

DECLARATIONS OF FAITH

Session 3: Covenant Reminders

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I. REVIEW

A. Declarations of Faith Are Not Limited to Our Initial Confession at Salvation

1. Declarations of faith are intended to become a continual part of our daily spiritual discipline.
 - a. As believers, we are to consistently give voice to God's Word, declaring His promises, His covenant, and His will over every area of our lives.
2. Scripture:
 - a. **Hebrews 10:23**
NKJV "Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)..."

B. Keep Declarations of Faith Continually in Your Mouth

1. The Word of God commands us to participate in some activity continually!
2. Scriptures:
 - a. **Psalms 34:1**
NKJV "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."
 - b. **Hebrews 13:15**
NKJV "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name."

C. Praise Includes Declarations of Faith

1. Believers should keep a declaration of faith proceeding from their mouth!

II. DECLARATIONS OF FAITH REMIND US OF WHAT HAS BEEN PROMISED

- A. *Declarations of faith not only release our faith into the circumstances we face, but they also keep us continually mindful of God's promises, reminding us of what He has already done and strengthening our expectation of what He will do on our behalf.*

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B. Scripture:

1. Psalm 103:1-5

NKJV “Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bles*s His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

2. The psalmist is reminding himself of God’s provision by **declaring** it!

C. Declaration of Faith:

“I bless the Lord with all that is within me, and I will not forget any of His benefits! I remember what the Lord has done for me, and I declare His promises over my life.

He forgives all my iniquities.

He heals all my diseases.

He redeems my life from destruction.

He crowns me with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

He satisfies my mouth with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

I will not forget His benefits. I will keep His goodness, His faithfulness, and His promises continually before me.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *You may also change confession so that you are speaking personally to God by replacing specific words with “You”.*

D. Additional Scriptures

1. Lamentations 3:19-23

NKJV “Remember my affliction and roaming, The wormwood and the gall. My soul still remembers And sinks within me. **This I recall to my mind**, Therefore I have hope. *Through* the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning; Great *is* Your faithfulness.”

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MSG “I’ll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I’ve swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. **But there’s one other thing I remember**, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God’s loyal love couldn’t have run out, his merciful love couldn’t have dried up. They’re created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The writer of this passage, Solomon, changes the direction of his thoughts by remembering and declaring God’s covenant mercies. There will be many times throughout your life that you will need to REDIRECT your attention from present circumstances to a reminder of what God has promised and already done in your life.*

The Bible frequently emphasizes the importance of being reminded of God’s Word, His promises, His works, and His covenant.

2. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

NLT “And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as **reminders**. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Make every effort to keep the Word of God constantly before your eyes and in your heart, so you never forget His promises.*

Be intentional about surrounding yourself with God’s Word, keeping His promises continually before you until they shape your thinking and direct your life.

3. Psalm 119:16

NKJV “I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.”

NIV “I will not neglect your word.”

III. SINGING AS A WAY OF REMEMBRANCE

A. The Psalmist Sang the Word!

1. Psalm 119:54

NKJV “Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.”

GWT “Your laws have become like psalms to me in this place where I am only a foreigner.”

GNT “During my brief earthly life I compose songs about your commands.”

MSG “I set your instructions to music and sing them as I walk this pilgrim way.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The psalmist was participating in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Choose your song wisely.*

2. Psalm 105:2

NKJV “Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!”

GW “Sing to him. Make music to praise him. Meditate on all the miracles he has performed.”

B. Choose Your Meditation and Words Wisely

1. Isaiah 54:1-3

NKJV “...‘Sing, O barren, You *who* have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You *who* have not labored with child! For more *are* the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,’ says the Lord. ‘Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.’”

MSG “...‘Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who’ve never experienced childbirth! You’re ending up with far more

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children than all those childbearing women.’ God says so! ‘Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You’re going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You’re going to take over whole nations; you’re going to resettle abandoned cities. Don’t be afraid—you’re not going to be embarrassed. Don’t hold back—you’re not going to come up short. You’ll forget all about the humiliations of your youth, and the indignities of being a widow will fade from memory.’”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Your song of faith is a declaration of your future victory, proclaiming God's promised outcome before it becomes your visible reality. As you yield your tongue to praise and declarations of faith, the Holy Spirit partners with you, placing the right confession in your mouth and giving voice to God's promises through you.*

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ROLE IN REMINDING US

A. Scriptures:

1. John 14:26

NKJV “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

2. Luke 12:11-12

NKJV “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. **For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.**”

V. CLOSING THOUGHTS

Declarations of faith are one of God’s ways of keeping His promises continually before us. As we speak His Word, we remind ourselves of who God is, what Christ has accomplished, and what belongs to us in the covenant.