

DECLARATIONS OF FAITH

Session 2

*Pastor Dale Campbell***I. REVIEW AND OPENING SCRIPTURES****A. Declaration of Faith**

1. A declaration of faith is the intentional speaking of God's Word in agreement with His will, expressing confident belief in what He has promised.
 - a. A declaration of faith is not an attempt to convince God to act; it is the believer's response to what God has already said.
 - b. It is faith in our voice, bringing our words into agreement with God's Word until His truth becomes the dominant confession over every circumstance.

2. Romans 10:9-10

NKJV "...that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

NIV "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

3. Hebrews 10:23

NKJV "Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)..."

4. Declarations of faith are not limited to our initial confession at salvation.
 - a. They are intended to become a continual part of our daily spiritual discipline.
 - b. 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.

B. The Psalms

1. Many of the Psalms were declarations of faith.
 - a. They are informative.
 - b. They are covenant declarations.
 - c. Psalm 23 reveals the Lord as our shepherd but also represents David's declaration of faith in the Lord as shepherd.

II. SESSION TWO: KEEP DECLARATIONS OF FAITH CONTINUALLY IN YOUR MOUTH

The Word of God commands us to participate in some activity continually!

A. Prayer

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

KJV "Pray without ceasing."

ISV "Continually be in prayer"

- This doesn't mean you stay on your knees in prayer all the time. It means you stay in constant communication and fellowship with God through prayer at all times.
- Every believer should have a set prayer time.
- Every believer should remain in constant communication with God at all times.

2. Ephesians 6:18 NKJV "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

B. Praise

1. Psalm 34:1

NKJV "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Berean Annotated "His praise will always be on my lips"

2. 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."

NIV "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."

- NOTE: My praise includes the profession of my faith in His name.

Berean Literal "Through Him, then, we should offer up a sacrifice of praise **through all *time*** to God, that is, **the fruit of lips confessing His name.**"

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PASTOR'S NOTE: *Continual praise includes the continual declaration of faith in everything the Name of Jesus represents. I keep HIS NAME on MY LIPS continually.*

TPT "So we no longer offer up a steady stream of blood sacrifices, but through Jesus, we will offer up to God a steady stream of praise sacrifices - these are 'The Lambs', we offer from our lips that celebrate His name."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *I don't come daily bearing a lamb sacrifice to shed blood over my life. I come bearing my declaration of faith in His name and in His Blood that is daily working on my behalf.*

- *His Name and Blood are working on my behalf daily.*
- *My declaration of faith in the Name and Blood keeps His power active in every part of my life.*
- *In as much as prayer and praise should remain on my lips continually, declarations of faith should be part of those prayers and praises.*

C. Psalms – Hymns – Spiritual Songs

1. Ephesians 5:18–20

NKJV "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and **making melody in your heart to the Lord**, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Aramaic Bible in Plain English "But speak to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and songs of The Spirit; be singing in your hearts to THE LORD JEHOVAH."

GNT "Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with **praise in your hearts.**"

PASTOR'S NOTE: *The Lord receives declarations of faith as praise!*

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2. Colossians 3:16

NKJV “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

GWT “Let Christ's word with all its wisdom and richness live in you. Use psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to teach and instruct yourselves about [God's] kindness. Sing to God in your hearts.”

D. Examples of Praise and Declarations of Faith from the Psalms:

1. Psalm 27:1-6

NLT “The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord’s perfections and meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music...”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *David won victories with the words of his mouth!*

2. Psalm 149

NKJV “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, *And* His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And

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their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!”

3. Psalm 149:6

TPT “God’s high and holy praises fill their mouths for their shouted praises are their weapons of war.”

E. David’s Words to Goliath

1. 1 Samuel 17:45-47

NKJV “Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. **But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand,** and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.** Then all this assembly shall know that **the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’S, and He will give you into our hands.**”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The reason why David could instantly bring forth a powerful declaration of faith concerning the giant is because he practiced speaking and singing these powerful declarations of faith in God continually. His worship in the Psalms included powerful declarations of praise. Our praise should continually declare the greatness of our God!*

F. Understanding Declarations of Faith

1. A confession of faith isn’t stating an observation.
2. A confession of faith is what we continually affirm.
3. Paul practiced declaring victory:
 - a. **Philippians 1:19-26**

NKJV “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all

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boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. **And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue** with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.”

- **NOTE:** Whenever Paul spoke of hardships, he practiced also keeping a declaration of faith in his mouth!

b. **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

NKJV “*We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...”

GNT “We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed.”

Keep the declaration of victory proceeding from your mouth!