

The Power of Your Words

Shalom Saints. I am totally elated about the message today because I believe that we have been on a breakthrough journey. What I mean by that is that it seems as if each of these teachings that the Father is bringing to us are building on top of the teachings that He has already brought.

I didn't realize as I shared last week, that we would be talking about *The Power of Your Words*, or that this morning I would make such a connection between the power of the words that we're going to be talking about today and the continuation of pulling down strongholds that we concluded with last week.

The message that we did on *Pulling Down Strongholds* has literally been such a breakthrough for so many. People have written, they have called and they have emailed to let me know that these teachings have really been a blessing in their lives. So I'm expecting today that those blessings will continue.

I hope you've come prepared to hear some *word*. I hope you've come prepared to be instructed, to be encouraged, to be rebuked and to be corrected; but most importantly to be disciplined, because that's what this is all about – making disciples. We are fulfilling the great commission; not only here locally in the congregation of House Of Israel, but also internationally in the congregation of the house of Israel.

Today the message that we are going to be dealing with is (I think), a very powerful message. But I also know that it is something that the tendency of many is to resist, to find a way around to try to legitimize [that resistance]. There are people who have positions that are long-held positions.

Today we hope to pull down some of those things and to cast them out so that you can walk in complete freedom in every area.

I have a question. How many of you here have ever had anyone say that they are going to do something and [they] didn't do it? Let me see your hands. How many here have ever had someone lie to you? How has that made you feel? Let me just get some people to talk to me.

When someone said that they were going to do something and they didn't do it; anybody willing to briefly share? This is going to be an interactive time just for a moment, because it is important that I do this as I sow it.

(From the audience) Woman #1:

"I feel disappointed."

Arthur: You feel disappointed?

Woman #1:

"I feel disappointed and I feel that why did they have to lie? Why didn't they just say 'No?' You know?"

Arthur: Just say "No!"

Woman #1:

"Yeah. You tell me you're going to do something and then they just don't follow through."

Arthur: They don't follow through. Halleluyah.

Woman #2:

"She said what I was going to say. But I feel that it's difficult to really trust them and what they're going to do in the future. But I also have to watch what I do too."

Arthur: Mmm Hmm. Okay, you're trying to get ahead of the message!

Woman #2:

"I'm sorry."

(Laughter)

Arthur: That's all right! There's always somebody who just wants to jump on out there. You want to just take off!
(Laughs) Yeah! Yeah. Go ahead.

Woman #3:

"I can say countless times where people say they're coming over for Shabbat and I make all of this food and I spend all of this money and I'm prepared. And I clean for company, do you know what I'm saying? There's a difference between regular clean..."

Arthur: Oh yeah, I know what you're saying.
(Laughter)

Woman #3:

"...and then there's company clean. I'm talking about toothbrush in the cracks of my floors clean because I'm that meticulous sometimes. But yeah, just really going through all of that effort and then ending up spending Shabbat alone – many times and I was mad."

Arthur: You said what?

Woman #3:

"I was mad."

Arthur: Mad.

Woman #3:

"I was just flat-out angry."

Arthur: Angry. Yeah. Let me hear some emotions. When people have done that, what are some of the emotions you felt? Anybody? Just pass the mic.

Young man:

“Upset – because Shabbat is a time to get together and worship.”

Arthur: Uh huh.

Young man:

“And you know, to – it just gets you upset when no one comes over and you are not able to fellowship with them.”

Arthur: So you’re piggybacking off of what your mom said.

Young man:

“Yes.”

Arthur: Amen! Anyone else? Come on. Share some emotions with me. Don’t be afraid. It’s not going to hurt you. We’re not going to bite.

Woman #4:

“I think the first time somebody lets you down, you kind of feel sad. Then as it happens over and over, you get angry.”

Arthur: Mmm hmm.

Woman #4:

“And I don’t want to get into the message, but I know that I used to be like that and that is one of the strongholds I had to pull down and still work on because it returns if you are not careful.”

Arthur: Absolutely. Yeah, pass the mic on back there, because you are all helping me right now.

Woman #1 again:

“I want to say something again. I used to get angry at people, but then I learned to trust people to be who they are.”

Arthur: Mmm hmm.

Woman #1:

“Okay? And when I do that, then I can just look at myself and say that I’m not going to get angry because I knew that that is the way that they are. So I stopped putting expectations on people beyond what they expect of themselves.”

Arthur: Mmm hmm.

Man #1:

“I think sometimes when we put more trust in people than we do the Father, that we become a mix of emotions. So you can be surprised, you can feel angry – disbelief. You can feel like, well wait a minute, I can’t believe that person.”

Arthur: Yeah.

Man #1:

“That person...”

Arthur: THAT person...

Man #1:

“I think it’s like a mixture of emotions, but more so than anything, I think you know, we have the thought – I mean you kind of feel like, Man, that’s a person. So you have to kind of understand that that person is going to be who that person is going to be. But once again, just a mixture of emotions.”

Arthur: Amein. Now with all of that; with all of that, yes, you wanted to speak?

Man #2:

“I’ll say this much: I try to be a man of my word. If I say I’m going to do something, I do everything in my power. That’s why I’m so careful about what I commit to – very careful. It could be the smallest thing, but I’m so meticulous about that particular thing. If I tell you I’m going to do something, I don’t want to leave you like my dear sister over there – disappointed. By the way sister, you can call me any time somebody doesn’t show up, I’ll be there.”

(Laughter)

Man #2:

“My issue becomes when somebody tells me of course they are going to do something, I automatically assume well, they’re like me, you know. They’re going to keep their word. And when it doesn’t come to pass, sometimes it can be very disappointing – very disappointing.”

Man #3:

“I think we’ve all had that happen to us where somebody disappointed us – they said they were going to do something or whatever. But I’ve come to realize that you reap what you sow...”

Man #3:

“...and I realize that it is because I did that to somebody else so now I need to repent...because it’s going to happen to me if I did it to somebody else. That’s just the way the Spirit works.”

Arthur: ...the cookie crumbles, right? No, just kidding. But that’s a good transition right there. Because the bottom line is that is absolutely true.

Woman #3 again:

“With us, I was more disappointed in the people, but the spirit behind what was going on – sometimes you can see the reason why they didn’t show up and you hear the excuses. And it is like you see what the enemy is doing and what you’re trying to sow. You’re trying to grow them. You’re trying to help them. And it just it makes you angry because how dare he mess with them! We’re growing them! We’re there for them. You know, we want to see them show up so we can love on them and minister.”

Arthur: Mmm hmm.

Woman #3:

“So you see the works of the enemy going after people who are babes. They just came into the truth. They are just learning and that is when it is frustrating because you see what he is trying to do.”

Arthur: Yeah. So what I want to talk about now is – and as Ruth explained briefly and David and [another man named] David — these emotions that we feel when people

say they are going to do something and don't do it, are the same emotions people have when we say we're going to do something and don't do it. And as David put it, we reap. YeHoVaH is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, they will also reap.

I have found that it is more difficult for us to deal with when people do that to us than it is for us to deal with when we do that to people. When people say they are going to do something and you put your hope or your faith in what they said and they don't do it, it leaves a lasting effect on you.

That is something that is hard to shake. But do we realize that when we do that thing, that it leaves a lasting effect on people? For us, it may not necessarily be that kind of an effect. It is like:

“Get over it man!”

But it is not that simple to get over. People's words have power. Your words have power. Often times we don't realize the power of our words. You're simply throwing a word out there. You don't know that a person is going to hang on those words. You have no idea that those words have so much value and so much power, that when you don't watch over your word to perform it, it comes back to you void.

Not only does it come back to you void, it now causes your credibility, you as a person, your honesty and your integrity – it causes all of that to now be scrutinized by the person you put your word out there to and then don't follow up and honor that which you spoke out of your mouth.

The danger of this is when we do that and then we turn around and want to share scripture. When the word of YeHoVaH is coming out of the mouth of someone who doesn't honor their word, then the word that you speak on behalf of YeHoVaH is interpreted and received in the same way your words have been interpreted and received by the

people that you have put your word out there to but didn't perform it.

That's why we're going to be talking about the power of your words today. It's important. It's so important that you don't say something that you don't mean. Sometimes people make statements just to get somebody off of their back; just to shut them up.

Children – if a child comes to you and asks you to do something and you say “No” and “No” and “No,” and they wear you down and you say “Okay,” they leave you alone. Why? Because they have just “got” your word. Now those words, you can't see them. They're invisible. They're spirit. They're breath. They're wind. You don't see those words.

What you may have done is simply to stop a pestering child by saying what they wanted so they would leave you alone and get out of your way. But that child has just grabbed hold of your word and that word has power and to them, value.

When you say you're going to do something and you don't do it, that child is now disappointed. That child after awhile – just like you when you are dealing with someone who says they are going to do something and then they don't do it, you stop believing them. You stop trusting them. Their words go in one ear and out the other, like that rock that skips. Do you hear what I'm saying?

The power of your words is so important, especially when you become a believer. You see, Yeshua taught two ways. There were two methods in which he used to teach his disciples.

1. What He did

He taught by what he did. You see, people watch you. Whether you know it or not, people are watching you. The moment that you say that you are a believer, in that moment you have just put a bull's-eye upon yourself as a person.

Yeshua also taught by:

2. What He said.

Your words have power. People are looking at what you do to determine what kind of a person you are. Both methods are at work in the passage that we are going to be looking at today. Before we get to that passage, I want us to take a look and verify what I just said about these two methods.

Mt 5:17 – “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.”

Mt 5:18 – “For verily I say unto you, ‘Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.’”

Mt 5:19 – “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall **do and teach** *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

You see, we have no right to communicate the commandments to other people if we are not keeping the commands.

I remember there was an African friend of mine who was instrumental in me going to Kenya because of the ministries that we connected with. When we met, he was a Sunday observer. When we transitioned to become a Sabbath-keeper, he would tell people that I was teaching truth – that Arthur Bailey is one of those individuals who is teaching truth and who we should be listening to.

The problem that I had with what he was saying is that he wasn't observing the Sabbath. If someone out there is saying:

"Arthur Bailey is a man of truth and you should listen to him"

And this person who is saying this is not listening to me, then this person is now discrediting me. I had to tell him:

"Shut up!"

I had to tell him:

"Don't you ever say to another person that I'm speaking truth and you yourself are not doing the things that you say that I am speaking that are true."

You are a bad witness! That's what I had to say to him. If you're not willing to do what the word says, you have no right to try to hold someone else accountable. There are too many people who want to hold people accountable to the word when they themselves are not holding themselves accountable. I will say this to you:

"Shut up!"

Or, better yet:

"Straighten up. Get your act together. *Do* the word and then *teach* the word; because if you are teaching it and not doing it, you are a hypocrite."

Mt 5:19 "...the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Ac 1:1 “The former treatise have I made O Theophilus, of all that Yeshua began both to do and teach,”

When Luke wrote this letter to Theophilus, he didn't just write what Yeshua taught. He wrote what he did. The whole purpose of gathering these disciples – let me tell you something. It's easy to have a school where you come in and you teach people. Yeshua had a school. Unlike the Pharisees and the Sadducees, he had his disciples follow him and they observed him. At one point he said to his disciples:

“Now it's time for me to test you.”

The tests that he gave his disciples weren't like the tests that we are giving in *Discipleship 101!* This test is:

“Now it is time for you to go out and show me if you have learned what I have been teaching. So I'm going to send you out two by two. Here are the instructions that I'm going to give you. I want you to heal the sick, raise the dead, preach the good news – the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Whatever city you go into, don't be going house to house. Find a place. If they receive you, let your Spirit be upon that place. Then you are to go from place to place, not house to house.”

At the end of that time, they came back rejoicing over all the things that they had seen. They'd seen demons being cast out. They'd seen people being healed. And they were rejoicing that even the spirits were responding to his name – to the authority; to the word. Yeshua says:

“Don’t rejoice because you’re seeing all this power manifest. Your rejoicing should be the fact that your name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Your rejoicing should be in the fact that you have a good relationship with me. And how do I know you have a good relationship with me? Because you will do what I say. You’re going to keep the commandments that I’m giving you.”

“Your words don’t mean anything. You can say ‘I love the Lord with all my heart,’ but if you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

Those who say they love God and don’t keep His commandments, what are they? They are a liar! Do you know people who say that they love God but they don’t keep His commandments? Come on! Do you? If you know people who say they love God but they don’t keep His commandments, wave at me.

What are they? Liars! Now they may be your Mama, and I’m not talking about your Mama. We’re not going to lay that in here. It could be your Pop. It could be your husband, your wife, do you understand?

Jn 14:12 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

How many of you know people who say they believe; but when you look at their works, it doesn’t jive? It doesn’t reconcile with what they say. They are saying one thing, but what they are doing is something else. Yeshua said:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do...”

He’s not saying:

“The things that I’m telling you.”

He is saying:

“The things that I’m doing, you’re going to do it.”

So what are we supposed to do? We’re not only supposed to look at what he said, but we are also supposed to look at what he *did*. You have people out there who are only interested in what he said. They are teaching:

“This is what he said.”

“If he didn’t say that we should be keeping the Sabbath, we shouldn’t be keeping the Sabbath because he didn’t say that he kept the Sabbath.”

But guess what? He kept the Sabbath! He kept the Sabbath! He went into the synagogues on the Sabbath day, and that was his custom! This is telling us that he did this every Sabbath. He didn’t say:

“Well, you are supposed to keep the Sabbath.”

No, he showed us to keep it! Isn’t that what he said?

“The works that I do, shall he do also.”

Not:

“What I say you’re going to do, but the things that I do, you’re going to do.”

Men want to interpret that as the supernatural, but let me tell you something. Your words as natural as they are, have supernatural power. And we're going to look at this.

Mt 28:19 – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,”

Now this next part – because I know there are some strong Messianics out there who have Mathew's gospel who are going to say:

“That word wasn't in there.”

Then they're going to get stuck. I debated on whether I was going to put “baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” in there because I know there are going to be some people who are going to get stuck on this. I'm saying:

“Unstick yourself!”

They want to discredit everything that goes – some people get so stuck that they don't hear anything else! And I'm saying:

“Don't get stuck!”

It's in the *King James*. It may not be in the original, but it's in the *King James* and we're not going to get stuck on it. So I'm going to read it:

“...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

Okay, I said it, now let's move on. (Laughter)

Mt 28:20 – “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

The two methods, what are they?

1. What He did

and

2. What He said

Now look at this passage:

Mk 11:11 – “And Yeshua entered in Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.”

He goes to the temple. He looks around and for one reason or another, he leaves. He went unto Bethany with the twelve.

Mk 11:12 – “And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:”

Mk 11:13 – “And seeing a fig tree afar off **having leaves**, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, **he found nothing but leaves**; for the time of figs was not *yet*.”

Now you can look at this passage and say:

“Okay.”

That’s because I’ve done that before. I’ve looked at it. You know, there were leaves on the tree, but it wasn’t fig time and that’s not the case here as we’re going to see.

I’ve got a couple of references here. *The Chronological Gospels* – some of you may be familiar with *The Chronological Gospels*. What it says; I thought I had it marked in the *The Chronological Gospels*. Here it is.

“The fig trees in Israel bear fruit in varying times in the year.”

This is a commentary on this particular passage. *The Chronological Gospels* by Michael Rood says:

“Some fig trees will have figs or ripe fruit before Passover, while others will not produce fruit until the Fall of the year – after the Feast of Sukkot. Since leaves are not indications of fruit, only upon inspection of the individual tree can it be determined whether ripe figs are present or not. Yeshua was staying in the village of Beit Te’elah, *the House of figs*, which was near Beit Pageh, *the House of early figs*. In Beit Pageh one would normally find ripe figs before Passover, but not all fig trees around Jerusalem will be bearing ripe figs at that time. This one tree will serve as a ‘living’ parable by the following morning.”

We’re going to look at that. Here’s another. This is one of the reasons why I encourage people to invest in their spiritual growth by having references and resource materials. You know, I left thousands of dollars worth of resource materials back in Grand Rapids when I came to Charlotte. But do you know what? I brought thousands of dollars worth of resource materials with me when I came; which means that I had a lot of resources! It was an investment.

When I was a chef – some of you may know that I have a degree in culinary arts. I invested in my knives. I invested in the utensils that I used that chefs would have. I didn’t buy cheap pots and pans. I bought pots and pans that withstood high heat; not the kind that burn and you have to scrape and all of the Teflon[®] and all of that other stuff comes off. Do you understand? I didn’t buy aluminum. I bought stainless.

When whatever I did – whatever you do and you desire that you are going to master what you do, then you invest in whatever it is that you are going to do. You invest in your craft. You invest in your skill. People who go to school invest. They will spend.

My son is in college right now. I'm the one who is paying for his books. College books are a rip-off! I know this first-hand because I have eight children and all of my children – six of them have gone to college. Two of them are at home and they are going to go to college.

Now, I don't care what you feel about college. Those are my boys. Those are my girls. So what I do with them is upon me. I want them to go to school.

I'm not sending them to school to learn a spiritual education. That's my job to teach them what "Thus sayeth YeHoVaH" and to prepare them before they get in there and then maintain relationship with them so that college doesn't take from them all of the investment that I have put into them.

When my children come home, my children now (many of them, several of them), are on the internet. Even though they are outside of the city, they are joining us online. That is because my thing is – listen. If I'm going to feed you, if I'm going to clothe you, if I'm going to help pay your education, then here's what I require.

I am not sending you to college to become a heathen. I am not sending you to college to lose your virginity. I am not sending you to college to denounce YeHoVaH. If that is what you are going to do, then you are going to pay your own way. I'm not going to pay for you to go and do something that is against what I am teaching you.

And for those of you who are supporting your children who are rebelling against you and who are rejecting what you are teaching them, you need to cut them off! Cut them off! Why are you taking YeHoVaH's resources and raising

some children who are rejecting what you are teaching them? It's not wise!

You need to invest in your resources – that's if you are going to be good. Otherwise you become victimized. You become at the mercy of others. The Bible has warned us that there are many in the religious community whose sole purpose is to deceive you – their sole purpose. And do you know what? They don't even know that they are doing it! They think they are teaching you truth, when all they are teaching you is deception. They will do everything within their power to protect their realm of deception.

Even Yeshua – individuals teaching people the way of YeHoVaH (supposedly) they come. Yeshua comes to them to try to bring truth to them and what do they do? They reject him! He is saying:

“Listen. You are teaching people wrongly.”

They reject him. And even worse than that, they start contemplating how they are going to kill him – just like they did all of the prophets. Don't you think for a moment, that those who represent Yeshua are not going to be persecuted today, just like they were in the day he was persecuted and those before him were persecuted. He said to you:

“When men persecute you, rejoice and be *exceedingly* glad for so did they persecute all of the prophets that came before you!”

You will be persecuted! Get over it! People are not going to like you! Get over it! People will say some nasty, mean things about you. Get over it! They won't show up for dinner even though they promised to come because they don't want to hear what you have to say! Get over it! Keep preaching! Keep teaching! Keep plowing, because somebody will listen.

The ones you want to listen may not hear you, but somebody is on the peripheral; watching you argue, watching you present, watching you share with somebody who is going to take what you just said and throw it to the dogs. Then they'll come up behind you one day. You didn't even know that you were talking to them. They were over in the corner listening. They were overhearing your conversation. You didn't even know that they were there and you've made a disciple unsuspectingly. (Laughter) Oh, it happens!

(Arthur opens a book.) And in this – this is one of those resources and dealing with this particular verse in *Mark* chapter number 11, I thought I had it here. Yeah.

“Even out of season...”

Is that where it starts? Yeah. This is a resource – *The New Testament Jewish Commentary*.

“Even out of season, a fig tree in leaf, it must...”

If you're going to do commentaries, listen to me. If you're going to do commentaries, you might as well have a few of them because the Baptist commentary is going to be bent Baptist-wise. The Pentecostal commentary is going to be bent Pentecostal-wise. The Hebrew Roots, Jewish Messianic commentaries are going to be bent Hebrew Roots Jewish Messianic. It's good to have several; at least that is my philosophy. You may be one of those King James-only people.

“All I need is the King James Bible and that's it – the word of God!”

(Laughter) Yeah. So if that is you, then you and your King James should all be happy with each other. But for those of you who want to investigate and search, it says:

“It must have been in leaf to be seen in the distance.”

The Bible says that he saw it.

“And it holds forth the promise of fruit. The normal early season for figs in Israel is June. But the early unripe fruit, according to Song of Songs in chapter 2 verse 13, began to show itself even before the spring leaves appear on the branches – often before Passover.”

Then it goes on and says:

“We know that Yeshua expects God’s people to put forth fruit of righteousness, and that unproductive branches are thrown in the fire.”

Now he gets into his own study and scripture reference. I’m not interested so much in that as much as I am interested in how is it that Yeshua is now cursing a fig tree? I will tell you something. What bothered me in this particular passage is the fact that – and if you can put that up (Powerpoint slide for the audience).

Mk 11:13 – “And seeing a fig tree afar off **having leaves**, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon:”

The fact of the matter is that he went to the tree expecting something. Then when he didn’t find it, he got a little upset. But then it says here:

“and when he came to it, **he found nothing but leaves**; for the time of figs was not yet.”

If the time of figs was not yet, that means – why is he getting upset when the figs aren’t even in season? Why is

he getting upset? The fig tree deceived him. That's the bottom line. The leaves were an indication that there were supposed to be figs and when he saw them afar off, he went to the tree expecting there to be figs.

Mk 11:14 – “And Yeshua answered and said unto it, ‘No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.’ **And his disciples heard it.**”

Now that's a strong word to curse the tree because it didn't have figs and the time of figs was not yet. Does that make sense to anybody? There's not supposed to be any figs on the tree, but he's going to the tree expecting figs to be on it. That's what the passage would lead you to believe, is it not? That's why you have to investigate.

When you see stuff that doesn't make sense; if it doesn't make sense, why go on like it makes sense? Investigate! Search it out. Get other opinions, other ideas.

Find out what other people who have done their search and their research have come up with so that if you do move on, you have some kind of logical explanation, even though it may not be the most correct. But you at least have something other than the fact that you don't understand what you just read.

Mk 11:14 – “And Yeshua answered and said unto it, ‘No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.’”

Now here is the thing that also gets me.

“And his disciples heard it.”

Why is that important? Because obviously what Yeshua is experiencing is such trauma (if you would), that his disciples are paying attention.

“Why is he upset at the tree? Why is he cursing the tree? Yeshua, are you all right?”

They're listening. They're watching. They heard him. And he goes on.

Mk 11:15 – “And they come to Jerusalem: and Yeshua went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers,”

They just witnessed him curse the tree. Now he's going into the temple and “beating” people up. So when people come up and say:

“You know, this man's got a demon!”

Do you know, that's believable! (Laughter) You know, he was talking to the tree pretty harshly. Now he's coming in here kicking over stuff, throwing tables over and running people out and then saying:

“Don't go that way, go this way!”

Now he didn't say that, but this is what he said.

Mk 11:15 – “And they come to Jerusalem: and Yeshua went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;”

Mk 11:16 – “And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.”

How is he stopping them from carrying them through the temple? This is where your logic is like: okay, either he is going to block the door? That is hard for him to do while he is throwing stuff over. He sees people trying to get out

of the way and they are just going in whatever direction just to get out. He says:

“Don’t go that way! Don’t go that way!”

That’s my logic. Use your own. (Laughter)

Mk 11:16 – “And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.”

Then he started teaching. Now they are watching all of this. You cursed the tree. You’re throwing over tables. I mean, money is flying everything. Doves are crying. (Laughter) I mean, cows are mooing. Sheep are baaing. There is all kinds of chaos going on. Then after that he says:

“Okay.”

He starts teaching. Now you know that if you have any kind of an imagination at all, this is like I don’t know whether I should laugh or if I should be concerned about Yeshua. I’m certainly concerned about those people who are tripping over each other. And it is like there is a lot of activity going on and then in the middle of this, Yeshua starts teaching.

Mk 11:17 – “And he taught, saying unto them, ‘Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?’ but ye have made it a den of thieves.”

Who is he talking to? It is important for us to understand who it is that he is talking to. He shows us who he is talking to.

Mk 11:18 – “And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because

all the people was astonished at his doctrine.”

First the disciples hear him talking to the tree. The scribes and chief priests are watching what he is doing in the temple and sought how they might destroy him.

Who runs the temple? The priests. The priests run the temple. Yeshua is running it right now! And do you know what? Here is the thing. They know. They know that what he is doing is justified. They know it!

Instead of changing; instead of allowing what he is doing to bring conviction to them, instead of reorganizing and restructuring, they do what many of us do. They start trying to find a way to justify their actions. The best way to justify our actions is to discount, discredit or destroy those who are bringing the conviction. So they:

“...sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him,”

People who have an issue with you often times are afraid of you. Do you know why they are afraid of you? They are afraid of you because you represent something they are not. Your presence brings such a conviction. They don't want to be convicted so they don't want you in their presence. They want to do their own thing. They want to live their own life. You as a representative of the Almighty are filled with the Spirit. Do you know that is exactly the work of the Holy Spirit – to convict the world of sin?

If you dare ask the Spirit to come into your life, guess what? You are going to make enemies! The enemies are not flesh and blood. They are people who have not invited the Spirit to come into their lives.

You can look at the people, but you have your eyes on the wrong thing. Our struggle is not against human beings. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood. It is people who are unregenerate in their thinking, people who have not

submitted their will to the Almighty and people who are under the influence of the same spirits that religious leaders were under – having a form of Godliness.

They knew that, even though the Torah allowed individuals to be in the temple to exchange money. If you remember that if a person's journey was too far, they were to exchange their animal for money. When they got to Jerusalem, they could buy whatever they wanted, whether it be a sacrifice; whether it be strong drink, or whatever it was.

Moneychangers were there to exchange money. If you came from one region that used one form of currency, that currency may not be any good here. The beauty of the American dollar is that the American dollar can be spent in any country on the planet.

But when you go to those countries and you exchange your American dollars for their currency and you come back and you go to Wal-Mart or wherever it is that you go to shop and you want to use one of those dollars, they are going to look at you like you are crazy.

You have to go to a currency exchange. That is typically found in any international airport. When you come, you exchange your currency. You get the money that is used in that land. You've got currency exchangers in Jerusalem. They have every right to be there, but the difference is that they were ripping people off. They were charging more. This is why he said:

“You.”

Who?

“You priests. You religious leaders. You scribes. Those of you who are responsible for what is going on here. You are responsible for this temple. You are allowing these crooks to come in and set up

shop. *You* have made this holy place [a den of thieves] – a place where people are supposed to come and get ministry, a place where people are supposed to come and connect to the Almighty; a place where people are supposed to come and get healed, get delivered, get corrected...”

And you have people going to services on Sunday and they’re giving some goose-bumpy message. They’re not changing. They’re not being convicted. Come as you are. Stay as you are. It’s all about grace and love.

This is done in a place where people are supposed to be instructed in righteousness and given the truth that makes men free. They are coming in bondage and leaving in bondage. Many of the people who are in bondage don’t even know that they are in bondage. It’s like:

“We didn’t know we were in bondage. All the years we were in bondage in those warehouses called churches.”

You’ve got people out there trying to defend that. Well, you go on ahead and defend it. I’m not here to defend it. It’s time to call things what they are, and if you get mad, that’s all right. You’re supposed to get mad! That’s because the world doesn’t want to be told that it’s wrong. You don’t want to be told that you’re wrong.

The difference between a wise man and a fool is that if you show a wise man the error of his ways, he corrects them. You show a fool the error of his ways and he will turn on you. You correct or rebuke a fool and what are they going to do?

These people were fools. Instead of receiving correction, they are trying to figure out how to destroy him [Yeshua]. Do you hear what I’m saying? They sought out a way, for they feared him. Why?

You see, the ones he was talking to weren't getting it but there were peripheral people, and they knew. The way this man has been teaching, he comes up here every feast and he starts taking some of our sheep. I'm not talking about physical [sheep]. You've got denominations that are territorial. You've got territorial denominations. You've got territorial Christians. You've got territorial Messianics. You can dance all you want to dance over there, but this is my space. This is my area. I run this. They start beating their chest like Tarzan. (Laughter)

He said:

Mt 11:18 – "...for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine."

Mk 11:19 – "And when even was come, he went out of the city."

Notice that they didn't chase him out of town. He left. Everywhere Yeshua went, it was because he was being led, not because he was afraid. Did he fear them? The Bible says that **they feared him**. There are people who are coming at you like that roaring lion. That roaring lion doesn't fear you, because he smells fear. The roaring lion is coming for those *who have fear*.

When you stand without fear, the lion is going to walk right on by you. They might even come and sniff at you, you see. Growing up, I was told that dogs could smell it [fear]. I don't know how dogs smell fear, but a testimony was shared with us the other day.

People who are familiar with these animals, they will tell you there are certain things that you don't do. With certain animals, you don't look them in the eye. With certain animals, you don't flinch. You certainly don't run. How are you doing to outrun something that has four legs and you've only got two? (Laughter) Unless of course it's a

tortoise or a sloth. But I don't think you are going to be running from a turtle unless you are really scared! It's like:

“Man, look at that guy! He's running from a turtle!”

(Laughter) Yeah. So he left the city. Now here is the thing.

Mk 11:20 – “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.”

Mk 11:21 – “And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, ‘Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.’”

He knew that was going to happen before he did it. But they are seeing it. You see, they are walking by sight and they are seeing it. This is an opportunity for him to use this as a teachable moment.

Mk 11:22 – “And Yeshua answering saith unto them, ‘Have faith in God.’”

You see, what he showed them was faith. What they heard were words. You need to hear that. He demonstrated faith. What they heard were words. They didn't believe what he believed when he said what he said. They heard words. They didn't hear faith, though he was trying to show them faith. He demonstrated faith. So now he uses this as a teachable moment.

Mk 11:23 – “For verily I say...”

Now he is saying some things.

“...For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say...”

Now he is saying to you, if you had the kind of faith that I'm trying to show you and you said what I said to that tree like I said to that tree in the faith that I spoke that you didn't see, the same thing would have happened. But now you are all amazed because I said to the tree:

“None eat of you again.”

And now the tree is withered. They see it. Now they believe what they heard earlier after they'd seen this debacle of what he demonstrated in the temple. You know, Yeshua was a pretty bold, courageous person. He wasn't some wimp. He wasn't “mealy-mouthed.” He wasn't a “girly man” as some like to portray him. He was no “sissy.” He confronted things. He stood up to things and he had no fear. So now he says if you:

“...say unto this mountain, ‘Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea’; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Notice that there is something about saying and believing what you say. You see, some people say stuff and they don't believe what they say. Some people say stuff and they don't even mean what they say. They say they are going to do something and don't even do it. That's how flippantly they put words out there – just talk, talk, talk, talk, talk.

I remember we bought a house at 319 Aurora Street. As we were renovating, there was a stairway going into the basement and someone had taken a marker and written “talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk.” I mean it was just like “talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk.”

I later found out that it was one of those houses where you had three or four people living in the house. You know,

they were roommates. I don't know if they were college students. They could have been, because there were professors on the street. It could have been individuals who went to Calvin College who were sharing a house and their parents probably had money.

You know those kinds of folks because it was one of those neighborhoods that the taxes keep certain people out. By the grace of YeHoVaH we were able to buy it for a fraction of what the actual cost was; but it was a fixer-upper.

And there was this word: "talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk" like somebody's saying something to somebody in there. You just "talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk." I'm going to tell you that the proverb says:

"Many words cause one to sin."

There are people who always have something to say. They always want to over talk or out-talk. They are always running off at the mouth. It's like you have to ease a word in. You have people who don't even breathe when they talk. Have you ever met people who talk like that? It's like:

"Man, how do you do that? I mean, from the time that we come together to the time I try to figure out how to get away from you..."

Some people will follow you around and talk. You tell them:

"Okay."

They keep talking. It's like:

"Listen, I said...now I don't want to be disrespectful. I don't want to act like what you have to say is not important, because obviously you think that it is. You are the

only one who is permitted to talk in the conversation.”

You have to tear yourself away from them.

He says whosoever shall do this:

Mk 11:23 – “...be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Here is the thing. Here is the formula. Out of everything that I am going to say to you, it is found right here.

“He that believeth those things which he saith.”

You have people who say things and they don't mean them. You have people who say things and they don't believe them. It is important that if you are going to do what Yeshua is talking about, you have to believe what you are saying. Let's move on.

Mk 11:24 – “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.”

He is connecting [this] because prayer is speaking. You are talking to the Almighty. You have people who are praying to the Almighty who don't even believe the Almighty is going to do what they are asking Him to do. We have people who just want to be on everybody's prayer list. It is like:

“If I get on this prayer list and if I get on this prayer list and if I get on this prayer list and if I get on all of these prayer lists, then there

is the possibility that I could get a prayer through.”

I would say that you may be dealing with someone who doesn't have faith. Then there is the other extreme. They pray and they don't ask anybody to pray for them.

“Well, if God's going to heal me, I've already prayed. I'm waiting on Him to heal me.”

Well, do you know what? Your healing may be staring you in the eye. This is why it is so important for us to be in tune with the Spirit; because you could be spiritually proud – spiritually proud to the point where you don't believe. If He's going to “do it,” He's going to do it this way, when he may be saying – listen. It's just like He said to Cornelius. Cornelius was a man of faith. Cornelius prayed. Cornelius gave alms. He said:

“Cornelius, send to Joppa. There's a man named Peter. He's going to come.”

Cornelius immediately operated in faith. Peter came to Cornelius' house and while Peter was opening up his mouth, the Holy Spirit filled it. What was Father operating on? He was calling Cornelius to simply stand in faith and to be obedient to what He said even though He could have filled Cornelius and his whole household in the Spirit, without Peter.

There are times that the Father will ask you to do something that may go against what you believe or think. But Cornelius, when he heard from the Father – this is why it is so important to know the voice, because He will say to you:

“Yeah, I know you have faith. Yeah I know you believe, but this situation is something that I am going to use to teach this one

something. So what I need you to do – yeah I’m going to heal you, but here’s how I’m going to heal you. Yeah, I heard your prayer for healing, but this is how I am going to do it. Now do what I say and I’m going to take care of your issue and I’m going to deal with this issue too.”

You see, what He was trying to do was teach Peter a lesson. He was trying to teach Peter to get over his racism, his ethnicism.

“Peter go to this man’s house.”

“No, I can’t go to that man’s house.”

“Rise and eat Peter! Go!”

“Okay.”

The first thing that Peter says when he came is:

“You know, it’s against our custom for one of my neighborhood to be hanging out in your neighborhood – for me being a Jew or a Hebrew, an Israelite, to come into the house of a non-Israelite.”

But the Almighty has spoken. And while Peter is talking it is like:

“Okay, I got it from here Peter. I just wanted you to see this.”

(Makes blowing noise.)

(Laughter)

The whole house! Peter hasn’t laid hands on anybody. He didn’t touch anybody. He didn’t prophesy to anybody. It’s just that Father said:

(Makes blowing noise.)

But you have people, especially Messianics who are so stuck to the point where you have to hammer stuff [into them]. I am going to tell you. They come after me, but I don't care. I don't care!

I should read something to you that was sent to me just yesterday. Do you all want to hear it? Now you are making me go on a rabbit trail! (Laughter).

I did it, didn't I? I put it out there. That's the thing about here. You can't put anything out there man. Folks will call you on it and that's all right. But I just want to read something to you that is shameful. It is a testimony, but it is also something that should not be a testimony. He said these words:

"I have seen a great lack of healing in Hebrew Roots. I heard a testimony of a friend who was healed by Arthur. Does he offer any training classes or have week-long meetings relating to healing?"

"I have seen a great lack."

Someone is out there testifying about what they received through the ministry that we've presented. They're telling folks:

"Well, you know, I don't see healing."

Well, let me tell you about a place or a man. So this person, I have no idea [who it is]. From the testimony of someone that came across their path, they decided now that they would write. And what a way to open up a conversation! Instead of saying:

"Hey, a testimony of a friend of mine told me..."

Instead they want me to know:

“I have seen a great lack of healing in Hebrew Roots.”

Do you know why you see a great lack of healing in Hebrew Roots? Because healing is a work of the Holy Spirit. Most Hebrew Roots are into another spirit called mysticism – Kabbalahism, Sageism, Judaism, Gnosticism. It is all of those “isms” other than the Holy Spirit. And we are bold enough to say:

“Listen. The Holy Spirit is the same Holy Spirit. He hasn’t changed. The Holy Spirit that you received is the same Holy Spirit that Yeshua received in the Jordan. The Holy Spirit that the apostles, the prophets and the disciples in the Book of Acts received, you don’t have a watered-down Holy Spirit.”

“You don’t have a New Testament Holy Spirit. You don’t have a Dispensational Holy Spirit – a Holy Spirit that does nothing. You have the same Spirit that has always been available for individuals and all you have to do is to step out in faith!”

We’ve been bold enough in the midst of all of this unbelief. Wait until we start speaking in tongues, because we’re getting there; but we have to just lay some foundations for folks. We’re going to speak in tongues. We’re going to prophesy. We’re going to loose the work of the Spirit where people will be free!

Stop being in bondage by some “Rabbi!” People are talking about how that just means “teacher.” Yeah. You know, “Rabbi” means “one who has authority.” One who has authority, has authority over *someone*. So if your “Rabbi” is not ministering the work of the Holy Spirit, do

you think that you are? If the leadership in the places where you all are do not operate in the power and demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit..People do what they see. Yeshua taught by doing and teaching. He demonstrated the work of the Holy Spirit. Paul, when he went to Corinth said:

“Listen. I didn’t come to you with the excellency of speech or the wisdom of men, but with the *demonstration of the power of the Spirit* so that your faith doesn’t rest in some men or some system, but in the work of the Spirit.”

Now you all have to get up off of your duff and start demonstrating the work of the Spirit.

We did all of that teaching on *Manifesting the Gifts of Healing, The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Now Concerning Spiritual Gifts, The Power of the Spirit, and How To Hear God’s Voice*. Some of you have taken it and put it into practice. Wave at me if you have. Halleluyah! We’re going to see the miracles.

Pretty soon they are going to be so common to you that when people testify like this, it is like, you know, that is supposed to be normal. It’s supposed to be normal.

Let’s deal with the issue. Can we deal with the issue? Now you all caused me to deviate, which means it’s going to take me longer to deliver this message. (Laughter) But we’re going to try to give it to you in a nutshell.

He says:

Mk 11:25 – “And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Mk 11:26 – “But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

What do the fig tree and the temple have in common? Deception! The fig tree deceived Yeshua and what was going on in the temple? People were coming into a place that should have been a house of prayer for all nations.

Instead it was a place filled with thieves and robbers and individuals who were confronted by the word of YeHoVaH itself. Instead of receiving that word, they sought to kill him because he came and disrupted their money-making venture.

I know that those who had the privilege to sit there and to sell their wares and to charge more were giving a kick-back. It's the way the system works. Yeshua comes in and disrupts the money. He disrupts the flow. Instead of them repenting, they are trying to figure out how to destroy him because he is messing with their money.

When he is turning people away from them, he is messing with their money. Instead of people bringing their tithes and offerings to them, now they are following him. They are questioning.

“What’s going on?”

The moment this man teaches with authority (not like those guys), it became a problem. So the fig tree and the temple had deception in common. From a distance the tree appeared to be fruitful, but it was found to be deceptive upon closer examination.

The priests who were responsible for the temple were permitting things in the temple that were robbing and stealing from people. The temple was supposed to be a house of prayer; a place where the people could come and get in touch with YeHoVaH in prayer. But instead it was a place where people came and were ripped off.

He said:

“You made it a den of thieves; a house of robbers!”

From a distance the temple looked holy, but upon closer examination it was full of corruption and thievery.

Now here is the question.

“What are you permitting in your temple?”

That’s the question.

“What are you permitting in your temple?”

Guess what? Just as the chief priests were responsible for the temple of YeHoVaH, you the chief priest, are responsible for your temple.

Here is where the power of your words comes in. The supernatural world that we live in operates on two things in the natural realm:

1. Believing
and
2. Speaking what you believe

“Whosoever believe in him should not perish.”

Yn 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

You have to believe. If you believe and confess with your mouth, you will be saved.

Ro 10:9 – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Yeshua,”

There you see those words – belief and confession; believing and speaking.

“...and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Something supernatural takes place when what you believe and what you speak with the authority that you believe [align]. Supernatural things take place. When I speak concerning casting out or making sickness go or commanding a person’s body to be healed, that’s a supernatural act. It is operating upon my word and faith in my word; but not faith in my word, faith in *His* word that I can do what He said. That’s what I’m operating in. My faith is in the fact that he said:

“Listen. What I do, you do.”

Okay, I’m going to do it. I’m going to do it! Here I go. Are you with me? You got me? Okay.

“In the name...”

I’m walking in His authority, not mine. I’m putting to practice what He said that I can do. That’s where the faith is. That’s where your faith should be. It’s not in you. I’m not a healer. I’m a man who believes in healing. I know the healer and that healer works through me. That healer will work through you! He will work through you!

Do you believe that? What are you permitting in your temple to keep you from believing what He – the one you say that you worship, says? If you are not doing what He says that you can do, that means that you don’t believe him!

Let’s just call it what it is! Let’s deal with unbelief! Let’s deal with lack of faith. If you are not operating in what he says you can do, you don’t believe you can do what he says you can do. That means he’s a liar! You’re not saying that with your mouth. You’re saying that with

your actions. Don't get upset at me. What are you speaking? What are you saying?

You see, when we told you last week that you have to monitor your thoughts, do you know why you have to monitor your thoughts? It's because if you allow your thoughts to go unchecked, you're going to speak what you think. And what you just did with your words just came into agreement with what you think and what you believe. Whatsoever a man speaketh, that's what he is! You believe it, so you speak it. And guess what? You're going to have what you say.

If you confess your sins, God is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you of all of your unrighteousness. That's what the word says.

1 Jn 1:8 – “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

1 Jn 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 Jn 1:10 – “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

No, you are not calling him a liar; you just make him a liar. Believing and confessing are powerful weapons in the supernatural world, the kingdom of YeHoVaH. Your mouth and your faith (what you believe) are the two most powerful weapons in your arsenal. There's a supernatural connection to your words and your belief. You may not see it, but it's there.

Think about it, ladies and gentlemen. The most powerful thing on the earth occurs when you believe and speak.

“I believe in Yeshua that you YeHoVaH raised him from the dead. Therefore I receive my deliverance, my healing, my right as a born-again believer in your kingdom to begin to operate in your word in your kingdom.”

Now what happened? What happened? Did you just change colors? Did the heavens open and the angels start singing with the Halleluyah chorus? Did the angel of the Lord show up with a whole host and start shaking your hand and giving you the right hand of fellowship? Something supernatural just happened with your confession of faith.

You are now taken out of darkness into light. Your name – you don’t see the angel, the scribe, the finger of YeHoVaH writing your name. You don’t see any of that. You simply believe that if you do this, you will be saved. From that moment on you believe that you are saved based upon your confession at that moment.

Supernatural! Everything in the kingdom works that way – your words and your faith. Let me show you. You can tell what a person or Christians believe by listening to them talk. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Mt 12:34 – “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

The abundance of the heart. The enemy attempts to plant a thought into our minds. You see, our heart is our mind. If you look at *Proverbs*, [it says to] guard your heart. We’ll look at that in a moment.

The enemy attempts to plant thoughts into our mind and then to get us to meditate or think upon those thoughts.

If you think on those thoughts long enough, those thoughts become a part of you. Once those thoughts become a part of us, they become a part of our mind or heart. Now that these thoughts have become a part of us and we begin to speak those thoughts, we are speaking from the heart. Thus out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

The danger of this process is that we are speaking what we have come to believe. Therefore if we believe in our heart and confess with our mouth, something supernatural takes place, just like salvation. For example is this commercial. I mentioned this before.

“If you’ve ever had chicken pox, the shingles virus is already inside of you.”

“It is? Wow, I didn’t know that!”

Oh, so you agree with that? You don’t even know that you just agreed with that!

“It is? I didn’t know that!”

Oh, you know it now? Who told you that? A voice on TV! Now you “need” to go and ask your doctor. So now that they have you believing that, now you are going to go and ask your doctor about that. And your doctor who is getting a kick-back from the guy – well not the guy who said it, because the guy who said it was paid to say it.

The company who paid him is now paying the doctor who is telling you that you “need” this medication. That is going to put a barrier between your spirit and the Spirit of YeHoVaH. Now you have just introduced *pharmakeia*, which is witchcraft or sorcery. Call it what it is.

“Oh, you have a problem with medication?”

Yeah! (Laughter)

“Well have you ever taken it?”

“Yeah.”

“Well how can you take it if you have a problem with it?”

“At that moment, I didn’t have a problem.”

(Laughter)

Do you see how we do stuff when we have problems with them? I’m guilty! I’m man enough to admit it.

The whole purpose of marketing and commercials are to put thoughts into your head and to make you think that you need this or that or you want this or that that is being presented in the commercial. It is about selling you something, whether it is good or bad.

That industry spends billions of dollars on commercials, on jingles and on advertisements trying to get inside of your head. That’s all they are trying to do. They are trying to get inside of your head and to get you to do what they want you to do, which is to buy their products or services.

If they get inside of enough people’s heads, it’s worth the billion dollars that they spend because they are going to make a whole lot more billions than the billion that they spent to get inside all of our heads. The advertising budgets of these places are huge, HUGE! That’s why this idea of giving children five dollars to hand out business cards, that’s a marketing genius strategy! (Laughter)

If they can control your thoughts, they can affect what you say and what you speak. If they can control what you say or speak based on the thoughts that they planted into your head, then they can now manipulate you to speak evil over yourself. They can even get you to curse yourself.

Pr 4:23 – “Keep thy heart with all diligence;
for out of it *are* the issues of life.”

Guard your mind with all diligence. What you believe is what you operate in.

The word there is: *labe*. It means: inner man, mind, will, heart, understanding; inner part, midst; midst (of things); heart (or man); soul, heart (of man); mind, knowledge, thinking, reflection, memory.

This past Thursday evening when I came in, the first thing I heard was:

“*YouTube* is down.”

These were the first words that I heard when I came in. I saw a brother coming at me and I said:

“Man, he’s moving pretty fast. You know, I don’t need any bad news, so I hope it’s good news.”

“The internet is down, *YouTube* is not working.”

It’s Thursday and we have to broadcast. *YouTube* can’t be down. *YouTube* needs to be up. I rebuke that! I rebuke *YouTube*. *YouTube* has to broadcast tonight! If you want to go down Friday night or Wednesday night or Sunday night, you can go down any other night, but you can’t go down on Thursday and you’re *not* allowed to go down on Shabbat!

You’re not taking a vacation! You want to broadcast all of that ungodly mess out there and then not broadcast us? No! And so a “No” came out of my Spirit. *YouTube* is going to work!

“Check it again!”

Now fortunately *YouTube* was working. Whew! (Laughter) You’re talking all of that talk, brother! But do you know what? If you don’t speak a word, you’ll never know the authority that you have. I’m standing against *YouTube*. I’m protesting against *YouTube*. No! We’ve got people expecting *YouTube* – I’m expecting *YouTube* to be up! *YouTube* better be up! And *YouTube* responded. I said:

“Is it on?”

And they said:

“Yup.”

“Good! Let’s move on and face the next devil. Now we have to deal with this internet and these clouds.”

There are all kinds of things that are coming at us. Last week or the week before last, people were writing me and saying:

“Hey, I went to the web site and the web site said this site is ‘dangerous! Warning: do not proceed.’”

I said:

“What?”

Microsoft was telling people not to continue onto our web site! Then they had the nerve to say “click here” and to be redirected to Microsoft. Oh you’re going to stop people from coming to our site but get them to come to your site? It’s like what?

We had to go in there and do some tweaking and some rebuking and all kinds of stuff. I’m telling you that it’s going to be like that for awhile. How many of you remember that we couldn’t even come in here and have a decent broadcast without some kind of a problem?

It was like every Sabbath we had to go through warfare and we haven’t gone through warfare now for about three months. We are standing in faith that when I say:

“No weapons formed against us shall prosper – we take authority over all the works of the devil; over all the powers in the air.”

That's speaking authority! If you don't want to do it because you're scared, then you stay scared. But don't get upset at me because I do it. I'm not trying to impress you. I don't need to impress anybody. Do you understand what I am saying?

It's called walking in your divine authority. You can choose to do it or you can do this other stuff. I thought about what was sent to me and out of my Spirit came these words:

"I rebuke that! That is not so."

I have had to declare for people and to people what "Thus saith YeHoVaH." Last week there were all kinds of issues; phone calls, folks tripping, freaking, not seeing things happen. It's like listen. YeHoVaH didn't bring you this far to kill you. He didn't bring you out of there to leave you homeless or to make you starve.

If He said a thing, He's not like man. If He said a thing, He's going to perform it. His word doesn't return to Him empty. Do you understand what I am saying to you ladies and gentlemen? Just bear with me just a little while longer.

Here's the deal. *Isaiah* 58:13. Now we know this about the Sabbath, but listen to it:

Isa 58:13 – "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of YeHoVaH, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thing own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor **speaking thine own words:**"

If you don't speak your words, what are you going to do, be quiet? No, speak His. You've been given the mind of Messiah. It is a holy day. You are holy so the things that should be coming out of your mouth should be holy and honoring to Him on His holy day, right?

This is a day that you refrain from your conversation and get engaged in His conversation. But I'll tell you, because we are so inundated by our own words all week long, when we come together with our brothers and sisters, we continue to speak our words instead of really getting into His words. After all, that is what fellowship is really all about. You can fellowship around the word too, you know. Halleluyah.

Now imagine if you make this a practice not just on the Sabbath. We must learn not to speak our words but to speak His words. Although there is power in our words, His words contain all power.

Pro 10:19 – “When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.” (NIV)

This is what it says in the King James:

Pro 10:19 – “In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.” (KJV)

In other words, if you just talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, pretty soon you are going to say something that is not going to be good. People who like to talk have to find stuff to say. When they run out of stuff to talk about on their own, they are going to talk about your secrets that you told them that they swore they wouldn't tell to anyone. Now they're telling somebody not to tell somebody because you told them not to tell anybody. (Laughter)

People who like to talk, pretty soon they are going to run out of their own business. They don't have a “life.” Pretty soon they are going to start talking about your business and everybody else's business. They are going to bring up the sports team. They're going to bring up the news. They're going to go to Jerusalem. They're going to go to Africa. They're going to bring you BBC, CNN, FOX

[news]. Do you understand what I'm saying? They just want to talk. If you give ear, just listen to them. They'll talk about everything but...

What are you saying with your mouth? What are you saying with your mouth concerning yourself? Are we saying things like:

"I'm broke."

"I don't have any money."

"I can't afford this."

"I can't afford that."

"I'm poor."

"I'm sick."

"I've got cancer."

"I've got this disease."

"I've got that disease."

Who told you that? Who told you that? You see, we go and get diagnoses from professionals who want to tell us that we've got this and we've got that. And do you know what? Without even thinking about it, we come into agreement with those words.

"Oh now, here's what you need to do. You need to take this and you need to take that. You need to do this so many times a day and then we need to run some further tests."

This is what caused many down south not to trust or to go to the doctor because they say:

"Listen, if I go to the doctor, they are going to find something."

...Even if there is nothing there. Why? It's because they are looking. If you look for something, you'll find it and especially if you "need" to find something. After all, they've got bills too.

So where did that thought and those words coming out of your mouth – where are they coming from? When you leave the doctor, the doctor said that you've got this or that. Now all of a sudden your countenance has fallen. The doctor calls:

“Well, we need to have you come in because we saw something. We don't want to alarm you.”

Oh, if you don't want to alarm me, you shouldn't have said that you don't want to alarm me, because now I'm alarmed! Do you understand what I am saying? How did we get to that place? Who told you that you were sick? Who told you that you had a disease? Who told you that you had cancer or diabetes or any other disease for that matter?

Think about it! Who are you agreeing with? Who are you allowing to speak into your spirit that which is contrary to YeHoVaH's word?

Remember that belief and confession – belief and confession; your belief is either going to come from your environment, your surroundings, from the people you allow to speak into your life, or your belief is going to come from His word.

It is going to come from somewhere because what you believe – think about it. All the things you believe; examine what you believe and identify where did you get that belief system? Now His word has to try to cut through all of these systems of belief that are already there. That's why I have to scream and holler and get [at you] (makes a loud noise).

(Laughter)

That's sad. I would like to be one of those mild-mannered preachers.

(Laughter)

Why did you accept those words and agree with them? Is it because you were feeling pain? Is it because you were feeling abnormal and came into agreement with the words that were spoken over you by someone other than YeHoVaH?

You see, just like that I was told that *YouTube* was down. I go to the doctor because they tell me to. It is like:

“When you get over 40 years old, you need to start checking your prostate because men over 40 years old are more prone.”

“Women over a certain age have to check for breast cancer.”

You are going to the doctor to get breast cancer checks to see if you have breast cancer. Why? Because somebody told you that when you get to a certain age, you need to start looking for breast cancer! So now you are looking for breast cancer! And when they find it, it's like:

“Oh God, I KNEW it! I KNEW IT! My Momma had it!”

“My Daddy died of prostate cancer!”

“Men in my life die around 40!”

You've got all of these systems, all these beliefs, all these fears that the enemy feeds upon, to confirm what you already believe and that is contrary to His word. You don't even know that they are there. The doctors have more power than YeHoVaH who IS the doctor! We claim that we serve a physician who has never lost a patient. That is true although that is not a scriptural passage or verse, but He is a healer.

The bottom line is that you came into agreement with something that you heard spoken to you or over you by someone; probably a professional or someone of importance or power over you and by someone other than YeHoVaH and His word.

“We think this may be the problem.”

Then after further tests – you just went through that and then it’s:

“Oh my, don’t let it be that. Oh God, don’t let it be that.”

“Well, do you know what? After further testing, we don’t think it’s that, but it could be this. We need to run some more tests.”

“Well, that test came back positive. That test came back negative. Now we need to run some more tests.”

But the first thing they ask you – I’m going to tell you that the kinds of tests that they are going to run are based on your insurance. So it is:

“How much can we get out of this one?”

They are going to run every test humanly possible that is allowed by your insurance company, aren’t they Marla? (Arthur speaks to his daughter who is in the audience.) You have people out there who sell it [insurance]. You have folks out there who are responsible for taking these – there are some quacks out there. They have boats to pay for, cars to pay for, several houses to pay for, children’s college to pay for and they are going to pay for it through your insurance company.

Now we have a system where people think they are getting free healthcare; subsidized healthcare, subsidized healthcare, *subsidized*. Then we find out that subsidized

healthcare is going to eat up all of your little savings. You can't die with subsidized healthcare. That's where the subsidies – somebody has to pay for the subsidies.

Oh there are a lot of ways that the systems around us are trying to make sure that you don't take anything with you and you don't have anything to give away.

We are always agreeing with something or someone. That someone we should always be agreeing with should be who? YeHoVaH! Anything that comes at you that is contrary to His word, you don't come into agreement with. How do you know that something that is coming at you is contrary to His word if you don't know what His word says concerning you? His word says:

Ps 107:20 – “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.”

Ps 107:21 – “Oh that *men* would praise YeHoVaH *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!”

One of the reasons why – and I know that when Saul had an evil spirit, David played. When David played, those spirits left. There is something about real music anointed by YeHoVaH that has the capability of driving out evil spirits. At least get into an environment; create an environment where people can move into that environment in faith and to receive their deliverance and their healing. Or you can sit there like a stone.

“I'm not going to lift my hands.”

“Oh no? It's up to you. They are your hands.”

“No, I'm not going to stand up! I'm not going to sing. I don't even like that song.”

That is up to you. All of that is your choice. Do you understand?

But forget not these words. Somehow, somehow you are going to have to draw near to Him if you want Him to draw near to you. Somehow you are going to have to get out of yourself and into a place where your spirit is open for Him to make deposits.

Somehow His word has to penetrate your hardness so that He can deliver; so that He can heal. Somehow that has to happen or you can leave here the same way that you came. You can fight. You can resist. You can do like some.

“I’m not going to praise. I’m not going to worship. Let me know when that’s over.”

There are people that I know of who come in when the music is done because they don’t need the music. They just need the word. You just need the word and that’s all right. There are some people out there who are like that. They don’t need it. That’s fine! I’m not knocking it. I’m not – that’s fine. Just make sure it’s not pride or arrogance. Make sure it’s not stubbornness.

The bottom line is who are we agreeing with? That’s really what it boils down to. Who are you coming into agreement with? These systems that you have going on inside of yourself, where did they come from? Why do you believe what it is that you believe? Why do you believe what you believe about this? Why is it that you have some people who say:

“You know, I’ll never get married again.”

There are some women saying:

“I don’t like men. I like women.”

There are some men saying:

“I don’t like women. I like men.”

There are some men and women saying:

“I like everybody. It doesn’t matter to me.
Bring it on baby.”

Where are these systems coming from? How does a person “determine” their sexuality? How does a person determine what they feel? People are walking by their feelings.

“I don’t feel like that. I ain’t feeling that.”

There are legitimate places for feelings. We’re not to be led by them. Do you know why? Feelings change. The word doesn’t change. The word is the same that it has ever been. YeHoVaH doesn’t change. The only thing that is solid that is today and was yesterday and is forever that will always be, is His word. It doesn’t change. Everything else around us will change.

Your environment will change. The city you live in will change. The job that you have will change. Hopefully when you get married, that doesn’t change. Do you understand what I am saying? There are constant changes going on in our lives. We who are wise adjust to those changes, especially if we see that YeHoVaH’s hand is bringing the change. But some of us don’t like change and we’re not going to change.

“I’m not changing!”

You can’t grow and not change. You might like those pants, but don’t gain a few pounds because those pants are not going to fit.

Whenever you grow, there is change. You cannot grow and not change. How things used to be is not the way that things are. But you use the same word to deal with whatever change He is bringing you through. This is more than simply naming it and claiming it. It has nothing to do with naming it and claiming it.

“Just name it and claim it brother.”

It is more than speaking it or positive confessions, because all of those things come from one place. It is all a supernatural manifestation when there is agreement between what the heart believes and what your mouth confesses.

If you believe that you are sick and you confess that you are sick, guess what? You will be sick. You WILL be sick because you believe it.

My wife is not here today. She is at home and is recuperating because she has been feeling under the weather. One of the things that we encourage people about is that if you feel that you have something that may be contagious or passed onto someone else; do us all the pleasure of staying home. It's not that we don't want you here. It is that we can pray for you. We can lay hands on you. But don't come and take the risk of contaminating other people.

My wife believes strongly in that. I believe that if you are not feeling well, the place that you need to be is where the power is at. Now my wife and I, we don't agree on hardly anything!

(Laughter)

I'm not lying! I'm not saying this to be funny! I already know that if I like something, she doesn't like it!

(Laughter)

Now it's just – I don't know why YeHoVaH “did” me like that and He said:

“Now, that's your wife.”

(Laughter)

I'm not surprised when she doesn't agree with me. I'm certainly not surprised when I don't agree with her. The only thing that we agree on; that we both positively and firmly agree on, is that we love each other and that we are

in this for the long haul. We agree on that, but anything else? I mean it can go either way. I have learned that if you don't like something, we'll compromise. We'll do that.

So she is at home. The whole time she has not been feeling well, I've been kissing her. She says:

"Don't do that! You're going to catch what I've got!"

I kiss her again. I'm not kissing her on the cheek. Now get this. Two days ago I felt this thing in my throat. She's been having a sore throat; a scratchy throat and I got some throat tea at home. But here is the thing. She kept saying:

"You're going to get this. You're going to catch this. Don't do that. Stay away from me."

You know? I said:

"Nope, I'm not and no I'm not going to get that."

But then I have to tell you. A couple of days ago I felt this thing attacking my throat. So I went and got some throat tea and a couple of bags and some honey and made some tea. Then I realized what I was doing and I started rebuking it. I rebuked it. And in a few moments that feeling was gone. What I didn't know was that the words that she had been speaking; what was going on with my throat:

"Aw man, it's Thursday. I've got to deal with this before tonight because I can't allow my throat to be hindered. There are too many people depending upon it."

By the time I realized it and after that second cup of tea, I am looking to tea to rebuke the issue and I haven't rebuked the issue! And when I spoke to it, it LEFT! But I was subtly giving in! Then I thought back. You know, ever

since I have been in ministry, I have never taken a sick day off during a service – never and I don't plan on it this year. But it goes down to what do you believe? Because if I started saying:

“Oh man, I'm not feeling well. Oh man I think...oh no, oh man!”

The next thing you know...it is like every time I open my mouth I am confessing that because I've heard that, I'm starting to believe that. Now I'm speaking it. Every time you do that, you just keep going down until the very thing that you have spoken over yourself you are now having to fight off and go through a process so that this thing will pass.

What are you believing? When we come into agreement with what we believe, we start speaking it. Once you start speaking what you believe, you are going to have what you say! Keep saying:

“I'm sick.”

If you want to. Keep saying:

“I'm broke.”

If you want to.

“Well, do you want me to lie? I don't have any money!”

Oh yeah, and you won't have any money because you're not going to have any money. That's because you are not speaking those things that are not. You are speaking those things that are. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that there is no money in your pocket. But if you keep confessing that, guess what? There will be no money in your pocket. Now, when you start saying:

“By his stripes I am healed.”

Healing comes. When you begin to declare that those things – my Father owns the cattle. He owns the hill. This is His earth. My Father is not broke. My Father is not poor. My Father has the power to deliver me, to heal me, to prosper me. So what am I saying with my mouth? Am I walking by sight; speaking those things that I see? Or am I walking by faith speaking those things that I cannot see but know are possible?

The moment I start speaking to my situation, now I'm activating. I'm encouraging, I'm coming into agreement with Him. That's the moment revelation begins to come to me to show me where the provision that He has for me are. He knows the things that I need before I ask. I can't afford to be broke!

Now that is a good confession! Do you understand me? I need resources! My Father has everything that I need and guess what? He has promised to supply ALL my needs according to His riches! So who do I need to come into agreement with? My pockets?

I'm going to leave you all with *James*. Here's the bottom line. There have been a lot of bottom lines today. I'm not going to read it, I'm going to leave it to you to read it. But the gist of it is this. Your tongue is the most powerful member of your body. Your tongue charts your course. The words that you release out of your mouth determine where you end up. What are you saying? What are you speaking?

Are the things that you are speaking contrary to His word? Do you know His word? Are you speaking His word over your life; which is the reality that has not yet manifest? Or are you speaking the reality of what you are seeing over your life? What you see is not the end of the story. But if you keep speaking what you see and what you see is nothing, you will end up nowhere with nothing.

You are going to have to take these words that the Almighty has given you and you are going to have to get

into His word so that the faith that He desires for you to walk in is in you.

Now that you are meditating on His word; now that you are believing his word, you start speaking His word. When the words that you speak are aligning with His word in your heart, supernatural manifestations start happening in your life. Stuff starts showing up. Connections start being made. People you didn't even know were out there somehow find their way to you.

I heard a preacher say one time that when Miriam (Mary) said:

“Let it be according to how you have spoken.”

That camels got up in Babylon. (Laughter) I said:

“Man, that's powerful!”

She said:

“Let it be!”

And some wise men gathered some gold, some frankincense and some myrrh. They'd never met her, but they knew that she existed because she just gave birth to the King of Kings – the King of the Jews.

“We don't know where she's at. We don't know who she is, but we know that the one who told us to gather this gold, to gather this frankincense, to gather this myrrh and to go that way – we're just following the star.”

You see, there are some people on their way to you. They are just waiting on your confession to line up with His word and your faith in His word to begin to be spoken out of your mouth so that faith starts changing your atmosphere. Oh Halleluyah! Glory! This is not about

“naming it and claiming it.” It is not about positive confessions. It is about coming into agreement with what He says about you and I.

Every one of you has purpose according to His call. He has a vision and a plan for every one of you. And with vision there is the need of provision to accomplish the vision that He gives you. I will close with this.

We were on Tyvola road using a \$300 camera and a computer. I would plug the camera in, hit play and run back behind the desk and start preaching. (Laughter) That was it. Lee showed up. He said:

“Wait a minute. Let me handle that.”

(Laughter) I said:

“Whew!”

But if I hadn’t been doing that, Lee would not have shown up. Lee came and he said:

“Do you know what? I’m only temporary.”

(Laughter) That’s what Lee said! That was back in 2009. When was it Vivian? October 3, 2009. Lee said:

“I’m only here for a short period. I’m just coming to visit!”

(Laughter) Lee saw me running back and forth from that camera and he said:

“Wait a minute. Hold it, hold it, hold it. We can do better than this.”

(Laughter) Then we started asking people to help us get some cameras. We got some Sony Z3s or Z5s. Then Father gave us this *Preach, Reach, Teach* message and He was saying:

“You need to raise \$150,000.”

It was like:

“Really? In what lifetime?”

Those were my thoughts. I remember that I asked people to support us at a \$5,000 level. I never ask people to do that. And do you know what? People responded. Now we’ve got these DX3s and TriCasters. Then we started doing an 8-week series on Discipleship, but it turned out to be a 2-year program that is going to go viral.

Now we’ve got an international web site and we’ve got a whole lot of other things that are coming up, all because of the vision. If there was no need for those cameras, we wouldn’t have them. But Father says:

“This is what I want you to do, so you need to respond.”

By faith I began to ask people and people in faith responded. Here we are now going to the nations. We’re going to Israel and we’re going to share and Israel is never going to be the same. Yes, I’m declaring it.

“Well, who do you think you are?”

I am a representative of the King of Heaven! That’s who I am. Who are you? That’s the question. Don’t ask me who I am. Who are you? I don’t care who men say that I am. Who do you say that I am? Better yet, who do I think that I am? Because that is all that really matters – what I think and what He thinks. And then it reverses; what He thinks and then what I think. That’s where I am at right now, so even what I think doesn’t matter anymore. He says:

“Do it.”

I just do it believing that He knows better than me. I used to think that I was smarter than Him. Some of you all still do [the same]. From time to time I have a lapse in memory. He has to remind me:

“Who do you think you are?”

Now I am very careful about what I say. My “Yes” – nine times out of ten I still have to watch myself. I have caught myself lying for no reason. It doesn’t even make sense and it doesn’t accomplish anything. It is like:

“Why am I lying?”

It is because there is still some flesh and I’m mindful of the flesh. I have to be mindful of my thoughts. I have to be mindful of my words. I have to believe that my words have power. When I accept that fact, I am more careful about how I speak them. Now I’m becoming slow to speak.

Also I’m slow to release information; not because I don’t want people to know stuff, but because I know that once you know something, you are going to do something; whether it is good or bad.

I don’t want you doing something with something that is mine. I really don’t. I don’t want you stomping all over my world. I don’t want you out there talking about stuff that I’m doing unless I’ve released it for you to talk about.

I know that every time I open my mouth, where my words are going to end up, I have no control. So if there is a secret, I’m not going to tell you because I know that you talk. People do stuff with information, don’t they Richard?

Do you understand? So your word ladies and gentlemen besides your name, your words are valuable and you need to treat them as such. Don’t say something that you don’t mean. Don’t give your word if you don’t have any intention of following through on it. And then be careful about what you say about whatever. You are always sowing.

You are always sowing. Your words are seeds.

Whatever you say is being planted somewhere and it is going to bring a harvest. So what you say; expect to reap. Listen and be careful about what you say. When you speak, you have a harvest coming. If don’t like the harvest from

the words that you are speaking, you better change the words that you are speaking.

Change your words, and you will change your harvest. Change your words and you will change your direction.

“Father in Heaven, we thank you.”

James chapter three you all. I just had to remind you, *James* chapter three. Read it! Your tongue – you better bridle it. You better control it because it is going to direct the course of your life.

Your words have power! Don't speak things that you don't want. Only speak the things that you want to manifest in your life. If you don't want them to manifest; regardless to what you think, don't speak it. Don't speak it. Don't speak it! Regardless to what you think, **don't speak it if you don't want it.** The moment that you release it, that seed is planted!