You shall decree a thing

The Power of Gods Word In our Mouth

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Job 22:28

- **Job 22:28 says, "You shall decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and light shall shine upon your ways."**
- **By use of the word "shall," this verse is actually commanding us to decree.**
- **It also comes with a promise that when we do, those things "shall" be established for us.**

Last week I taught on the power of words

- The releasing of positive and negative words /Cause and effect on you and others.
- I showed you a video that produced positive and negative effect on Rice in simple water when words were spoken over it.
- I cautioned you that you are the architect of your life and health and the life and health of those around you.

Decrees based on biblical truths

- **Decrees based on biblical truths cause our circumstances to change such that the Kingdom of Heaven becomes our reality.**
- **Decrees begin with a statement of purpose, truth or vision, but they are much more than just an announcement.**

Legal Authority

- **THE FIRST THING A DECREE DOES IS IMPLEMENT A JUDGMENT IN OUR FAVOR WITH THE AUTHORITY OF A COURT ORDER.**

Authority to Decree

- **In the English language, the word decree implies not only that a judgment has been implemented but also that it is implemented with the degree of impact, or the level of authority of, an order being issued by a court.**

Luke 10:19 King James Version (KJV)

- [19] Behold, I give unto you **power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power** of the enemy: and **nothing shall by any means hurt you**.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV)

- **11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.**

Revelation 12:9-10 King James Version (KJV)

- 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice (A Decree) saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

John 12:31 King James Version (KJV)

- 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

The Power of a court order

- For example, if a defendant is found guilty of a crime and ordered to serve a prison sentence, that defendant cannot refuse going to jail. In fact, that defendant no longer has a say in the matter.
- Why? Because the power of a court order is such that it is superior to that defendant's choice or will. If that defendant is sentenced to jail, he must – he will – serve time in jail.

Power of Our Decree

- **For us this means that when we decree sickness to leave our body, it must leave our body.**
- **It no longer has any further say in the matter – it can no longer have any impact upon our well-being.**
- **Why? Because the power of our decree for it to leave our body, the power of our decree claiming the power of the blood of Jesus, the power of our decree that "by Christ's stripes we are healed," is such that it must leave.**

Faith In God's Word

- While we may not see sickness leave with our natural eyes, we need to understand that by absolute definition of the word decree, sickness now has no further say, it cannot refuse to leave. It must go. Stand in that authority

1 Peter 5:9 English Standard Version (ESV)

- **9 Resist him, <u>firm in your faith</u>, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.**

More on authority

- Mar 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.
- Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

THE SECOND THING A DECREE DOES IS IMPLEMENT THE WILL AND PURPOSES OF GOD

- In biblical tradition, decrees are said to be one and the same as the very purposes of God.
- For this reason, decrees based on Scripture and biblical truths, rather than our own vision or desires, are a great safety net.
- We are assured that when we decree God's Word and His promises, we are implementing the very will and purposes of God.

Jeremiah 29:11

- By example, when we take a verse like Jeremiah 29:11 and decree:
- “I know the plans God has for me are to prosper me, not to harm me, and to give me a hope and a future,”
- Then by the simple act of decreeing that truth over our life, that truth is being implemented in such a way as to cause it to become our reality.
- We are actually and literally implementing the will and purpose of God to prosper us.

THE THIRD THING A DECREE DOES IS TO DESTROY ANYTHING PURPOSED AGAINST US.

- In the Hebrew language, the word decree is understood as meaning: to divide, to cut in two, to cut off and to destroy.
- This means that when we decree prosperity, we are dividing ourselves from lack and poverty.
- When we decree healing, we are cutting off and destroying sickness.
- When we decree our divine destiny, we are destroying anything purposed against us.

THE FOURTH THING A DECREE DOES IS TO IMPOSE A HARSH JUDGMENT AGAINST THE ENEMY, WHICH JUDGMENT CANNOT BE OPPOSED.

- The power in understanding this aspect of a decree is that our decrees not only render judgment in our favor with the authority of a court order, they not only implement the very will and purposes of God, they not only destroy anything purposed against us, but they also impose a harsh judgment against our enemy, which that enemy cannot oppose or escape.

1 Peter 5:8 King James Version (KJV)

- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

James 4:7 King James Version (KJV)

- 7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God**. **Resist** the devil, and **he will flee from you**.

- **Ephesians 4:27 King James Version (KJV)**
  27 Neither give place to the devil.
- **Ephesians 6:11 King James Version (KJV)11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

Closing

- In Jeremiah 1:12, the Lord is speaking to the prophet and He says, “For I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.”
- When we decree, it is not our words that control or change our circumstances. What they do is get us into alignment with God’s truths and Word – over which HE HIMSELF is alert, active, watching and ready to perform!