

Reminder: The principle, 'God SENDS His Word to heal', can be understood to mean the following:

- A. God's Word itself has in-grained Healing Power and Potential.**
- B. Obedience to the General Word (Logos) Heals us.**
- C. Obedience to a Specific Instruction (Rhema) Heals us.**
- D. An Uttered Command or Decree to Heal.**
- E. Appropriating the Promises of Healing in God's Word By Faith.**

In this session, we **to continue to unpack point D** above – the issue of 'DECREES' (Part B).

A Reminder: 'Decrees' will be explained in Sessions 9 to 12. Here is a layout of this theme :

1. The Definition of Decree
2. Decree is Akin to Prayer and Requires Prayer as its Foundation
3. Agree With Heaven, Then Decree To Earth
3. Personal Purity of the Declarer of the Decree is Primary
4. Disciplined and Pure Speech Accentuates the Power of Decree
5. Decree the Discerned and Determined will of God
6. God's Decreed Word Frames Worlds, Times and Seasons
7. Decrees Are Rooted in Apostolic Doctrine and Their Authority Flows from it.
8. Decree From an Ascended Position in Christ Downward to the Earth
9. Decrees Understand the Nature of the 'Dabar' Word of God
10. Decree With Faith
11. Decree From a Heart of Relational Mastery and Maturity
12. Decree Words that are Spirit and Life, Full of Grace - not English
13. Decree From a 'Moved' or 'Stirred' Spirit
14. Decree in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ
15. Decrees and Their Results Demonstrate the Authority and Power of God's Kingdom
16. Decree to Anticipate and Appropriate a Future Divine-determined reality Now in the Present
17. Decree Beyond Your Life-time
18. Decree and Submission

In this session
we focus on
points
(5) to (9).

5. DECREE THE DISCERNED AND DETERMINED WILL OF GOD

Jesus rarely prayed for the sick to be healed, but He most often **commanded or decreed** the sick to be healed. As indicated earlier, decreeing is essentially a form of prayer. He agreed with the will of His Father in the unseen realm and decreed His Father's will upon the reality He was faced with naturally. He constantly would say that He says nothing unless He hears His Father say it; and does nothing unless He sees His Father do it.

Sight into the Father's actions and speaking is critical.

John 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do **nothing on My own initiative**, but I speak these things **AS THE FATHER TAUGHT ME**

John 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something **He SEES the Father doing**; for **whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner**.

Decreeing powerfully to your circumstances must be borne out of sight or knowledge that the decree is firstly borne out from seeing God having already decreed to the circumstance.

Earth can only bind and loose what Heaven has already bound or loosed. God's will in Heaven dictates to Earth's reality. We bind (or loose) here on earth, because Heaven has already bound (or loosed). We, on Earth, must know God's will in order to speak it forth declaratively in powerful decree.

Matt. 18:18 Truly I say to you, **whatever you bind** on earth shall **HAVE BEEN** bound in heaven; and whatever **you loose** on earth shall **HAVE BEEN** loosed in heaven.

Our earthly decrees are mere **echoes of God's Heavenly decree**. We decree the decree of the Lord.

Psalms 2:7 "I will surely **tell** of the **decree** of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. (NASB)

So, Jesus would command the sick to be healed, because He perceived His Father in Heaven has already healed them.

To the paralytic, Jesus commanded him to walk.

John 5:8 Jesus said to him, “**Get up, take up your bed, and walk.**” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

When we decree, we are enforcers of an already established truth or matter. You enforce the will of God already established for a particular situation.

Jesus commanded a leper to be whole.

Matt 8:2-3 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; **be cleansed.**”

Jesus’ teachings, works and Divine Decrees were only reflections of His Father. Jesus operated from a position of His Father’s rest. This , in part, is why He did works on the Sabbath day. He wanted to illustrate how one could be powerfully successful in the work of God, when one operates from a position of rest, allowing the Father to work through you from His own position of rest.

John 5:15-17 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But He answered them, “**My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.**”

We can only decree, because the Father has already decreed.

6. GOD’S DECREED WORD FRAMES WORLDS, TIMES AND SEASONS

God’s Word is powerful, having inherent authority to do God’s purposes, including healing.

Heb. 4:12 For the **word of God is living and active and sharper** than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

God’s Word has Divine energy pulsating in and through it. At every occasion of your engagement with God’s Word, you are engaging with Divine energy (grace) inherent within it. God’s Word is not

a dead letter but a living entity, containing, expressing and communicating the PERSON and POWER of God Himself.

God's Word has the capacity to create and re-create. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth through the act of SPEECH.

Gen. 1:11 And God **SAID** Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and **IT WAS SO**.

The medium of His Word or Speech was employed every time He wanted to create something. Every time God spoke something into existence, IT WAS SO. It was SO, because God SAID it. God's Word has creative capacity. God's Word configures and conditions the reality of things. It determines the condition of things. It determines the state of things. Such is the POWER of God's WORD.

God's Word FRAMES or PREPARES Worlds

Heb. 11:3 By faith we understand that the **WORLDS were PREPARED by the WORD of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible **(NASB)**

Heb. 11:3a By faith we understand that the **WORLDS were FRAMED by the WORD of God (KJV)**

Framed/prepared = katartizō = The fundamental meaning is to put a thing in its **appropriate condition**, to establish, set up, equip, arrange, prepare, **mend**.

God's WORD places the WORLDS in their appropriate condition; it establishes them, equips them, arranges them and, if in need of repair, mends or restores it. God's Word conditions reality, and if reality does not reflect His will, His Word can re-condition it.

Worlds = aion = denotes duration or continuance of time

Segments of time - particular '**aions**' of varied duration - are all determined by God's will as expressed through His Word.

The ancients, the Old Testament Heroes of faith, shaped their seasons and times by the power of God's Word. Reality was shaped, decided or settled by an appeal to what God's Word determined as real, not what the actual present conditions dictated as real. Similarly, in our time, principles from

God's Word must configure our existence in time - in the present duration of our living and in specific segments thereof.

Two Greek concepts are translated as time. One is **chronos**, i.e. the passing of time – seconds, minutes, hours, days, etc. The other is **kairos**.

Time = Kairos = Season, opportune time. It is not merely as a succession of minutes, which is **chrónos**, but a period of **opportunity**. Times at which certain **foreordained events take place**.

Our spatial sphere of existence must be '**kairos**' continually. In these times, certain foreordained events, relative to God's will for our lives, must take place. When Kairos predominates your mentality, your most forceful thought is that the time is ripe for certain already established facets of God's will to materialise. This conviction brings with it responsibility that merits a response to your circumstances, which might be contrary or antagonistic to God's will actualising in a practical way. Our chronos time must be configured with principles from God's Word . We must, as the Greek word to 'frame/prepare' suggests, '**set our time in its appropriate condition**' or '**arrange**' it by **speaking forth God's Word authoritatively**. We must also be aware of certain prophetically determined occurrences that are scheduled to materialise.

The Word of God is able to set in its appropriate condition, any aspect of our lives which are out of sync or alignment with God's eternal will for our lives, within every 'aion'. This is so because our primary perspective of the time in which we live is KAIROS, not chronos. In kairos, certain God-determined foreordained events of our lives must take place. Kairos must **not be momentary - but perpetual**, as we live obediently in compliance with God's righteous standards. Whilst we live in chronos , we live by the higher order of kairos.

'Breakthrough' must migrate from being a **momentary EVENT** to a **perpetual LIFESTYLE**.

[An Aside: For some, breakthrough must elevate from simply monetary provision to a managed and disciplined lifestyle.]

Understand the time in which you live, and the attendant purposes of God upon your personal life. If anything is out of sync with God's will, adjust it through the decrees from God's Word. This obviously is built upon a life of obedient compliance to God's righteous principles/standards.

THINGS SEEN are TEMPORAL. THINGS UNSEEN are ETERNAL.

2 Cor. 4:18 while we look not at the things which are **seen**, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The seen dimension of life, is not borne out from what can be seen, but from what is unseen. The unseen and immaterial birthed the seen and material world.

Heb. 11:3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what **we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. (NLT)**

Things created came out from God's Word, personified in Christ Jesus, the Son.

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

From nothingness, God's Word through Christ Jesus, calls things into being.

Rom 4:17c " calls **into being** that which **does not exist**"

The unseen overrides and is more powerful than the natural. God's will must be done on Earth (seen) as it is done in Heaven (unseen). Let Heaven (kairos) press into and condition your earth (chronos). This can happen through the DECREE of God's Word. The conditions within 'kairos', when they press into Earth, are superimposed upon and displace conditions within chronos which are contrary to God's will.

7. DECREES ARE ROOTED IN APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE AND THEIR AUTHORITY FLOWS FROM IT

The power of a 'decree' is demonstrated in the outcome of the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15 and 16.

Acts 16:4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they were **delivering the decrees** which had been **decided upon by the apostles and elders** who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.

It was decided by a decree, that Gentiles do not need to be circumcised as a requirement for salvation. This decree was disseminated via letters to all the churches in every region - being sent by the hands of Barnabas and Paul. The Greek word for decree here is **dogma**, which in context means 'conclusion'. **These could not be altered nor challenged. An unalterable and incontestable decision was taken. Such is the spirit inherent in the idea of 'decree'.** It's

inherent power, authority, weight or force cannot be undermined or eroded. It has internal, substantive weight to bulldoze anything in its path that contradicts it.

Note these decrees were decided by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. The decrees had apostolic authority. Essentially, the decree was established apostolic doctrine. You cannot decree anything that is biblically or doctrinally unsound. **The authority of your verbal decree must be founded on accurate, tried and tested apostolic doctrine.**

Many use the phrases 'declare and decree', yet have no credible apostolic doctrinal basis. This presupposes we must subscribe to, be submissive to and embrative of authentic apostles and the apostolic doctrine they teach.

8. DECREE FROM AN ASCENDED POSITION IN CHRIST DOWNWARD TO THE EARTH

We Are Seated in Heavenly Places in Christ

If Jesus could function in powerful decrees, so can we, because He is God's firstborn Son IN each of us (Rom. 8:28,29) ; and as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

Jesus also said we shall do greater works than He did (John 14:12).

John 14:12 Truly, truly, 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 the Father.

Positionally, we are seated in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This is an ascended or 'above' position.

Eph. 2:6 and **raised us up** with Him, and **seated us with Him** in the **heavenly places in Christ Jesus**

Col. 3:1,2 Therefore if you have been **raised up with Christ**, keep seeking **the things above**, where Christ is, **seated at the right hand of God**. **Set your mind** on the **things above**, not on the **things that are on earth**.

This position is far above all other power and authority. Think about this. Mull over it.

Eph. 1:20-23 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand** in the **heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and**

power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

You perceive of things differently dependent on the position from which you view it. **Altitude alters perception.** The higher you go, the further and more wider you see. Panoramic sight is enhanced with altitude. When you seek to function in the power of strong governmental decrees, you must be aware of your positional placement in Christ Jesus, far above all power and authority. From this 'height' in the spirit, you look down on your reality. Practice looking on your life downwardly from an ascended position, instead of looking laterally at the circumstances of life. You have to decree from 'an above' position.

9. DECREES UNDERSTAND THE NATURE AND POWER OF THE 'DABAR' WORD OF GOD

When you do function in speaking decrees, realise that the words you speak are not really your words, but God's Words in your mouth. This is important. It is not you - it is God.

Matt 10:20 For it is **not you who speak**, but it is the Spirit of your **Father who speaks in you.**

When you, by faith, decree healing to a sick person, be thoroughly aware that your words are God's Words or that God's Words are being communicated through you. Your decreeing must be reflective of the will of God in Heaven. All God wants is to use your mouth and your faith. The glory is His.

Dabar = Speech, Matter

The word '**dabar**' implies words spoken - where **the fulfilment of what is spoken is pregnant within the word spoken.** Sometimes this word is translated '**works**'. It is as though in the moment of the speaking, **there is a reckoning that the deed attendant with that word is already fulfilled or done.**

As you release the Word of God, the works of God will materialise. In the speaking of the Word is the doing of the Word. Also, the work is not done unless the Word is spoken. As you grow in your faith, as you speak, so it will happen. If you agree with Heaven - you can decree with confidence to your reality or world.

Psalms 147:15 He **SENDS** forth His command to the earth; His **WORD RUNS** very **SWIFTLY.**

Examples :

- (a) **The Centurion's Servant** was healed the instant that Jesus said so. As He spoke it, so it happened.

Matt. 8:13 And Jesus **said** to the centurion, "**Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.**" And the servant was healed that very moment.

- (b) **The Nobleman's Son**

John 4:46-54

- 46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was **a royal official whose son was sick** at Capernaum.
- 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.
- 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."
- 49 The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."
- 50 Jesus said to him, "**Go; your son lives.**" The man **believed the word that Jesus spoke to him** and started off.
- 51 As he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living.
- 52 So he inquired of them **the hour** when he began to get better. Then they said to him, "Yesterday at the **seventh hour** the fever left him."
- 53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and **he himself believed and his whole household.**
- 54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

[To be continued]

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