

# GOOD THINGS IN YOUR MOUTH

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*“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord **shall not want any good thing.**” (Psalm 34:7-9)*

God has “good things” for us! It is very simple, as is the Gospel – good things come from God and bad things come from the devil. God, our Heavenly Father, only knows how to give good things. If we as imperfect fathers know how to give good things to our children, how much more does our Heavenly Father know how to give good things unto us!

*“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?” (Matthew 7:11)*

There are many benefits which God faithfully bestows upon His beloved children who love Him and are following in His ways. Here are a few of the items listed in the “benefit package” that God has for us:

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; **Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;** so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:1-5)*

Why does this Scripture say that it is **our mouth** that God wants to satisfy with good things? Why doesn't it rather say that He will satisfy our life or our bank account? When we compare this to another portion of Scripture, we will see why it is written like this.

*“But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even **in thy mouth**, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of Faith, which we preach. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:8).*

The revelation behind Psalm 103:5 and Romans 10:8 is that God is telling us that the faith in our heart and His Word in our mouth are interconnected! There is a divine relationship between these two which goes right back even to our salvation! There is power in the spoken Word of God.

## **God is concerned about the confession of our mouth!**

Many Christians live only on hope. We **hope** this or that will come to pass. We **hope** that Mr. Jones will get healed. We **hope** that our financial situation will start getting better. Hope is great but it doesn't accomplish anything until it is turned into faith by putting that “good thing” of God's Word in our mouth and making it our confession. Hope is necessary, but it is not enough. Hope is required, but it is only one step into the place where faith takes over – “*Faith is the substance of things hoped for!*” (Hebrews 11:1)

Now before we continue on this thought, we need to see how important the words of our mouth actually are. Jesus said:

*“But I say unto you, That **every idle word** that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:36).*

James, in his letter to the churches, made a very dramatic comparison to the importance of our tongue and the words that we speak:

*“For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue . . .”*  
(James 3:2-5)

James is telling us that in the same way the little rudder of a ship can change the direction in which a ship is going, so we, too, can change the entire course of our life by the things which we speak! If we are speaking negative junk over our lives and over our children and over our family, then we can only expect a negative outcome. But if we speak God’s Word over our life and over our family, we will see an awesome positive outcome.

That which brought the most destruction to the Israelites in all of their journeyings in the wilderness was not immorality or some other gross sin, but rather it was the sin of using their tongues to murmur and complain against Moses and against God! The Scriptures are very clear on this matter: we can’t afford to allow murmuring in our life.

Another area in which our tongue can bring destruction into our lives and the lives of others around us is when we “sow discord among the brethren.” Proverbs lets us know in no uncertain terms that this is on the top seven sins which God hates!

*“These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and **he that soweth discord among brethren**”* (Proverbs 6:16-19).

Another area we must not neglect is when we use our tongue to speak out fear and unbelief. Just like there is power behind words spoken in faith, there is an evil power and spiritual force behind words spoken out in fear and unbelief.

All of these things will simply rob our life of all the benefits that our Father wants to bestow upon us. Not only should we keep our own tongue from these evils, but we must also realize how absolutely critical it is to never allow others to speak such things to us! Don’t allow your ears to give heed to negative words, words of discord, neither to any words of fear and unbelief to be spoken over our lives by others!

As we pray and seek God, He will give us a “Word” – a “Rhema” Word. It may be a word of provision, or a word of healing, etc. When this Rhema Word comes, the first thing we must do is to **believe** the Word. Once we have mixed it up with our faith, then the second thing we must do is to **confess** that Word! We must speak out that word again and again and never allow contrary words to fill our mouth. This is the “Good Thing” that God wants to fill our mouth with!

One clear example of this is the way in which God dealt with Abraham. Abraham was about a hundred years old and his body “now dead” as concerning the ability to have children. In the midst of Abraham’s struggle of faith, God appears and changes his name from Abram (meaning “father”) to Abraham (meaning “father of multitudes”):

*“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but **thy name shall be Abraham**; for a father of many nations have I made thee”* (Genesis 17:1-5).

This name change thing caused Abraham to confess who he was from that day forward! Every time Abraham would introduce himself to another person:

“Hi, my name is Sam, what’s your name?” Then Abraham was literally forced to confess God’s Rhema Word to him: “Hi, my name is ‘Father of a Multitude!’”

Every time his wife or anyone else would call out for him, he would hear that Rhema Word again and again: “Father of Multitudes.” This Rhema was continually sinking down deeper and deeper into every fiber of Abraham’s life! After God spoke to Abraham, Abraham stopped begging God for children and he began thanking God and giving Him glory, knowing that God would be faithful to do exactly what He said would do:

*“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, **giving glory to God**; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform” (Romans 4:18-21).*

This is a great lesson for us! We must use the power which God has already given to us in Christ. We see Jesus continually teaching His disciples to use the authority that He had offered them in His Name. When they were in a boat during the storm – he rebuked them for not using their faith to take authority of the situation. When the multitudes needed to be fed and the disciples were all standing around scratching their heads and wondering what to do, Jesus commanded them: He answered and said unto them: “*Give **ye** them to eat.*”

So many times we, too, are just outright guilty of standing around and scratching our heads like those disciples – merely **hoping** that something good will come. It is time to use our faith, take the authority and dominion that God has given to in Christ, believe God, speak out His Word and change our circumstances. Amen!