

WORDS OF FIRE

I. Hebrews 11:6 - All that I want to teach you can be summed up in this statement:

“You’ve got to say what you hear, if you want to see what you said.”

A. We are going to restore faith back into our message and our lives - Faith Meter?

1. **Mis-use and abuse shouldn’t mean dis-use - Enemy deal with truth in two ways**

2. Romans 10:8-10 - God puts His word in both the heart and the mouth.

a. **In the heart so that man might believe**

b. In the mouth so that man might speak

c. **The mouth and the heart are two ends of the same instrument**

d. Both are needed in the process of faith.

3. **The Greek word for CONFESS is “homologeo” = “to speak the same thing.”**

4. God speaks a word to our heart so we will believe.

a. **He puts that same word in our mouth.**

b. So that we will speak the same thing that God spoke.

c. **The Lord doesn’t want us to just believe what He says He wants to have what he says.**

d. So with our heart we believe and become righteous and with our mouth we speak and become whole.

B. The purpose of believing is to produce righteousness - the purpose of speaking is to receive what you believe.

II. This morning I want to talk with you about *“Hearing & Believing - Speaking & Seeing”*

A. Hearing & Believing

1. 2 Greek words for “Word Of God” Logos & Rhema

a. **Logos = Expression of Thought - Logos produces knowledge**

1) John 1:1 2) Matthew 25:25 (My words will not pass)

- b. Rhema = That which is spoken personally - Rhema's produce faith.
 - 1) **Matthew 4:4 (man does not live)**
 - 2) **John 6:68 (words of life)**
 - 3) **Ephesians 6:17 - this is not referring to the whole bible, but to the Individual scriptures that God has quickened to our hearts in a time of need.**

- c. It's when the written word in our mind becomes a living word in our heart.
 - 1) **Logos will make you smarter - Rhema will make you better**
 - 2) **Logos will build an audience - Rhema will build an army**
 - 3) **Logos will make you educated - Rhema will make you effective**

- d. It's what I call hearing in faith - "The word of Faith."
 - 1) **I heard that Jesus died for my sin**
 - 2) **I heard that God loved me just the way I was**
 - 3) **I heard the Holy Spirit was for today.**

- e. **John 10:3 - Only Sheep hear His voice not lambs.**

2. God speaks to our heart not our mind.

- a. The heart is spiritual, the mind is natural
- b. **Proverbs 14:10 The heart knows things that the minds doesn't**
- c. We study the logos with our mind but we hear a Rhema with our heart.

3. Once the Supernatural word comes to the heart it begins to dialogue with the natural mind - Mark 8:15-19

- a. Greek word for discuss is "*Dialogizomai.*"
- b. **We hear two words in that "dialogue" and "logic."**
- c. Dialoging logically with the natural mind the supernatural word results in
 - 1) **A dimming of the spiritual eyes.**
 - 2) **The thickening of the spiritual ears.**
 - 3) **The hardening of the heart.**
 - 4) **And a forgetting of what God has done in the past.**
- d. It's not that God stops speaking it's that I'm going deaf.

- a. But it is my posture that if I hear a God calling something not as though it was, then it is important for me to echo what I heard with my mouth and believe it with my heart if I want to see it in my life.
 - 1) In **Judges 6**, An angel called Gideon a “mighty man of valor” while he was threshing out wheat in a wine press acting like a coward.
 - 2) In **Matthew 16:18**, Jesus calls Peter a “rock” long before he evidenced any rock like qualities.

b. The scriptures declare that we are righteous even when we don’t look, feel or act righteous.

- 1) But God has placed this word of righteousness in my mouth and my heart. Because I believe this word with my heart I have become righteous inwardly and as I speak it with my mouth I am becoming righteous outwardly.
 - 2) **Paul the Apostle put it this way in 2 Corinthians 4:13**, *“But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, therefore also we speak.”*
2. Just as there two Greek words in the NT for the “word of God,” there are two Hebrew words in the OT for the “word of God.”
- a. Like “logos” the Hebrew word “imrah imparts the knowledge of God. An example of this can be found in **Psalm 119:11**, *“Thy word (imrah) I have hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.”*
 - b. Like “rhema” the Hebrew word “dabar” imparts the faith of God. An example of this can found in **Genesis 15:1**, *“After these things the word (dabar) of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”*

3. Knowing this will help us understand the following scriptures.

Jeremiah 23:28-29 *“The prophet who has a dream may relate [his] dream, but let him who has My word (dabar), speak My word in truth. Is not My word (dabar) like fire? declares the Lord.”*

Jeremiah 5:14 *“Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, Because you have spoken this word (dabar), Behold, I am making My words (dabar) in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.”*

- a. Notice the words don’t become fire (inflamed with power) until the prophet speaks them

- 1) **It's my position that when you as a Christian speaks a (dabar or rhema) it becomes inflamed with the power of God and what ever the word was given for then becomes wood.**
 - 2) The word of faith then consumes the sickness, the difficulty, the problem, the circumstance, etc.
- b. We have no problem saying I'm redeemed.**
- 1) But we struggle to say I am delivered.
 - 2) **But if God has put His deliverance in your heart and mouth**
 - 3) Than that word becomes fire and all your bondage's become wood.
- c. We can say I'm justified**
- 1) but we struggle to say I am healed.
 - 2) **But if God has put His healing in your heart and your mouth.**
 - 3) Than that word becomes fire and all your infirmities become wood.
- 4. Here is what I want to say to you.**
- a. God places His word in your heart and your mouth
 - 1) **In your heart so you might believe.**
 - 2) In your mouth so you might speak it
 - b. Believing the word with your heart makes you righteous**
 - c. Speaking the word with your mouth makes you whole, healthy and prosperous.
- 3. You've got say what you hear, if you want to see what you said.**

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