

## The Power of the Spoken Word

Much of Jesus' healing ministry was accomplished by casting out demon spirits through the power of the "Spoken Word." Even today, many are being delivered of sickness and disease by believers taking authority over those spirits that have been assigned by the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy.

In Luke, we read of a woman who was held in bondage to Satan by a spirit of infirmity.

**Luke 13:11-13** *And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity (sickness) 18 years and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "woman, you are loosed from your infirmity (sickness)." And He laid His hand on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.*

- Jesus clearly identifies this spirit of sickness as a bondage of Satan.

**Luke 13: 16** *So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-think of it- for 18 years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"*

- The word infirmity means a sickness or weakness. A spirit of infirmity is simply a spirit of sickness or weakness. It can be any kind of sickness.

**Mark 11:23** *For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.*

- Jesus said, "whoever says," He didn't say "whoever prays and asks God to do it." To say means to make a command. There is no mention in the Bible of the disciples praying for the sick after the Holy Spirit came. They ministered healing to the sick through His power- the same healing power that is now in us.

### *Speak the Word*

**Luke 17:6** *So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

- We have the authority of Jesus in us and we can speak to any tree of sickness or disease in the name of Jesus.
- There is healing in the spoken word of God through the name of Jesus.

**Acts 3:4** *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

**Acts 3:16** *And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*



**John 14:12-14** *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

- When we use the name of Jesus we are speaking with the authority of Jesus. When we speak in that name, it has the same effect as if Jesus were standing there speaking to the situation. He has given us the right to use His name.
- Listen when you use the name of Jesus, do you know that the Christ Jesus (the greater one who dwells in you) stands up and speaks through you.

### ***Why do we pray in the Name of Jesus?***

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**Mark 16:17** *And these signs will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will take up serpents...and they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.*

- There is power in the name of Jesus. When we boldly speak and act on our belief in the name of Jesus, we will drive out demons. We will place our hands on sick people, and they will get well.

**Matt. 28:18** *Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*

- When Jesus gave believers the right to use His name, it was an awesome privilege and should never be taken lightly.
  - Because Jesus was the Son of God, = He had all authority in heaven.
  - Because Jesus was the Son of Man, = He had all authority on earth.
- When we use His name, an overwhelming authority and power is released. It is as though we are standing in His place and using His authority.

**John 5:19** *Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”*

- As we minister on earth, we too like Jesus have been called to act on behalf of God. Jesus says, “He only does what He sees the Father do,” we too must say, “we only do what we see our Lord Jesus Christ do.”
- Start acting like Jesus, right now, don’t wait (Eph. 5:1).

**Phil. 2:9-11** *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



## LISTEN:

- Every demon power has a name
- Every person has a name
- Every sickness and disease has a name
- Every scheme of the devil has a name
- When the name of Jesus is spoken, demon powers flee
- When the name of Jesus is spoken, cancer, arthritis and all other diseases have to bow
- When the name of Jesus is spoken, Satan's schemes are defeated
- The name of Jesus is above the name of every disease and demon and they must all bow when in faith we speak, "Jesus!"

**Luke 10:17,19** *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

- "Nothing shall by any means hurt you," that includes sickness, financial trouble or anything that life may bring your way.

**Exodus 20:24b** *"In every place where I record My name I will come to you and I will bless you."*

- If you would mention [record or remember what power is in] the name of Jesus, the Word declares that He will come and bless you.

