

Fresh Oil



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Dear Fellow Servants,

It's that time of year again when we are all going around and wishing a 'Happy New Year' to one another. Have you ever stopped to consider why we don't just say, 'Have a rotten one in 2008!' instead of the usual greeting? You may laugh, but there is a good reason why we say what we say instead of something more negative. You see, we are decreeing what we want to come to pass. Take a look at Job 22:28, in the Amplified Bible:

“You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light (of God’s favour) shall shine upon your ways.”

Webster's Dictionary says that to decree something is to “order with authority.” What this means to me is that it's not only *what* I say that is important, but *how* I say it. To illustrate this, I want to share a quick story. One day back in seminary, the class was loud and noisy just before the lecture was to begin. The professor had tried to get our attention to quiet us down but nobody paid any attention to him. Finally, he slammed his fist down on the lectern and shouted, “Pandemonium!” Instantly, the classroom went quiet. After realizing the irony of his statement we erupted into laughter. In this instance, it wasn't *what* the professor said so much as *how* he said it. That's a decree.

Jesus connected faith with the declarations we make. Notice what He said in Mark 11:23:

“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Jesus commanded us to speak to the mountains in our life (discouragement, sickness, debt, emotional pain, etc.) and to do so with authority. We are to decree the promises of His Word over the circumstances of our lives so that we can walk in all the blessings of God that He has for us.

So, what are you waiting for? Start decreeing that 2019 will be the best year ever for you, your family, your church, and your community. Untie the Holy Spirit and let Him go!

Your fellow servant,
Pastor Brian

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PSALM 92:10

