

You will speak of the goodness of God!

A decree is an official order that has the force of the law or royalty. A kingdom decree has the throne room of heaven supporting it. A decree is issued by rulers. We are the royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) and we can release God's word into our circumstances, as those who have been given His authority. There are words that we hear which stir something inside of us, that seem to carry a weight. We want to make sure that our words and our meditations are pleasing to God and acceptable in His sight (Psalm 19:14).

Psalm 103:20 says, "Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word." It is interesting to think that the angels are activated to respond when the voice of God's word goes out. We need to be releasing God's word deliberately over every circumstance that we face.

We know that a lie's power lies in its belief. As we believe something, we partner with it and it becomes part of us (Proverbs 23:7). We should be considering our thought processes and ripping out anything that tries to work its way into our thinking that doesn't line up with God's word for us. But we need to take it a bit further. We need to make sure that we are activating the words that should be being released into our circumstances, into our communities, and into our nation. King Solomon reminds us in Proverbs 18:21 that death and life are in the power of the tongue, reiterated in James 3:1-12, reminding us of the power held within this small part of our body. Most of the time we think about this in relation to stopping the negative, but it is interesting to think about the things that we should be saying that have the power to bring life and peace.

If you feel like you would like to explore more, you could read the three accounts of the story of Jesus' disciples and the young boy, from Matthew 17:14-21, Luke 9:37-45, and Mark 9:14-29 and look at how the three passages fit together and tell us the story.

Discussion Questions

1. Are there areas in your life where you have been believing God for breakthrough but not seeing any results?
2. What does the situation in Matthew 17:14-21, Mark 9:14-29, and Luke 9:37-45, where the disciples take Jesus aside privately, say about how we should respond when we are not seeing results in our lives?
3. What areas in your world do you feel like you are not decreeing God's best? (Have a think about what words you may have failed to say).
4. Do you believe that angels are working on your behalf to see God's will done in your life?
5. What words do you need to shift from your vocabulary?