



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

#18. "DECLARATIONS"

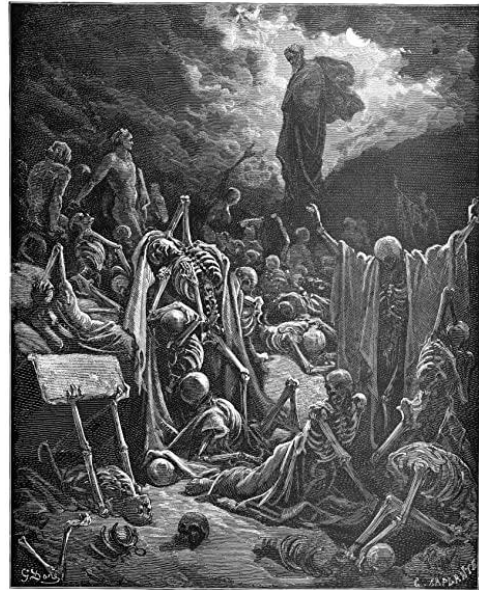
What is a declaration?

Declarations are biblically-based faith statements about what is true even though it may not be in our experience yet (or may not fully be in our experience). Declarations may also be called decrees, proclamations, affirmations, or confessions.

Scriptural examples

Joel 3:10 Let the weak say, I am strong. (NASB: "I am a mighty man"; ESV: "I am a warrior")
Matthew 8:8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."

Ezekiel 37:3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ...'" 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. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.



Matthew 21:20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. ²¹ Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Some conditions

Lamentations 3:37 Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it?
James 1:6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Nothing happens in the kingdom without a declaration. *Bill Johnson*

The kingdom of God is voice-activated. *Pastor Mark Brown*

One of the greatest gifts you can give the world is the power of your words. Use them wisely. Build up rather than tearing down. Speak life instead of destruction. Express truth and love. Dispense with mindless chatter; let your words carry weight. Your mouth is an influential force. Use it well, and the people around you will thrive. *Chris Tiegreen*

Much of what I am experiencing in my life now is because of what I declared twenty-five years ago when it seemed ridiculous. *Steve Backlund*

Some answers to objections

- *Doesn't this override God's sovereignty and manipulate him?* We have delegated authority from God, and he infuses our words with power. God told us to heal the sick, so we shouldn't turn around and ask him to do it.
- *This is just another form of "name it and claim it" or "blab it and grab it."* All biblical truths can be misapplied. Don't let people who have abused this important principle ruin it for everyone; don't throw out the baby with the bathwater.
- *You can't have something just by saying something.* That's true, but saying something is necessary to having something. It's not the only thing you do, but its one of them.
- *This is a formula that bypasses a relationship with God.* Anything can be made into a formula, such as praying; but that doesn't mean it's not powerful.
- *This sounds like "mind over matter" or new age teaching.* This is *faith* over matter. Just because someone else believes it too doesn't mean it's not from God.
- *I tried it and it didn't work.* There are some things we will continue to do—love people, serve, read the Bible, etc.—even if it doesn't look like it's working. (based on Steve Backlund)

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