking words. God imparted the supernatural ability to carry out the commandment. But the choice on how they would exercise this grace could only be determined by their choices.

The creation and outcome is governed by the words we speak. We find that every word that God spoke to and over man was for the benefit of God's Kingdom. We will find in Exodus 25 to Exodus 30 all the instructions that God spoke to Moses on how to build the tabernacle. And as we read we find out real quick that the attention to detail on how each thing must be strategically orchestrated and we will begin to question how Moses could built something so elaborate by himself. But we find in Exodus 31:1-6

Exodus 31:1–6 NLT

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, 2 “Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. 4 He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. 5 He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft! 6 “And I have personally appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant. Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make all the things I have commanded you to make:

And again we see the words... “Then the LORD said”. God does not give a command without empowering us to fulfill it. Moses would build God’s tabernacle by governing it with words that were spoken to him. Moses would create the place where God’s presence would dwell and all he had to do was speak what was spoken. He only needed to repeat. And when we mimic this same procedure in our lives by speaking the words that have already been spoken we will find that dominion is ours because dominion belongs to the creator. Not because we are Gods but because we are subject to God. We have placed ourselves under the authority of His word.

John 1:1–4 NLT

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

The creation was possible because of the word of God. Nothing is created unless it is spoken. And the word spoken gives life. When we speak the Word of God we are creating life within us and around us. The Word spoken also illuminates what is created. David said Lord be a light unto my path. It is the Word of God that brings light to dark places. It is the Word of God that brings light to our daily lives.

Isaiah 55:11 NLT

11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

When we speak, we’re not simply exchanging information - we’re engaging a power that echoes creation. God’s word always produces fruit and accomplishes all he wants it to. A wise man once told me: “When we speak God’s word by faith it is just as though God spoke it himself.” What are we creating around and within our lives? Every word that we speak must be intentional for God’s original plan, to create and govern.

Numbers 20:7–12 NLT

7 and the LORD said to Moses, 8 “You and Aaron must take the staff and assemble the entire community. As the people watch, speak to the rock over there, and it will pour out its water. You will provide enough water from the rock to satisfy the whole community and their livestock.” 9 So Moses did as he was told. He took the staff from the place where it was kept before the LORD. 10 Then he and Aaron summoned the people to come and gather at the rock. “Listen, you rebels!” he shouted. “Must we bring you water from this rock?” 11 Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out. So the entire community and their livestock drank their fill. 12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust me enough to demonstrate my holiness to the people of Israel, you will not lead them into the land I am giving them!”

Notice the LORD said! The word came to Moses. And the word was purposed for more than supplying a need but to demonstrate God’s holiness. The Word of God that creates and governs is the manifestation of His holiness. When we fail to speak as spoken then we are hiding the glory of God for all to see. And when we fail to govern the spoken word of God we disqualify ourselves to lead others. When we have been given specific directions but take upon ourselves to do as we see fit then our actions have spoken louder than our words.

Joshua 6:1–5 NLT

1 Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. 2 But the LORD said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. 3 You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. 4 Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. 5 When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.”

The Word of the LORD said to Joshua! Joshua was given word that would take place over a seven day span. And for six days they were not to speak but the seventh day they were to shout as loud as they could. Directions to speak and when not to speak. When we speak when we are told to speak we are guaranteed victory. To speak as spoken is so vital for the position we have been called to.

Genesis 1:31 NLT

31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

And how was it made? He spoke and it came into existence. And all that He created He saw it was good. The spoken word becomes visible and is purposed to be good. The Hebrew word for Good is tob. It means well pleasing, fruitful, morally correct, and proper. God's word that became visible was and still is fruitful today. The question we must close with this morning is since we are made to be His replica are we producing things within our lives that are well pleasing unto the LORD? Are our words fruitful in producing what God has called each of us to?

Let me pray with you this morning!