

## Is everything from God?

Many people think so. Other brochures that deal with this issue are, *The Sovereignty of God* and *God's Discipline*.

Yes, God is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev.19:16), but God said when He made man, (Gen.1:28) "Have dominion." That's kingship! We are kings under Him. The New Testament carries out that idea:

Rev.1:6, "And has **made us kings** and priests..." (Not will, but has.)

Rom.5:17, "...those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ." (That's now!)

## Words have power!

God spoke the creation into being with words, and He created man in His class. Psa.8:5 says, "You have made him (mankind) a little lower than Elohim." That's GOD!! Heb.2:7 quotes Psa.8:5, but the translators couldn't fathom how that could be true, so they changed *Elohim* to *angels*.

You will see in the brochure titled, "*What difference does it make what I say*" that God gave us the same power.

The power that God meant for us to have cannot be released in the majority of Christians, for their own mouths would destroy them! They say things like, "I was starving to death." "I laughed 'till I thought I'd die." "We died laughing." "My feet are killing me." Death and dying are probably the most used words for expressing ourselves, and they license the demons to cause it to happen!

Prov.18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

James 3:2 says that if a man can control his tongue, he can control his whole body. (Verses 3-6 show that the tongue is the steering wheel, like a bit and rudder.)

Can you see that God can't turn up the power in us with our mouths spewing out words that line us up with Satan's kingdom?

Matt.12:36-37, "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Everything in this life is either under the law of sin and death, or the law of the Spirit of life, Rom.8:2. We may be saved, but **our words will determine what direction our lives take**. Will they fulfill the wonderful plan God has for us, or will they keep us at a substandard level where

Satan wants us?

## So how do we respond?

Let's back up before something bad happens. You need to be confessing healing and protection verses everyday for yourself and for your family! That will create a shield of protection around you (Eph.6:16). Psa. 91:10, "No evil shall befall you..." Get the brochure, *How to use your sword and shield*. It will help you with this.

Let me tell you a testimony and you can see how to respond. My oldest son was a young teen, and one evening he came to me and said, "Mom, I think there's something wrong in my mouth." He pulled out his cheek so I could see. His gums were very red and swollen! So I took his hands and said, "Let's pray." **I prayed, "Father, what should we do?"** The thought came into my head, "This is of Satan, and you can command it to go." So I opened my eyes (you don't bow to Satan) and looked at the area right above his shoulder-- as if the demon were sitting there, and I said to it, "Demon, get your hands off these gums NOW, for it is written, 'Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world,'" (I John 4:4). I smiled and said, "You'll be fine in the morning." And he was.

Before we proceed, you need to know that troubles can come from three possible sources.

## What caused it?

**Things can either be from Satan, God, or from yourself.** Gal. 6:7, “Whatever a man sows, that will he reap.” And Satan is the god of this world, II Cor.4:4, so there you have it. Now you need to find out from God whose fault it is in order to take care of it. If it’s your fault, admit it, ask forgiveness, and make restitution if possible. Then ask God’s help to not do it any more.

If it’s Satan’s fault, then my testimony told earlier will help you with that. Learning authority verses will give you needed ammunition, also. You’ll find those in the brochure titled, *What you need to know about Satan.*

Now, we deal with the erroneous idea that God causes bad things to happen to teach us something or to make us better people. The brochure titled, *Objections to Word of Faith* will help you with this quite a bit more than this one can. Briefly, God is a good God, and Satan is a bad devil. John 10:10 makes the line plain: Satan’s plans are to steal, kill, and destroy; while God’s plans are for us to have a wonderfully abundant life!

Matt.7:11, “If you then being evil (natural) know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** shall your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him.” (From this we see that His goodness isn’t warped like some Christians

believe.)

## But God allowed it!

No; **you** allowed it! You either brought it about by your mouth, or you failed to provide your shield by the Word of God! That’s a bit hard to take. I’m sorry, but that’s what the Bible says. God has given us authority, so it’s up to us what we allow. Will the cancer kill you, or will you be victorious over it?

The brochure titled, *If healing is always God’s will, then what about Job?* will answer some of the questions people have on this issue. Paul’s thorn, and verses on suffering are covered in that brochure, also.

## God’s Discipline

When my husband was building the habit of a daily prayer time, he had the idea that he only had to pray on weekdays. Well, one Saturday, he took the car to the do-it-yourself car wash. He put the quarter in the slot, but someone had not put the wand on its rack, AND the trigger was stuck on. So immediately, hot, soapy water began spraying out while the hose thrashed around like a snake. He got very wet, but was chagrined for he already knew that **God wanted him to pray EVERY day, and he wasn’t obeying!**

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