

### James 3:2-12 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. <sup>4</sup> Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. <sup>8</sup> But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

**I want to talk about the tongue and words and how important that are to your walk with God.**

Our words are used to communicate to one another to create relationships.

Our words are also used to destroy relationships.

They are used to express what we want and what we do not want.

They are used to show love.

They are used to show hate.

Words are a powerful tool.

Words are a creative power **Genesis 1:1-27 (NIV2011)**

**<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

**Here we see that God created He brought the earth and everything in it into existence through the spoken word.**

<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> **And God said**, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> **God saw** that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> **And God said**, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup> **And God said**, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." **And it was so.** <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." **And God saw that it was good.** <sup>11</sup> **Then God said**, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing

seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.** <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. <sup>14</sup> **And God said,** “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” **And it was so.** <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> **And God said,** “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.** <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> **And God said,** “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” **And it was so.** <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.** <sup>26</sup> **Then God said,** “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> **So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.** <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” <sup>29</sup> **Then God said,** “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> **God saw** all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

### 9 times we see here “God Said”

We have been created with that same creative power to speak things into existence.

**Romans 15:4 (NIV2011)** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

### This is what Jesus meant when He said in Mark 11:22-25 (NIV2011)

<sup>22</sup> “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> “Truly I tell you, if anyone **SAYS** to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and **does not doubt** in their heart **but believes** that what they **SAY**

will happen, **it will be done for them.** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask** for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**What comes out of our mouth today will create our tomorrow**

**Faith is released by what you speak and confirmed by what you believe.**

**James 2:14-24 (NIV2011)**

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. <sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

**Faith is released by what you speak and confirmed by what you believe.**

**Jesus operated in the Faith principles of Mark 11:23 and Mark 9:23 while He was on earth.**

- Jesus spoke to the wind
- Jesus spoke to the sea
- Jesus spoke to the fig tree
- Jesus spoke to demons
- Jesus spoke to the dead
- Jesus spoke to the sick
- Jesus spoke the Word to the devil and he had to flee

**All of what He spoke to was obedient to what He said!!!**

**Mark 11:23 (NIV2011)** "Truly I tell you, if anyone **says** to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they **say** will happen, it will be done for them.

**Mark 9:23 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes."

**Jesus was releasing His Faith through the spoken word.**

**Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV2011)** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Speak the Word.

Line up you mouth with God speak what he says.

Conclusion:

**That mind needs to be renewed**

**Romans 12:2 (NIV2011)** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

When the mind is renewed your mouth will also be renewed.

**Change your thoughts (mind) will change you speak which will change your life.**

**John 5:19 (NIV2011)** Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

**Ephesians 5:1 (NKJV)** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.