

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT IDEA

Part XXXI

Hebrews 4:12-14

Introduction: It is incalculably impossible to estimate the value of our confession. We have learned from the apostle Paul that Biblical confession is quintessential to pleasing God. Paul instructs us that our confession is impervious and pertinent to our Christian experience. *1st Timothy 6:12*. Getting our mouth and our speech to line up with the Word of God is of paramount importance. The natural mind is at enmity with the spiritual realm, and as a result, it is resistant to accepting the Word of God as the final word. *Galatians 5:16-17* warns that there is warfare going on between our flesh and our spirit. God has provided everything we will ever need to be successful in our walk with Him; however, it is up to us to appropriate it.

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A. The mouth is the central area of our growth.

1. Paul understood the difficulty between mind and spirit. *1st Corinthians 2:9*. The word heart is referring to the mind.
 - a. First, he says our eyes cannot see, nor can we comprehend the revelations of God in our mind.
 - b. What has God prepared for us? We have been made new creatures. He has provided healing. *1st Peter 2:24*. He has provided prosperity for the believer. *2nd Corinthians 9:8*. Also, justification, reconciliation, and redemption have already been provided.
 - c. While our natural mind cannot grasp the things God has promised, God has given us His Holy Spirit to reveal them to us, and our human spirit does discern them.
 - d. Notice *1st Corinthians 2:11*. Only our human spirit really knows us. That is why we must feed our spirit the Word so it can direct our life.
 - e. *Verse 12* declares what we have received. In other words, we can know what is in *verse 9* by the Spirit of God communicating to our spirit. It is the utmost desire of the Holy Spirit to reveal the wisdom of God to us.
 - f. In *verse 16*, we are assured that we have the mind of Christ and thus have access to the revelations of God.
 - g. The essence of what Paul says is that we have received the Holy Spirit, and He knows and understands the will of God. As a result, we ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our spirit. He quickens the Word of God to our hearts.
 - h. Praise uses words. Praise uses the mouth; it involves the human tongue. When we by an act of our will decide to praise the Lord, we bring our tongue in line with the explosive power of God.
 - i. When we speak in unknown tongues, we are using our prayer language to communicate with God, in effect telling our natural minds to be quiet. This offers a bridge of communication that bypasses the intellect.
 - j. Praise from the mouth of a believer literally shuts up the devil and brings healing, deliverance, prosperity, freedom from problems that plague the family, and deliverance from the opposition of evil spirits.

Conclusion: Praise is the key! Praise elevates us into a spiritual realm unreachable in any other way. The church has not been aggressive enough in teaching the people the extreme importance of public praise. God lives in or enthrones Himself in the praises of His people. Praising Him and using our prayer language greatly enhances our access to the throne of God.