

## **Words.**

Do you remember the phrase “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me”? I believed that! I BELIEVED that until I was proven wrong. I’ve used offensive words many times. I have hurt people with my words. I believe words can hurt.

I would say many people do not understand the results that our words carry. Either words carry God’s life- constructive power, or they can carry the enemy’s death and destructive power.

(Amplified) Proverbs 18:20-21 A man's life shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequence of his words, he must be satisfied [whether good or evil]. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

Words we speak affect our entire being (our body, soul and spirit). We experience the consequences of talking. The consequences are death and life. Words are powerful.

We use words to accuse a person or encourage a person. We use words to build up or to tear down. We use words to make people laugh or make people cry. We use words to bring healing or bring hurt. We use words to teach truth or tell lies. We use words to bless or curse. We use words to create gossip or to stop gossip. Our words will bring victory in this life or our words will bring us defeat.

A blond joke! You’ve heard of blond jokes before. A blonde went to a Broadway show and after listening to a ventriloquist go through his routine of dumb-blonde jokes the blonde jumps up screaming obscenities, blaming the man for the way she was treated at work and how she’s made fun of in the media. The ventriloquist began to apologize. The blonde then looked at him and said, "Look, you stay out of this. I am not talking to you. I'm talking to that idiot on your knee." No matter who you are, a literal dummy or a very intelligent person, words affect us all.

Words created the creation in which we live. We learn this principle from God who created His awesome creation with his words.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (on the first day)

And He spoke on the second day And what God said was so.

And God said . . . to His creation on the (third day and what God said was so)

And God said . . . to His creation on the (fourth day) and it was so.

And God said . . .to His creation on the (fifth day) and it too was so.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . H e spoke on (the sixth day and it was so)

(NLT) Genesis 1:31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was excellent in every way. This happened on the sixth day.

And God said He created the Sabbath Day and it was so.

God's creation was by his words. He kept speaking to it until His creation was excellent in every way.

That same principle is true today. With God's spirit in us we create our world in which we live and we continue to create it every day.

In Christ we must learn to speak correctly to our world if we want it to be excellent in every way.

Let's see how this works. How many have ever seen someone (or perhaps it was who) become angry and suddenly a river of words from the mouth creates a bad situation? People lose their jobs, friends, marriages, and even their very lives because of words. There are consequences (the fruit) that we eat if we use words incorrectly. People can create a world of woes in which they must live. The same is true if we speak correctly, or speak God's words. With His help we can create our world that is excellent in every way.

How many of us truly believe that the words we speak have a tremendous amount to do with the lives we live?

How many of us truly believe that the words we speak have a tremendous effect in our lives?

Words can determine our futures and our fates.

Matthew 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

From the (Message Bible same verse) Words can be your salvation. Words can also be your damnation.

In Matthew 12:37 here:

Jesus said that words have the power to set the course of our lives.

We will never rise any higher in life than the words that come out of our mouths. If you say you cannot, that is true you can't.. If you say you do not have what it takes that's true too. If you say nothing good ever happens to you, then nothing good will happen to you. A person cannot talk defeat and expect to live in victory. You cannot talk sickness and expect to live in health. You cannot talk poverty and expect to be in plenty. We are creating our existence with our words.

We can speak the enemy's words of damnation or speak God's life giving words.

Proverbs 6:2 You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

Words hold us captive in life. Words from our own mouths snare us. If we want things to change, then we must begin by changing the things we are saying. Out of the heart comes what we say.

There is something unique about words. Once a word is spoken, even though you wish you hadn't said it, even though you repent to God – God forgives you and forgets but that word is in your world – it is forgiven but not forgotten. Not by you or others. Words are like a tube of tooth paste: once it's out of the tube you can't put it back in again.

We must learn to agree with God and speak his words for life.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

I guess my point is if we want God to walk with us, then we must agree with what he has to say about us. God says some powerful things about us.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

We are conquerors. We cannot go around with our head down all depressed and defeated when God says that we are more than a conqueror. We must agree with God. Even if life seems to be overwhelming.

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

We cannot go around saying that our dreams will never happen when God says that, if you delight yourself in the Lord, he will give you the desires of your heart. We must agree with God! Even if we must wait on God.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

God says there is nothing you cannot do.

Psalms 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

No matter what troubles we have, God will deliver us. We must agree with God.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

God has armor on us to make us victorious.

Psalms 5:12 For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

The favor of the Lord causes people to want to help you. We have the favor of the Lord.

His blessing will overtake me. We must agree.

Deuteronomy 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you will hearken unto the voice of the LORD your God.

We should speak prosperity in what our hands find to do, and health to our body. That is what God wants for us. Agree with God!

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

Psalms 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Christ's disciples must get our mouths going in the right direction if we are going to create an excellent world in which to live. Speak it every day and day by day our creation will grow to be excellent in every way.

We should talk about God's spirit in us and its benefits.. We should talk about God's support for us and its benefits; even when things seem to be going south.

I know that sometimes we need to talk to people so they can pray for us. I don't think that means we need to come home every day and get on the phone and tell our friends how bad things are for us. Instead, begin to speak the word of the Lord and His promise.

Sometimes it feels good to the flesh to mope around with a "poor me" attitude, but that is a trick of the enemy.

We are to prophecy our futures in God.

I know this sounds a little strange to our fleshly being, but try it and see the blessings.

We are to speak (we are to confess) God's scriptures, not only believe them.

Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

It is the confession (the speaking) that makes things happen.

When God created the universe, he did not only "believe" it and it happened. He did not just think about it. He did not imagine it. He spoke and when he spoke it, things happened. It is the

same way with me and you. We must give life to our belief by speaking it out. We prophesy our future when we do that.

In Ezekiel 37 there is a very interesting story. And we all know it quite well. The prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of a valley of old dry human bones. God asked Ezekiel a question.

Ezekiel 37:3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Maybe some of us are going through a dry and dead time. We all have at some point. We look and we see a valley of dead dry dreams. It seems impossible for them to live again. Can they live?

God told Ezekiel to do something.

Verse :4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

God told Ezekiel to prophesy to dry, brittle, dead bones. God told Ezekiel to prophesy to an impossible situation. Some of us today may be facing situations that seem impossible in the flesh. Maybe our health seems too bad to overcome. Maybe our marriage does not seem to be what it should be. Maybe it seems impossible for your child to know and serve God. It may seem impossible for you to get out of debt. It seems impossible in our jobs to really succeed. Maybe it seems impossible for you to be happy again. We could be looking at a valley of dry, dead bones just as Ezekiel did. God is saying the same thing to me and you that he said to Ezekiel. Prophesy to those dead bones.

Ezekiel was to say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!" He was not to give his thoughts on the situation. He was not to speak the opinion of others. He did not say listen to my doctor's report or my counselor's advice. No. He said, "Bones, hear what the word of God says."

Verse :5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

What does the Sovereign Lord say to your valley of dry bones? As Ezekiel was prophesying, what happened.

Verse :7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

When we speak the word of our Lord, things will begin to come together.

The Bible says that the bones came together and flesh came on the bones, but there was no breath. God told Ezekiel to call breath forth.

Verse :9 Then he said to me, Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, This is what the Sovereign LORD says . . .

We are not finished speaking to our creation until it is excellent in every way, and that may take a lifetime. We do not stop speaking to it until we have the existence we desire. How many times, do we see people get so far along; they get so far, and then stop. Do not stop! We need to prophesy to it until it lives and our creation is excellent in every way..

. In Ezekiel all that happened because one man spoke the word of the sovereign Lord. If we will dare to begin putting God's word into our mouth more, God will bring alive what seems to be dead. He will fix our impossible situation for us just as he did for Ezekiel.

This is a prophecy of Israel's resurrection to physical life.

Some people give up on their dreams. If God can make dead bones come to life, surely God can make our situation better.

The enemy is after our words. He wants us to speak death. Instead, speak life. If we will stop having a poor mouth, we will stop having a poor life.

If you are not happy, believe Jesus.. Speak life to your creation.

2 Corinthians 4:13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

The spirit of faith is in our words. Our words of faith release the power of faith to create our world.

Do not use words to describe your negative situation. Use words to change your situation. Stop talking about how you are and begin talking about how you want to be in Christ. Line your words up with God's words.

Say, to God I want to thank you Father I have a home. Praise God for our mates, he gave us our mates and God does not make mistakes. We've made mistakes because of the words we say. But sometimes it's an unequally yoke situation. The enemy wants us to talk about how bad our mate is. But use words to your mate of cooperation not confrontation. Then watch how that valley of dead bones will begin coming together. How do we get away from experiencing a bad situation? The more we talk about and magnify our problems, the bigger our problems become. But the more we magnify our Lord, the bigger he becomes and the smaller our problems become.

Words are so very powerful. Words accuse or encourage. Words make us laugh or make us cry. Words bring healing or hurt. Words teach truth or teach lies. Words bless or curse. Words create

gossip or stop gossip. Your words will bring to you victory in life or defeat in life. With our words we make promises. With our words they live or die.

Do you tell your spouse everyday a few words of thanks? Do you have words of cooperation or words of confrontation? Do you speak of your desire to help her? Do something good for your spouse every day. One thing we can do is wake up with a good attitude; not complaining or murmuring.

Do you know what kind of words that get us into more trouble than we can imagine. It's about the dangers of murmuring and complaining. I know that none of us have this problem. I know that this message is for someone else. But, maybe we can help someone by what we say.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

The Bible says that we should not allow any unwholesome talk to come out of our mouths. We think unwholesome talk is when we talk about people and that is true.

The enemy gets great joy when we gossip about people. He knows it will mess up our lives.

1 Peter 3:10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

If we really want to enjoy life, we must keep our tongue from speaking evil about anyone. We will eat the consequences. We think we are only hurting the person we are talking about, but in reality we are poisoning our very own lives and futures, our world.

We think profanity as being unwholesome talk - and surely it is, but did you know that murmuring and complaining is unwholesome talk. Unwholesome talk will stop us from experiencing the life that God has planned for us.

We all know that it is wrong to murmur and complain, but I am not sure that we know how dangerous it actually is.

We have all been guilty of murmuring and complaining. Sometimes the things we complain about are comical maybe humorous. We ask God to give us a promotion at work. He does and we complain that we have too much responsibility. We ask for more business then we complain that we are "covered up." We ask God to give us children. Then we complain when they are not perfect as we hoped. We ask God for a new car. We get one and then complain about the price of gas. Women pray for a husband. Then complain because he does those dumb things men do. We men ask God to give us a wife. Then we complain because they don't believe everything we say.

There will always be something to complain about. The enemy will always make certain that you have plenty of opportunities to grumble and find fault with something or someone.

The children of Israel were in bondage. The Egyptians treated them terribly. They were working as slaves. They were being beaten and abused. It was an incredibly unfair situation. God said that he had heard the cry of his people and that he was coming down to deliver them. He sent Moses as their deliverer. You know the story. With miracle after miracle God supernaturally brought them out of that bondage. In a moment, they were free and God was taking them to their Promised Land. One would think that they would be happy and grateful. God miraculously delivered them. Every single person saw God's mighty hand working in his or her lives. Were they thankful? No. Were they grateful? The first thing they began to do was murmur and complain.

The main reason for murmuring and complaining is that we are simply not grateful. If I complain and murmur, I am focusing on something negative. A complainer always focuses on the negative. Instead of complainers thanking God for what they do have they complain about what they don't have. Instead of focusing on how far they have come in life and all that God has done for them, they focus on how far they have to go. You may not be where you want to be right now, but at least you are not where you once were. You may not have a lot of money but thank God for the money you do have. You may not have the house of your dreams now, but you can thank God that you have a roof over your head.

What does the Lord want us to do?. Just as you can always find something to complain about, you can always find something for which to be grateful. If we are honest and take a look at what we have, each of us would say, "LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE" for me.

Psalms 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

At all times means in the good times and in the tough times. It means when things are going great and when the bottom falls out, I will be grateful.

The children of Israel complained and did not thank and praise God.

(TLB) Numbers 11:4 . . ."Oh, for a few bites of meat! Oh, that we had some of the delicious fish we enjoyed so much in Egypt, and the wonderful cucumbers and melons, leeks, onions, and garlic!

They were extremely ungrateful and wanted Moses to tell God they were tired of what He was doing for them.

Manna was not God's final destination for them. It was only what He provided for them as he took them to where he had planned for them to go. Where you are today is not your final destination. It is manna. It is what God gives you for today. We should be grateful, but instead, we complain.. I feel sure though you are not one who does.

Numbers 11:10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.

God was not upset because the people complained. He was upset because they were not grateful. What troubled Moses was not that the people complained, but the results of their complaining. How can anything good ever come out of murmuring and complaining.

When people murmur and complain after God has been good to them, it disappoints and upsets God. Look what the Lord said and note a little sarcasm here in this scripture:

(TLB) Numbers 11:18-19: "And tell the people to purify themselves, for tomorrow they shall have meat to eat. Tell them, 'The Lord has heard your tearful complaints about all you left behind in Egypt, and he is going to give you meat. You shall eat it, not for just a day or two, or five or ten or even twenty! For one whole month you will have meat until you vomit it from your noses; for you have rejected the Lord who is here among you, and you have wept for Egypt.'"

Murmuring and complaining turns the favor of God away from us. The Lord sees our complaining as rejecting him and it is. He sees it as our being ungrateful for all he has done for us and we are. He takes murmuring and complaining very personally.

One thing, if not the main thing, that will totally stop us from entering our promise land is complaining. But, turn that around and be thankful and grateful and positive and he will get you to your Promised Land.

The children of Israel complained about having to eat manna. Do you know how long they had to eat it? They ended up eating it for forty years!

Some ate manna for the rest of their lives

Deuteronomy 1:2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.

3 Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him as commandments to them,

They could have been done with manna in eleven days after leaving Sinai. Instead, they continued murmuring and complaining and that kept them eating manna for the rest of their lives...

You may complain and say I give tithes, but cannot get out of the rut I'm in. Thank God you make enough to give tithes even if it's just two coins. Thank God you have an income. If we don't make enough money to give tithes God does not expect us to give more than we are able. He looks at the heart and hears what we say. Bless the Lord - then watch him do something for you.

You may be complaining about your spouse. They do this or they do that. As long as you murmur and complain, nothing will change. However, if you will find something good to say

about your spouse, and do something good for them often: God will begin to change the situation. Talk about what he or she does well and be thankful for your spouse.

Let me tell you a joke. Most Sunday mornings, everyone in a small town got up and went to the local church. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone began screaming and running for the exit trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon, everyone was gone from the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew, not moving and seemingly oblivious to Satan. This confused Satan, so he walked up to the man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you afraid of me?" "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "I been married to your sister for over 48 years."

Some of us have been dealt what seems to be an unfair hand in life. Maybe someone is treating you very wrong right now. Maybe you've given up on your marriage. It takes three to have a blessed marriage: you your spouse and God. Maybe you have a diagnosis of a life threatening disease, or your spouse has many medical problems. Maybe you have recently lost a close loved one and the pain is great. Maybe a parent that is near death.

In this life you may have every reason to murmur and complain. But, don't do it. Let's be encouraged. As difficult as it may be, bite your tongue! Do not allow any unwholesome talk to come out of your mouth. Unwholesome talk will keep you in a wilderness.

(Amplified) Proverbs 30:32 If you have done foolishly in exalting yourself, or if you have thought evil, lay your hand upon your mouth.

In other words, if you cannot find anything good to say then shut your mouth; do not say anything at all. That's what the Psalmist said. People say, "Well, I thought it, so I may as well say it." No. No. No. It is best to not think it, yes, but it is worse to say it. Cover your mouth. Do not say it. As bad as doing something foolish and thinking something evil may be, they are not nearly as bad as saying it.

No matter how bad things get, do not murmur and complain. We know how bad things got for Jesus.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Jesus went through more than any of us can imagine. Yet, he never complained. We can't imagine the beating, the crown of thorns, the whipping, and the nails. He could have said this is not fair. No one should be treated like this. He had feelings and emotions just as we do. Jesus knows what it feels like to be mistreated and rejected. He knows what it feels like to be lied about and falsely accused. Jesus knows what it feels like to have the world come against him. He could have questioned God, and said this is not right. But it was God's will. Jesus knew it was

best to keep silent.. In the time of his greatest trial and greatest need, when he was the most tempted to murmur and complain, he did not open His mouth.

We need to learn to do the same thing. In our difficult times, we must learn to stay silent. Rather than murmuring and complaining, we must learn to cover our mouths. You will have circumstances in life that do not seem fair. You may not understand why something bad happened. If we want to be raised up, we must trust God will raise you from your tomb of despair. He will roll away the stone and bring you out of every adversity if we will not open our mouths – murmur and complain.

God has promised that he would take crazy things – shameful things and humiliating things – that happen, turn them into good things, and then bless us double.

(TLB) Isaiah 61:7 Instead of shame and dishonor, you shall have a double portion of prosperity and everlasting joy.

If we will do what is right when we go through bad times, even if it was shameful and disgraceful, God promised that he would bring us out with a double portion of prosperity and a double portion of joy.

Don't you find it amazing WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE FACED GOLIATH. David didn't murmur and complain and ask God why he always had such huge problems like lions and bears and now a giant. No. David focused on the fight. He didn't focus on the fact that Goliath was ten feet tall and he was a little over five feet tall. He didn't think about Goliath being a trained warrior and he was a shepherd boy. Instead, he magnified and focused on the greatness of his God.

When David walked out to fight with a sling and rocks, He actually ran toward Goliath twirling his sling over his head, the giant sneered and cursed David.

1 Samuel 17:43 He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods

What did David say to that?.

1 Samuel 17:45-46: David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

David said I will defeat you. I will feed your carcass to the fowls of the air. David didn't think those words. He spoke those words. Those are the kind of words we need to speak in our times of adversity.

Thank God for something good he has done for you. God will bless you double if we will not murmur and complain.

Bad things happen if we murmur. That generation of the children of Israel never learned this principle. Most believers never learn it either. The difference between being grateful and complaining is life or death. That generation always found fault with something. If it was not about the food, it was about the water. If it was not the food or water, it was Moses. If it was not Moses, it was Moses' wife. If it was not one of those, it was God.

(TLB) Numbers 21:5-6 they began to murmur against God and to complain against Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they whined. "There is nothing to eat here, and nothing to drink, and we hate this insipid manna." So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among them to punish them, and many of them were bitten and died.

The apostle Paul referred back to this incident.

(Amplified) 1 Corinthians 10:9-10: We should not tempt the Lord as some of them did--and were killed by poisonous serpents; nor discontentedly complain as some of them did--and were put out of the way entirely by the destroyer.

When we murmur and complain we open the door to poisonous snakes. We poison our own futures. When you are constantly negative and constantly finding fault, you are opening the door for some bad things to come into your camp – your life and family, your world. We release poisons into our homes, bodies, work, business, everything, etc.

The opposite is true. If we remain positive and keep our hearts cheerful and thankful, it is like good medicine.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

. The more we thank God for what we do have, the more God will give us what we don't have.

It should have taken the children of Israel just a few days to reach their promise land. Instead, most of them never entered it at all. Most of them died in the wilderness. Why? The problem was their mouths. They were constantly murmuring and complaining.

God says come follow me. It is just a short journey down the road and I will bless your life so you shine like a star. Just do not complain and murmur.

Philippians 2:14-15 Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.

How many things does the Bible say do without complaining? Do Everything without complaining!

When we stop murmuring and complaining, God blesses our life so much that we will appear as a star in the heavens. We will elevate to a higher dimension of life than we have ever experienced.

There are very few words greater than words of praise. We give words of praise to God and man.

I know you probably get tired of me talking about the sickness I had. If you get tired of my praise to Jesus and God you'll have to forgive me. I've talked much about me lying in bed and the doctors jumping to the conclusion that I was a breath away from death. I was lying in bed not conscience of anything. In the middle of the night my family got a call from the hospital. My family came to me and my family prayed for me. Not only my family prayed but my friends, people in the church, people across the land. They were all praying for me. The medical staff thought I was dying, as good as dead. There was nothing they could do. God heard those prayers. Jesus reached down took my hand and we came out of that hospital bed. The doctors did not know that I was a breath away from the breath of renewed life. The doctors considered me dead, Jesus considered me friend. Give words of praise to God.

Give praise to God for Bill Glover, too, who was one breath away from death. He went through some bad time. Jesus reached down took him by the hand and renewed his life.

Finally - WORDS can EITHER VALUE A PERSON or devalue a person. We appreciate and value people with words of blessing. We devalue or depreciate a person with words of criticism and finding fault. Words are powerful. Words bring irrevocable results.

Numbers 6:22 The LORD said to Moses,

"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

Notice the way God says to bless someone; it is to say to them. We bless people with our words. A blessing is not a blessing until it is spoken.

What kind of words does God want us to say?

We are to say; The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Those words!

Speak words of victory and faith. Declare God's goodness. Declare words of God's favor. Declare that God's face is smiling upon a person. Blessing is when we declare God's goodness upon people.

Some of you have had all sorts of negative things spoken to you and about you. I want God to be gracious to you today and give you peace. I want you to receive a blessing from God today and His face shine on you.

Last scripture:

Psalms 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

I don't sing – I don't dance – I don't play a trumpet – I don't play any musical instrument but there is something I can do – I can speak words of praise for my God for He is good, He is great. And He loves me.