



## **The power of the Word of God and the power of our words in prayer**

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**1. There are many scriptures which show that God puts power on objects. Why therefore should He not put power on our words?**

**A few examples of God putting power on objects are:**

The rod of Moses became a serpent. (Exodus 4:3-4).

The rod of Aaron became a serpent. (Exodus 7:10).

Moses threw a tree into waters which were then made sweet. (Exodus 15:25).

The mantle of Elijah opened the waters. (2 Kings 2:8).

The hair of Samson had power. (Judges 16:17).

In Jesus spat on the ground, made clay with the saliva, anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam and he came back, seeing. (John 9:6-7).

**2. We need to understand the power that is in the Word of God.** When we speak out the Word of God, really believing for healing, deliverance, or anything else, then tremendous power flows out of our words and the enemy will flee.

Often there will be complete healing and deliverance as we do this. However, we must understand and have absolute belief that the Word of God has power to move mountains and transform people.

**3. Barry Smith example:**

Many years ago when I was with evangelist Barry Smith at a secular rock festival, we saw the power of the Word of God demonstrated in a remarkable way. At nine o'clock on a Sunday morning, after four days of mayhem, drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll, 1500 people were asleep on the ground.

As Barry began to read from 1 Corinthians 6:9, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves....” He had only read these words when the whole 1500 rose as one person from the ground and screamed blasphemy as they raged against the Word of God. The demonic power within them manifested violently. This shows the power of the Word of God.

Barry handed the microphone to me. As I was speaking I asked the sound technician to increase the volume and gradually order was restored. In the name of Jesus Christ, I then bound the demon powers and people began to listen. Many people came forward under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and received Jesus Christ as Lord.

#### **4. Smith Wigglesworth quote:**

“This is the Word of God. It is supernatural in origin, eternal in duration, inexpressible in value, infinite in scope, regenerative in power, infallible in authority, universal in interest, personal in application, inspired in totality. Read it through, write it down, pray it in, work it out, and then pass it on.”

**5. There is also great power in in our words.** We can upset people and we can cause discouragement and rejection by using wrong words. Similarly, we can cause great hope to arise in people’s hearts when they are encouraged by encouraging words.

When we pray, as believers in Jesus Christ, power flows out of our mouth on our words. This brings changes in the spiritual atmosphere affecting the situation we are praying for and the people for whom we are praying.

#### **6. There is mighty and awesome power in the Word of God.**

“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” (Hebrews 11:3).

In Genesis we read that God spoke and creation occurred. God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. (Genesis 1:3).

God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” (Genesis 1:6).

God said “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and that the dry land appear”; and it was so. (Genesis 1:9).

God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, and the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. (Genesis 1:11).

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years." (Genesis 1:14).

“And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”, and it was so. (Genesis 1:15).

Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule night. He made the stars also. (Genesis 1:16).

Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” (Genesis 1:20).

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creatures according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so.” (Genesis 1:24).

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26).

God can create something out of nothing.

“(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”

(Romans 4:17).

## **7. God's Word will never return void.**

“So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void.” (Isaiah 55:11).

**8. "He sent His Word and healed them." (Psalm 107:20).**

**9. God's Word runs very swiftly.**

"He sends out His command to the earth;  
His Word runs very swiftly.  
He gives snow like wool;  
He scatters the frost like ashes;  
He cast out His hail like morsels;  
Who can stand before His cold?  
He sends out His Word and melts them." (Psalm 147:15-18).

**10. "Every Word of God is pure." (Proverbs 30:5).**

**11. God's Word is like a burning fire.**

"But His Word was in my heart like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones." (Jeremiah 20:9).

**12. God's Word is like a hammer.**

"And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces." (Jeremiah 23:29).

**13. The Word of God has power.**

"And they were astonished at His teaching, for His Word was with power."  
(Luke 4:32).

**14. Jesus spoke and the servant was healed.**

"The Centurion answered and said, "Lord I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a Word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marvelled and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour." (Matthew 8:8-11,13).

**15. Healing with a Word.**

"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a Word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses.” (Matthew 8:16-17).

**16. Jesus calmed the sea with a Word.**

"Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marvelled saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?” (Matthew 8:26-27).

**17. He cast out demons with a Word.**

"So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”

And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, the demons went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.” (Matthew 8:31-32).

**18. Jesus healed the paralytic with a Word.**

“Jesus said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”  
And he arose and departed to his house.”  
(Matthew 9:6-7).

**19. Jesus cast out the demon with a Word.**

Jesus was in the synagogue.

“Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are – the Holy One of God!”

But Jesus rebuked him saying “Be quiet and come up with them!”  
And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.” (Mark 1:23-26).

**20. Jesus raises the dead girl with a Word.**

“Then He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you arise.”  
(Mark 5:41).

**21. Jesus heals the demonised boy with a Word.**

“And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.” (Luke 9:42).

## **22. Jesus is the Word.**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1:1-3).

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14).

## **23. The Word gives everlasting life.**

“Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24).

## **24. Jesus heals a crippled man with a Word.**

“Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.” (John 5:5-8).

## **25. Peter heals a paralysed man with a word.**

“And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.”

So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

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.”

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - walking, leaping, and praising God.” (Acts 3:2-8).

**26. Peter heals a paralysed man with a word.**

“There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately.” (Acts 9:33-34).

**27. Peter heals a dead woman with a word.**

“But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.” (Acts 9:37, 40-41).

**28. With a word Paul causes a man to become blind.**

“But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.” (Acts 13:8-11).

**29. Word of God brings faith.**

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”  
(Romans 10:17).

**30. The Word of God works effectively in those who believe.**

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men and but as it is in truth, the Word of God which also effectively works in you who believe.”  
(1 Thessalonians 2:13).

**31. Food is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.**

“For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.” (1 Timothy 4:4-5).

### **32. The Word is the sword of the Spirit.**

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17).

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12).

### **33. We are born-again by the Word of God.**

“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever, because

“All flesh is as grass,

And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.

The grass withers,

And its flower falls away,

But the Word of the Lord endures forever.” (1 Peter 1:23-24).

“For this they wilfully forget: that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water.”

(2 Peter 3:5).

### **34. Jesus Christ is the Word.**

“He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.” (Revelation 19:13).

### **36. God hears our prayers.**

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” (1 John 5:14-15.)

### **37. Consider the promises of God.**

Therefore, as we read the Word of God and consider the promises of God, which includes salvation, healing, deliverance, forgiveness of sins and His grace, then His power of the Holy Spirit is on our words to grant our petitions.

### **38. Power of the Word of God to change lives.**

Finally, remember as we speak out the Word of God with belief and love, the enormous power of the Holy Spirit is on our words to change the lives of those who are listening.