



Chapter 2

WORDS

God's and Ours

Everything starts with words, written and spoken, *logos* and *rhema*. These are the Greek words for the word “words.” Words are full of power. We start with words. God created everything with His Words and still does. In the beginning God spoke words that created the Heaven and the Earth (Genesis 1:1).

God’s words and our words; different kinds of words. We can speak “dead” words such as Job had in his book. The Amplified Bible and the NIV versions have much to say about “dead” words which include: jesting words, foolish words, and idle speaking.

Words Are the Vehicle of Creation

Speaking of releasing words, words create. In my above statement, I said that God, in the beginning, created Heaven and Earth. He created them by speaking out words. Speaking releases the power to make manifest that which was spoken; this is called "creation." God did everything by speaking out words.

The Word of God in the Bible was spoken first of all by God. In Genesis 1:3, God said, "Let there be Light," and darkness had to flee because God said: "Let there be Light!" And there was light. So the benefit of speaking God's Word is that you release the creative power that's in that word. The Book of Genesis is a good place to start because a lot of things are said there about words.

Words can convey truth, absolute Truth, or lies. The devil, Satan, uses words to impress people in his kingdom. His words are lies because Jesus identified the devil as a liar and the father of lies in the four gospels (John 8:44).

One of the things that we note here about words is that the words which God

speaks are part of His character. We haven't talked much about God's character, but Kendall Hetrick and I taught a whole series of 30-minute "Great & Mighty Things" television programs about the character words which identify Almighty God. Now if they identify Almighty God, they also identify Jesus and the Holy Ghost because they are part of the Godhead.

The purpose of words is not just for communication between people. Every time that God opens His mouth and says a word, He creates something. Man's words, because they are words, also create something. The power of man's words with man's faith attached will bring about a response which is man's creation of the words he speaks, similar to what God does. God created man in His image to be that way.

There's a division between natural or human words and God's Words — natural to spiritual.

God used His words to create everything and His man, Adam, was involved. God gave him the duty to give a name to all the creation that He had placed on Earth — all the

animals, birds, and fish. Everything was named by Adam; it was one of his early tasks.

God created all things. He brought them all into existence by speaking and creating them from His words. This is also spoken of in the New Covenant.

Before they existed, God called things into existence. Romans 4:17 says, "to call things that be not as though they were; to call them in as if they already existed."

When God called things in by His Word, they did come into existence. We do the same thing. We might not say God's Word to create something; we may be speaking things in the negative, but we are still creating by our words. The first thing you create with negative words is a negative atmosphere and attitude, which can quickly lead to depression and fear, which opens the door for the enemy to come in and torment you. Check what you are saying; watch what you say. Be sure that it's a thing that you want, not something that you don't want. This is a principle that God established when all of this began.

Jesus Is the Word of God Made Flesh

I want to inject here that the Bible tells us Jesus Christ is identified as THE WORD. He is God's Word and the Word is Truth. John 1:14 and John 17:17 say that He is the Word and the Truth; both these describe Jesus. I'll go one step further and say, "Absolute Truth" which still holds true to God's Word.

We'll get to the division between truth and absolute truth as we get into another chapter.

We mentioned that Jesus is the Word. In John 1:1, it says that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. This is referring to Jesus, the Christ, the Savior, who came to change everything going on in the world. Jesus is and was the Word of God.

Right now we are tying words to the creation of things, and some of the other words which are relevant like "faith."

Faith is the Catalyst that Makes The Word Work

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that

the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” (Hebrews 11:3) They could not appear until God spoke the words to create them.

Hebrews 4:12 says that God’s Word is quick (alive), sharper than any two-edged sword, able to discern the intent of the heart between soul and spirit.

We can speak a lot of idle words; without faith being mixed in with them, they are just idle words. But our speaking them out does not make them less powerful. They still come into manifestation because eventually you start believing them yourself. The first thing that your words create are images, good or bad. Those images build into imaginations, all which feed into your belief system.

The Apostle Paul says, “I believed and therefore I spoke.” in 2 Corinthians 4:13.

FAITH — an act of speaking out and acting on what you believe.

TRUTH — there are different kinds of truth. We have a natural truth which we live by in the natural world. Natural truth and spiritual truth isn’t the same thing. God’s

Truth is based in the spiritual realm and natural truth is based in the natural realm.

When I was studying engineering in college, we had been taught a lot of truths that came from the natural world by experimentation to prove out that when this word is used, the truth of it would give it validity so you could believe it and put it to use. This same principle applies to God's Word. When you learn His absolute Truth, it's absolute – nothing is going to change it...THAT'S IT because God Himself is absolute.

I'm going to make a statement here; WORDS – God's words, your words, just words are basic principles of how this physical world we live in and the spiritual world we live in, function. These two worlds don't function separately from other parts. They function together.

When we are speaking words and they're idle words, they go nowhere because there's no faith mixed with them.

Hebrews 4:2 states, "but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith...."