

What Will You Decree?

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a **decree** which shall not pass away. Psalm 146: 1-6*

A few months back my pastor preached a very much anointed message on the power of words that really blessed me. And one of the things that he especially said and I remember is found in Proverbs 18: 20-21 From the Message Bible it reads, “*Words satisfy the mind as much as fruit does the stomach; good talk is as gratifying as a good harvest. Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.*” In the KJV it reads, “*Life and death are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*” You mean that the words that we speak have that much power? You mean that our words have so much power that we can either speak like or death to a situation? Well, let’s see...

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.”’ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,”’ says the LORD.” Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the **mountains** and hills, to the ravines and valleys: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I **speak** in my jealous wrath because you have suffered the scorn of the nations. Ezekiel 6:3*

...if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20b

During one of the night watches recently the Lord began to speak to me when I began seeking him for this message. I had just finished my command the Morning Prayer and what he said to me was, “Vera, even when you say good morning you are making a decree. You are declaring- you are making a declaration that it is going to be a good morning. You are decreeing that it is and will be a good day.” So this got the old wheels turning and I began to think, “Wow Lord you mean my words have that much power?” So, the teacher in me kicked in and I began to do a little research and this is what I found.

A decree is a legally binding command or decision and when we verbally make a decree we decide something and set it forth expressively and authoritatively. In the natural sense it is an authoritative order having the force of the law behind it. It means to ordain or to establish a thing. So then spiritually speaking a decree is an authoritative order or declaration having the force or power of God behind it especially when spoken in faith believing that God can and will back it up! When my husband and I were at the Daytona Double Portion Conference last year, one night a middle aged lady passed him a card and she had written a word on the back of it. She had written; Deut 1:11 “I keep hearing – I want to and I am going to bless you 1,000 times more than ever before! Needless to say; we have that card taped to the lamp on the desk so that when we pray we continually are reminded of that word to us and we make the declaration that God will honor His word to us because, He watches over his word to perform it in our lives!

In the very beginning God, Almighty expressively and authoritatively spoke in the book of Genesis. *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light and there was light.” Over and over again we read it written, “Then God said...”* And every time He decreed or declared a thing it was established. To be established means that that thing was put into force and brought to fruition. Fruition means that it was made real- it came into existence.

Now back in the bible days or ancient days it was the king who usually made a decree. But, normally he would not speak directly to the people himself. He would make the decree, have it put on parchment and then his subject would announce the decree as if it were

the king himself. He was the king's representative, so it was as if the king was standing there in front of the people speaking, even if he wasn't physically present. That precious woman of God heard God speak to her concerning my husband, wrote it on a card and gave it to him. The decree has been issued!

In the book of Daniel the 3rd chapter King Nebuchadnezzar had made an image of gold and the day had come for the dedication of that image and he and his governors and other officials had gathered for the dedication and his herald (his official messenger) decreed or proclaimed, *"To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations and languages, that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of the burning fiery furnace."* The king spoke it, which meant it was established and therefore was to be carried out and he did not offer any exceptions to anyone.

But there were three Hebrew boys who also made a decree, *"O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king."* Daniel 3: 17

Then over in Esther the first chapter King Ahasuerus made a feast for his officials. And for seven days they drank and partied and he commanded that Queen Vashti be brought before him wearing her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, but she refused to come at the king's command and it infuriated him. So he asked for advice from those closest to him as to what he should do to her in accordance with the law. Bottom line the advice was to issue a decree and have it recorded in the laws so that it cannot be altered that she shall come no more before the king and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. And the advice pleased the king so he had letters drawn up of the decree and it was sent to all his provinces. The king decreed it and it was so.

Then over in the New Testament in Luke the 2nd chapter during the time of the birth of Jesus it says that it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. So all went to be registered everyone to his own city.

So, when the king decreed a thing it was done- no questions asked and no exceptions to the rule. It did not matter if it was spoken directly from the mouth of the king to the subject or that he issued the decree and it was spoken through the herald as his representative. When the king said it, it was established and put in force so that it would be brought to fruition.

The word of God says that we are ambassadors for Christ that is, that God was, in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 5:19-21

We have been appointed and accredited by God to be his representatives in the earth and He is the one who has given us power and authority to decree his Word and he is the one who will watch over his word to see that the thing decreed comes to pass. The Scriptures say that, "He watches over His word to perform it." (Then said the Lord to me, "You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it." Jeremiah 1:12 Amp)

So I ask you today what do you decree about God, yourself, your family and your future?

Sometimes we don't know what to declare or decree. But can I tell you that if we decree what has already been decreed or declared by the King that it already has his power and authority behind it.

- **What do we declare about him?**

What is already so. We can come into a place and literally change the atmosphere by declaring what is so concerning the God we serve.

Declarations concerning God: He is the Almighty God, the covenant keeping God, His eyes are upon the righteous and his ears are attentive to our prayers. He is Jehovah-Tsidkenu- God is Righteousness. He is the do right God and there is no wrong or evil nor wickedness found in him. He is Jehovah-Shammah- God is there. No matter where I am... Where can I go from your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven you are there; if I make my bed in hell behold you are there. He is Jehovah-Shalom- God is Peace. I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon me. He is Jehovah-Nissi. God is my banner. The banner was the flag that we carried on the battlefield and as long as they could see that banner they knew that they were winning. God is the one who fights our battle and he is the one who gives us the victory! He is Jehovah-Jireh. God is our Provider. If we ask him for bread will he give us a stone? He is the one who gives us our daily bread and fills us with good things. His word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He is Jehovah-Raphe. He is our Healer. For he was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and by his stripes we are healed. The Son of Righteousness came with healing in his wings. He is Jehovah-Rohe. He is the Good and Great Shepherd. Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. The sheep know his voice and a strange voice they will not follow after. That is what we declare about the God we serve those things that he has already declared about himself- who he is and what he does and what he will do.

- What do you decree or declare about yourself?

Because we are his children we declare what He says concerning us- nothing more nothing less. But sometimes it is so difficult because we have already been pre-programmed by the words of others and we believe all of those negative things that have been said and we live defeated lives because those said things have been planted in us and it takes God to uproot those things and plant the truth and water what he plants and as it grows we begin to believe it. And when we believe it we become what we believe to be the truth and we start to act like it.

It is high time that we see ourselves as God see us and begin making declarations until they become so imbedded in us that we can do nothing but be who God says we are. Jesus is Lord over my spirit, soul and body. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. The Lord is my Shepherd. I do not want. God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. I am the body of Christ and have been redeemed from the curse of the law. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, my body belongs to God and he knows how to take care of what belongs to him. Because Jesus bore my sicknesses and carried my diseases in his own body; by His stripes I am healed. Every organ in my body functions in the perfection in which God created it to function. I honor God and bring glory to him in my body. I thank you God that I walk in divine health. I have the mind of Christ and hold the thoughts, feelings and purposes of his heart. I am a believer and not a doubter. I decide to walk by faith and not by sight. My faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Jesus Christ is the author and developer of my faith. The love of God has been shed abroad in my heart and his love abides in me richly. I keep myself in the kingdom of light, in love, in the word and the wicked one touches me not. I tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. I take my shield of faith and quench his every fiery dart. Greater is he who is in me than he who is in the word. I am delivered from this present evil world. I am seated with Christ in heavenly places. I reside in the kingdom of God's dear Son. I fear not for God has not given me the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. God is on my side. I am a world overcomer because I am born of God and I represent the Father and Jesus well. I let the word of God dwell within me richly and he who began a good work in me will continue until the day of Christ! What do you decree about yourself? You are a child of the King!

- What do you decree about your family, about your wife, about your husband, about your children, your church? Do you speak life or death?

God, I thank you that he is a mighty man of valor, a man of prayer, a man of integrity, a man who loves you with all his heart his mind his soul and his strength and puts you first in his life. I thank you God that he loves me as Christ loves the church and gave himself up for it. I thank you that he is not hard nor harsh on me therefore his prayers are not hindered. I thank you that he is a good provider and that he withholds no good thing from me. I thank you God that he sees me through your eyes and that he loves me exclusively and has healthy love for me and he does not seek to control or manipulate but sees me as his life partner and honors me and treats me with respect. God I thank you that my children are of a peaceable spirit that rebellion and disobedience is not the norm for them and that they respect me and honor me and rise up and called be blessed. I thank you that they shall come to know you at a young age and that they will serve you all the days of their lives. Lord, I thank you that we as a church walk in the peace of God, the fear of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. We have the same love one or another and we stand as a mighty army in these last days and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us.

What do you decree? What will you declare?

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