

It's In Your Mouth

Romans 10:3-11 ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. ⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) ⁷ Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) ⁸ But what saith it? **The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth,** and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; **and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him **shall not be ashamed.**

The biblical word "righteousness" was formerly spelled "rightwiseness," and when applied to human beings means "right turning" or "uprightness." It literally expresses how God turns our upside-down lives right side up when we allow Him to live in us and lead us.

In this passage Paul refers to a group of people who (1) are ignorant of how God's righteousness works, (2) try to establish their own rules for righteousness, and (3) as a result, don't submit to God's principles of righteousness. **But it may surprise you how God's righteousness is ultimately expressed in a human life ... IT'S IN YOUR MOUTH.**

CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (v. 4).
He already did it all – He didn't forget or omit anything!

Furthermore, there is a **RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF FAITH.** And before Paul tells us what that kind of righteousness says, he tells us what it does NOT say.

What we DON'T say is "I wish Jesus could come out of Heaven and just stand right here by me and meet my need." No, Jesus has done all He needs to do and all He is going to do in conquering Satan!

EVERYTHING HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE! And not only has He risen into the place of spiritual authority, He has shared that spiritual authority with us!

Ephesians 1:17-22 ¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰ **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,** ²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²² **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,** ²³ **Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

And just in case you didn't get it there ...

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

Ephesians 3:10-12 ¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known **by the church** the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: ¹² In whom we have **boldness and access with confidence** by the faith of him.

If you are in Christ's body, then the devil is under your feet!

The answer to what you need is NEARER than what you ever could have hoped – IT'S IN YOUR MOUTH!

David learned a key spiritual concept during his life that helped him get strength from God in his trials and silence his enemies, something so simple that even a small child can practice it!

Psalms 8:2 **Out of the mouth** of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Because the devil launches so MANY attacks against the children of God, the Lord has given us ONE weapon that will stand strong in the face of every assault and silence the enemy every time!

Jesus referred to this same concept during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As He came into the city and the people began to realize WHO JESUS WAS, they began to enthusiastically praise Him!

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?**

Notice that DAVID said “out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou **ordained strength**” while JESUS said “out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast **perfected praise**.” Jesus did not misquote David; rather He interpreted the Scripture and explained the truth David had discovered. **THERE IS SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH LOOSED ON OUR BEHALF WHEN WE PRAISE GOD!**

Your simple act of praise is bigger than you are, because it connects with a God who is bigger than you are! Praise accomplishes what we cannot accomplish, because it LAUNCHES SPIRITUAL WEAPONS at the enemy that demolish his strength and silence his voice.

The Bible teaches that the MOUTH is the center of spiritual warfare! The mouth can either launch the DEVIL'S weapons or GOD'S weapons.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the **tongue**: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

If you want to make the enemy look SMALL, then make God look BIG with your praise. **PRAISE DOESN'T CHANGE GOD'S POWER, IT CHANGES YOUR PERSPECTIVE!** Magnify the Lord in praise!

Psalm 34:1-4 ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. ³ **O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.** ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Exodus 4:10-12 ¹⁰ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹ And the LORD said unto him, **Who hath made man's mouth?** or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? ¹² **Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth,** and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Psalm 81:10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: **open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Deuteronomy 30:14-15 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. **See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;**

Psalm 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: **with my mouth** will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 109:30 I will greatly praise the LORD **with my mouth**; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

Psalm 149:6 Let the **high praises of God be in their mouth**, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

The word “high” in this verse means “to rise up, to get one’s self up, to lift one’s self up” (the word “praise” is not even there, just implied). Literally, get some “get up and go” in your mouth!

Psalm 126:1-3 ¹ When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:** then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. ³ The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

Isaiah 55:9-12 ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void,** but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. ¹² **For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:** the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 59:19 – 60:3 ¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.** ²⁰ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. ²¹ As for me, **this is my covenant with them,** saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and **my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth,** nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever. ¹ Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. ² For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: **but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.** ³ And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Jeremiah 1:4-9 ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest
forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet
unto the nations. ⁶ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! **behold, I cannot speak:
for I am a child.** ⁷ But the LORD said unto me, **Say not, I am a child:**
for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command
thee thou shalt speak. ⁸ Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to
deliver thee, saith the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth his hand, and
touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, **Behold, I have put my
words in thy mouth.**

Romans 15:6 That ye may **with one mind and one mouth** glorify God,
even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I
may **open my mouth boldly**, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

The **ultimate expression** of praise is when you allow God to take control
of your mouth and fill you with the Holy Ghost.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my
spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Acts 2:39 For **the promise is unto you**, and to your children, and to all
that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks
into spears: **let the weak say, I am strong.**

I am not a sinner getting rid of sin.
I am the righteous resisting temptation.

I am not the sick trying to be healed.
I am the healed resisting the symptoms of infirmity and disease.

I am not the depressed trying to manage a weak smile.
I am the joyful, victorious child of God overcoming the enemy.

I am not a pauper begging for the Holy Spirit.
I am a child accepting a gift from my loving Heavenly Father.