

Speaking IN* the Name of Jesus

* IN = in His stead (2 Cor. 5:20); in His place; because we're IN HIM.

THE VOICE OF JESUS – The Exercised Restraining Influence of God[†]

[†] From 2 Thessalonians 2:7 – Weymouth Translation

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee (me) shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee (me) in judgment thou (I) shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. [parenthesis added to make it first-person]

In order for “no weapon” formed against me to be successful, then I must have the means to stop or destroy that weapon from its intention; I must possess a weapon of my own that is more powerful than the one formed against me. We have that weapon.

Revelation 12:11 tells us that we overcome Satan by two things: first, The Blood of the Lamb, thereby providing the legal use of this weapon; and secondly, the word of our testimony – our confession, which is the application of it. I like to say it this way: Jesus OBTAINED my salvation and I am to MAINTAIN it!

Our weapons are not carnal... not of the flesh – or, fleshly. Reason is, because our enemies are not of the flesh – humans, in other words. Our enemies are spirit beings manipulating, influencing and possessing mankind. Sometimes we retaliate against the instrument or messenger, and forget the source themselves: Satan and his imps.

2 Corinthians 10:4 & 5 tells us:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ

In Matthew 16, we have examples of Peter hearing from the spiritual realm and then verbalizing that which he heard. The first is found in verses 13 through 19... Peter's declaration of who Jesus was. The second, in verses 21 through 23, this time Peter gives voice to the thought that just entered his mind, rebuking Jesus (22). Jesus says to Peter, “*Get thee behind me Satan; you are an offence unto me: for you say not the things that be of God, but those things that are of men...*”

Jesus was not calling Peter Satan; he was addressing the spirit behind Peter's words – Satan himself who had (or was) influencing Peter's thought life.

That's what we must do: take authority over our thought life, weighing it or judging it, against the Word of God. Casting down imaginations and every thought that rises up contrary to The Truth. Our “sword of the spirit” (Ephesians 6:17) is more powerful than any weapon that rises up against us.

In verse 12 of Ephesians 6, we're again told who are enemies are: *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Once again, we have the weapon that is more powerful and has the ability to stop, destroy, confront ANY weapon forged against us, and render it useless.

“... every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn...”

The word “tongue” can be translated “voice”. “Every voice that rises against me...”

There are many “voices” out there each demanding to be heard – those that rise up against me, enticing (tempting) me, deceiving me, labeling me, judging me, condemning me, cursing me, or any other voice that is arrayed against me, I am to condemn, I am to declare as untrue.

It’s I that condemn, I that declare by means of my voice, those words that are risen against me, shall not come to pass. I do it. By condemning those words, I justify myself, I put, or declare, my right-standing with Truth.

“For by thy words thou shall be justified, and by thy words thou shall be condemned.”
(Mt. 12:37)

“Death and life are in the power of your tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” (Prov. 18:21)

It is up to me to either allow (by allowing, I put myself in agreement with those voices), or I condemn – that is, oppose, pull down, or judge those words by a higher standard that I am in possession of. I must address the voices that are arrayed against me

“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” (Mt. 18:18 &19)

The empowerment of Binding and Loosing has been given to you. What are YOU going to say? YOUR word, your voice, is the establishing witness, the force that either condemns or justifies you.

You condemn; you bind those voices, or by your silence, join them in agreement.

Matthew 15:11

“Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man; but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

What comes out of man’s mouth? WORDS. There are some words that you speak that can defile you or condemn you.

Let’s define defile:

DEFILE:

1. To render unholy or unclean
2. To taint; to corrupt; to injure the substance or qualities of a thing, thus impair or spoil its use/value; to destroy the validity or binding force of.

I, by my words, condemn myself or justify myself. I either put myself in agreement with those voices that rise against me and therefore defile myself, or I justify myself, by pulling down, putting to silence, those voices that raise their ugly head against me.

2 Corinthians 10:5 exhorts us: *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...* or, bringing those imaginations and thoughts into the Light of the Gospel – you shine the LIGHT on them. They will “run from you as in terror” (James 4:7 AMP.)

Ephesians 4:27 – *Give no place to the devil...* or, as another version says: *Slam the door in the devil's face!*

Romans 3:3 & 4 – ³ *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?* ⁴ *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.* (Greek word also for condemned, punished, damned.)

Romans 12:21 – *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Romans 8: 1, 2 – ¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* ² *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

I can be justified in my sayings IF I judge that which is against me by that higher standard – THE WORD OF GOD. I overcome because I am an overcomer (1 John 2:13 & 14 / 1 John 4:4 / 1 John 5:4 & 5) The Greater One lives in me, therefore I overcome – I am victorious! By my declaring His decree (Ps. 2:7) I overcome evil ‘reports’ by declaring His good ‘reports’. As I often say, “I have TRUMP!” [compare the Israilites bringing up an “evil report” (Numbers 13:32) and “God’s report” (Isaiah 53:1)].

But trump that isn’t used is of no value.

Derek Prince quoted Jeremiah 1: 9 — “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth” then made this bold claim: **“When we declare the Word that God puts in our mouths, our proclamation carries as much authority as if God Himself were declaring it. That is the unique power and authority set in motion through declaring God’s Word.”****

Remember the fig tree of Mark 11? Verse 14 says, “And Jesus answered and said unto it...” Jesus answered it... That fig tree had a voice and Jesus replied to it and *condemned* it.

What did the tree say? A lie. It spoke saying, “Look at me, I have fruit.” That’s what Jesus saw that the tree had leaves, knowing that kind of tree had fruit also. Then when He came to pick some of its fruit, there were none. That tree should have had fruit. That particular type of fig tree showed its leaves at the same time it bore fruit; God set in motion the Law of Genesis – this tree violated that Law. So, in essence, the tree lied. Jesus cursed it... He **condemned** that voice that was speaking to him.

Voices... not just words from men, but other sources speak also. Temptations speak to us by saying things like, “come, try me – you’ll like it”.

I remember one time I was at work and was walking down an aisle to drop off some papers, and walked by a set of vending machines set out in the aisle-way. My mind was thinking about dropping the papers off and then going back to my own work area. But when I saw those machines, a voice said to me, “I’m hungry.” I yielded to that voice and walked away with a bag of chips. Food was not even on my mind... but my body spoke up loud and clear: FEED ME!

Our bodies speak to us, huh? Yes, of course. Our finances speak to us as well. What are you going to reply to them? You can either panic, or rest in the power of the promises of God. Your reaction (attitude) to things that arise in your life determines your anxiety or peace and, ultimately, your outcome.

I heard Terry Mize once say, “All fear, worry, and frustration are in direct proportion to ignorance of the Word, or Jesus, Who is the Word.”

John1:1 tells us that the Word is God. Likewise, Revelation 19:13 informs us that Jesus is called THE WORD OF GOD.

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Everything has a name; and THE name of Jesus is highly exalted above them. This is God’s Restraining Order given to the Church.

Notice verse 10: “*That AT the name of Jesus...*” That little preposition “at” indicates that SOMEONE has to speak, someone has to speak The Name. That someone is the one to whom Jesus has given His authority to. THAT’s YOU, that’s me. We speak it over circumstances that rise up against us... we tell them to go and in their place we then speak the promises of God. Everything named must bow to that all-authoritative name – Jesus.

I remember Dr. Gary Wood’s testimony when, at the age of 17, died in a car accident, went to Heaven, and his sister used that Name and brought him back to life! She trumped death, by the life-giving name of Jesus.

That Name was given to her by Jesus, Himself. “In my Name, you go...” That’s called delegated authority. We call it “Power of Attorney” today. That Name has been issued to them to whom it belongs. “*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...*” (Ephesians 3:15)

In the Acts 19:12-17, we’re told of “special miracles” were done by the Apostle Paul and that there were seven sons from the house of one Jew by the name of Sceva who thought they would cast out a demon from a man using “the name of Jesus, who Paul preaches” (verse 13). But what happened? The spirit spoke and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then that spirit ripped into all seven of them, sending their saddles home (verse 16)! They did not have the authority to use that Name. The spirit world recognized this lack, and attacked them.

Peter and John used that Name in Acts 3... “Silver and gold I have none, but such as I have, I give to you, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, rise and walk.”

“... such as I have..” What did Peter and John have? They had the Name of Jesus imparted unto them. And when they used it, that crippled man received his healing, jumped up and went into the temple walking, leaping and praising the God. The Name of Jesus overruled the crippled effects in this man’s legs, and not only healed him, but gave him strength in those legs as well. They TRUMPED whatever was wrong with the man’s legs with that Name!

WE HAVE THAT NAME!

Everything has a name; and THE Name of Jesus is highly exalted above them.

When everything bows, it means everything submits to, or everything is ‘trumped’ by a higher Power. I overcome evil reports (words... voices) that rise up against me but MY VOICE... by speaking the name of Jesus, by speaking THE WORD of God over them. TRUMP!

Example... a financial bill comes in and by natural observance, I don't have enough funds. The voice of the bill says, “You owe me. Give me the money due!”

What are you going to do?

You can answer that by saying, “What am I going to do? Where am I going to get that amount of money?” by doing such, you have removed the answer from yourself and put the weight of that matter on yourself. You have denied The One Who can help you and succumbed to meeting that bill in your strength, your ingenuity, or abilities.

Jesus said in John 15:5, “Without me you can do nothing.” Thank God, we are never without Him or His Word!

Jesus said, “*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*” (Matthew 10:32 & 33)

Most Christians think those verses are referring to the person Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. But it goes beyond that. Jesus and His Word are the same, therefore denying the The Word is in essence, denying Jesus also. Always remember, Jesus and The Word are ONE. The written Word and the Living Word cannot be separated. When one denies the Word, they deny Jesus. When one confesses the Word, they are confessing Jesus over and in that situation. You're loosing the power of The Word – Jesus – into the realm of your life or the realm of your influence. Righteousness speaks, so speak the Word!

You confess, you deny. You justify or you condemn yourself by what comes out of your mouth in the circumstances of Life. You speak to whatever mountain in your way; you command it to be remove out of your life. You speak PEACE to that situation by the Prince of Peace Himself!

It is the “binding and loosing” principle of Matthew 18:18. You bind that which against you and loose the Answer – the promise of God – into that particular situation.

In this example of the bill, I know my God meets every need I have, therefore I say: “Lack, you have no place here, MY GOD meets every need I have; for the Lord is MY Shepherd and I do not Lack! Therefore, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, spirit of Lack, go! Angels of God, go forth and bring to me the monies I need to meet this bill and have plenty left over as well, for my Father not only Blesses me, but makes me a Blessing to others. I have given and therefore, it is given back to me good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, men give into my bosom! Come unto me, money... now!” (Those words come from: Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1; Hebrews 1:14; Luke 6:38, Matthew 12:35 and uses the principle of Mark 11:23 - speaking to your mountain.)

I confess The Word (Jesus) over the voice trying to get me to fear concerning my finances.

God is Love – 1 John 4:8. Perfect Love casts out fear – 1 John 4:18. How is perfect Love developed? 1 John 2:5 has the answer: *But whosoever keeps His Word, in him verily is the Love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.*

I keep, I guard His Word IN me and His Love is perfecting (maturing; allowed to increase) IN me as well. His Word is again becoming flesh walking this earth realm.

Proverbs 4:20-23 states:

²⁰ My son, attend to my words; incline your ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Attend to, or pay attention to, focus on, set your mind upon, to consider...Keep them – guard them, for they (My Words) are LIFE to those that find them (your diligent seeking of) and *health* (same word as ‘*medicine*’ in the Hebrew) to ALL your flesh.

Deuteronomy 30:19, God speaking:

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live....

You and your SEED... may live; words are seed. You can have what you say by putting the Law of Faith into motion. You keep that seed alive by your holding fast to that confession of faith.

YOU SPEAK over circumstances that rise up against you. YOU RIGHT THE WRONG arrayed against you. Nip it in the bud immediately, else it grows and takes roots, and becomes even worst. Guard your heart; keep His Word in your mouth not allowing other words – other reports – to take It’s place!

We started this lesson with Isaiah 54:17... let me close with the last part of that verse:

“...This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.”

My heritage. My righteousness. ALL because I have the Name!

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This teaching is mostly speaking on one aspect of The Name – our part directed toward weapons or circumstances arrayed against us. There is another aspect, or dimension, to the use of The Name, and that is speaking in that Name toward one another:

Words of...

- Edification
- Exhortation
- To comfort
- To intercede in behalf of
- Giving honor to....

...but that’s another lesson.

~ Larry Blackburn, *Jesus Our Surety Ministries*

** from page 3... Prince, Derek, “Declaring Gods Word” — Whitaker House.