

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT IDEA

Part XXX

2nd Chronicles 29:30-31

Introduction: A consummate study of how the garment of praise and confession are intrinsically linked gives us the tools we need to be victorious. The central issue is that Jesus has already done what was required for our success. He has already won the victory over Satan, and it is time for us to give full recognition to that indisputable fact. We are presently living on the triumphal, victory side of the cross. This inviolably demands that we give proper honor and praise to the Lord for His wondrous works. We are the most privileged people on the face of the earth. We should avidly offer the sacrifice of praise to God every hour of every day. Remember, it is your praise that releases Jesus your High Priest to minister on your behalf. *Hebrews 4:14*.

I. God's magnificent idea

- A. The battle between the flesh and the spirit. People seem to have a tentativeness toward audible worship; more than that, an innate resistance to it.
 1. The battle in the mind. *Romans 8:5-7*. All through *Romans 8*, Paul defines the battle between flesh and spirit. It is interesting to note in *verses 5 through 7* that the flesh is in enmity against the spirit, but in *verse 6* Paul ties the mind directly to the flesh. It is important that we see the connection between mind and flesh here.
 2. *Romans 8:12-13* shows us that the carnal mind and body are tied to acts of the flesh. Paul is outlining a battle that takes place between mind and spirit.
 3. The first three chapters of the Bible tell the story of God creating man. *Genesis 2:7*. You have all three aspects of man here. His body was formed out of the dust of the ground; his spirit was inbreathed into his nostrils with the breath of God; and when the body and spirit joined together, man became a living soul.
 4. Man was given a command in *Genesis 2:16-17*. One of the gifts God gave to man was the ability to communicate with Him.
 5. The devil arrived and sowed a discordant note in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had the ability to say yes or no to the devil's deception. The devil knew that they had the power of choice, and he took advantage of the situation by placing doubt in their mind.
 6. When they sinned against God, God's Spirit that gave spiritual life to man was taken away from him. Satan appealed to man's mind and put his mind in opposition to his spirit.
 7. The enmity between mind and spirit caused by the original sin still rages on. *Romans 12:2*. Praise can lead us across the bridge from the mind into the spirit. Praise is an act of the will and trumps over feelings. *Psalms 34:1*. Praise is an invitation to the human spirit to flow in worship to God. When Jesus came on the world's scene as the second Adam, he came to reestablish communications between God and man. *1st Corinthians 15:45*.
 8. One of the reasons for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in unknown tongues is that it forms a bridge between man's mind and his spirit. *1st Corinthians 14:15*. In the second verse of this same chapter, Paul says that through speaking in unknown tongues man can communicate directly with God.
 9. The divine bridge that God has provided for the believer for spiritual worship is the bridge of the prayer language, speaking in unknown tongues.

Conclusion: The mouth is used extensively in our walk with the Lord. Prayer proceeds out of the mouth, preaching proceeds out of the mouth, testimony proceeds out of the mouth, and finally, praise and worship proceed out of the mouth. Let's make up our mind that we are going to give God what He asks for and praise Him with abandonment.