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Creatures of Declaration

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declare: To make known formally or officially; To reveal or make manifest.

www.thefreedictionary.com/declare

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Introduction

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

My name is Jonathan Hostetler. At the time I am writing this (January 2008), I have been following Jesus with all my heart for about 9 years. In the last two years, God has been teaching me how **thinking positively** is an important part of living for Jesus.

Within the last several months, the Holy Spirit introduced me to the concept of declaring God's Word. The Holy Spirit led me to Charles Capps' website...

www.charlescapps.com/declarations.html

...and then he taught me how to declare God's Word over my life.

In this e-report, I explain how to declare God's Word, and why it is important to do so. I am simply sharing with you what the Holy Spirit has taught me, which is what he wants to teach you, too. **The Holy Spirit wants to be your personal mentor and teacher.**

Blessings in Jesus' name,

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In The Beginning, God Declared

In Genesis 1:3-26, the words "And God said..." are repeated numerous times, followed by, "And it was so." He declared everything into existence, and it just "was." That's how powerful His Word is.

Again, John 1:3 says, "Through him [the Word] all things were made..."

So, we see that God's Word is incredibly powerful. But it doesn't stop there. Check out what God says in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."

Putting two and two together, we can conclude that God, who made you in his own likeness, gives you the power to declare His Word.

The following two verses further demonstrate that God really does declare things into existence:

"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and **new things I declare; before** they spring into being **I announce them** to you."

Isaiah 42:8-9, NIV

"He [Abraham] is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and **calls things that are not as though they were.**"

Romans 4:17, NIV

By Our Very Nature, We Declare

Most likely, you are already declaring things on a regular basis. Do you recall yourself saying things like, *It's a beautiful day today!* or *I'm hungry* or *That was a delicious meal!* Whether you speak them or just think them, those thoughts are declarations. They are statements that effect how you think and behave.

So, you already know how to declare things. All you need to learn is how to **start declaring God's Word.**

God designed you to declare His Words of life. In John 6:68 Simon Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You** have the **words of eternal life.**" Declaring God's Word brings life to your mind and body.

The Power of God is truly made perfect within you when you declare His Word, both verbally and mentally. What exactly does God want you to declare? What better place to look than the Word of God itself...

What God Wants us to Declare

Let's take a look at several Bible passages in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through his people, instructs us **what exactly** God wants us to declare.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may **declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**"

1 Peter 2:9, NIV

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known **the mystery of the gospel**, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may **declare it fearlessly**, as I should."

Ephesians 6:19, NIV

"**Declare** the innocent **not guilty**, and so establish his innocence."

1 Kings 8:31, NIV

"**Declare his** [The Lord's] **glory** among the nations, **his marvelous deeds** among all peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:24 and Psalm 96:3, NIV

"O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, that **I may declare your praises** in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation."

Psalm 9:13-14, NIV

"I will declare your [the Lord's] **name** to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you."

Psalm 22:22, NIV

"O Lord, open my lips, and **my mouth will declare your praise.**"

Psalm 51:15, NIV

"Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day **I declare your marvelous deeds.**"

Psalm 71:17, NIV

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till **I declare your power** to the next generation, your might to all who are to come."

Psalm 71:18, NIV

"I will declare that **your** [the Lord's] **love stands firm forever**, that **you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**"

Psalm 89:2, NIV

How to Create a Biblical Declaration

Creating a Biblical declaration is simple. All you do is **make the verse personal to you yourself**. Then read it and **declare it verbally**. It is so important to hear yourself declaring God's Word, because it helps you remember it better.

For example, Psalm 34:5 says, "Those who look to him [God] are radiant," so you can declare "I look to the Lord; therefore, I am radiant" (Psalm 34:5, NIV).

And Psalm 9:9 says, "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed," so you can declare "The Lord will be my refuge when I am oppressed." Or, if you are currently being oppressed, you can declare "I am oppressed, but the Lord is my refuge."

Some verses are already in declaration form. Take Psalm 118:28 as an example, "You are my God, and I will give you thanks." This verse can be declared just as it is, without any changes. Or, if you want to, you could remove "will" so that it reads "You are my God, and I give you thanks."

Keep in mind that there are several ways to declare the same verse. The Holy Spirit will show you exactly how he wants **you** to declare that verse. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful teacher. He will take you from where you're at now to where he wants you to be. It is worth emphasizing this over and over again:

The Holy Spirit of God is your teacher and mentor. Listen to him. :)

Also, remember that God "gives life to the dead and **calls things that are not as though they were**" (Romans 4:17, NIV). So, when the Holy Spirit leads you to declare something that doesn't appear to accurately describe you at that very moment, declare it anyway in faith; then act accordingly.

Declare God's Word Every Day: www.How-to-Experience-the-Bible.com/declare

Conclusion

We are made in God's image, in his likeness (Genesis 1:26). God declared the entire world into existence (Genesis 1:3-26) by His own Word (John 1:3). God wants **us** to declare His powerful Word: his power, his deeds, his praises, his name, his glory, his faithfulness, his love, and his promises.

We can make declarations from God's Word (the Bible) by making the verse personal to us, and most importantly, by listening to our mentor and teacher, the Holy Spirit of God.

This e-report has given you the basic information you need to start making your own declarations of God's Word. It is important to declare His Word constantly, on a daily basis.

To help you declare God's Word constantly, I have created an email list that you can subscribe to for a low monthly fee. As a subscriber, you will receive a Bible verse and declaration every day, in both text and audio form, so you can read, hear, and verbally declare God's Word every single day. Please visit my website for more information:

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May God bless you as you learn to declare the Word of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jonathan Hostetler

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