

In the beginning, God made... (Genesis 1:1)
He sent out his word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave. (Psalm 107:20)
Psalm 51:10, Psalm 147: 5, Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:26, Luke 1:37

Words

As demonstrated in these passages cited is that God is powerful and creative. The word supernatural implies something (or someone) that is beyond or above nature and the laws associated with it. Because of this, power is automatically assumed to be connected with it. God certainly is powerful; however, He chooses (prefers, if you will) to express His power in creativity. The first five words of the Scriptures (Genesis 1:1) are, *In the beginning, God **made***. His first recorded act is creating the Heavens and the Earth. So many times, we associate power with the ability to destroy (the entire genre of monster movies would not exist if we didn't), but creation always takes more energy than destruction. And the power to bring the universe into existence simply by *speaking* it into being takes far more power than we can ever imagine.

As God's creation, we reflect this as well. One of the first things a new human being, as a newborn, tries to do is *communicate* – to speak. At first, we don't do this very well; about all a baby can do is coo, gurgle and cry because its mouth and tongue are not developed enough yet to form words that the child hasn't even learned yet. But this is what we know in the physical world. Remember that what happens in the physical is connected to the spiritual, and while what happens in the physical frequently begins in the spiritual, the process can also happen in reverse:

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words. (Proverbs 18:21, Amplified Bible)

So, if God speaks a Word and can create or *recreate* something, is it possible that the words we speak – either from our own spirit or from God's, in private, in public or even in a recording – have effects both in the physical and the spiritual worlds? Jesus' own words give evidence for this:

"But I tell you that men will give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12: 36, 37)

This may be the reason why some pastors have taken up a practice in recent decades of having their congregations repeat key words in sermons: *Everybody say _____*. Some find this annoying, but the pastor may be trying to get the people in his flock to activate God's Word in their lives in whatever context was meant.

When people accept Jesus we become part of His body. And when we invite the Holy Spirit to enter into our lives, in a way we are *innervated*. Just as in our physical bodies, every part of us is supplied with nerves in order to maintain our connection to the brain for proper function, so the *Ruach Ha-Kodesh* (Hebrew for *Holy Spirit*) help us keep connected to God the Father and the Lord Jesus in

order to do the Will of God and carry out His commands. But God still respects free will and He does not go where He is not wanted. So, we learn to watch our words, because by our words we welcome Him and by our words we tell Him to stay away, even if that is not our intent. Most people think that God's purpose in our words is to stop us from "cussing;" while He is pleased to see us clean up our mouths, there's far more to it than that:

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

(Ephesians 4:29)

"Unwholesome talk" means things like slander, gossip or anything that tears someone down and does not build them up. This includes what you tell yourself, even if you just mutter, *Ya dumbbell* if you do something stupid, even if no one sees or hears it.

We can open the door to either good or evil in our lives by what we say. We can either let God in, or we can let satan or his agents in. Words matter.

For the Glory of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

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