

#### 4. WE ARE JUSTIFIED OR CONDEMNED BY OUR WORDS

Jesus said in Matthew 12:37, "For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."

The word Justified is dikaiósis in Greek. It is the same word used in the law court to declare someone completely free and absolved of any offence. It means...

To render righteous or such he ought to be.

To show, exhibit, make clear, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered.

To declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous.

To set one free from all accusations.

While the word condemned is from the original Greek word katadikazō which means to...

To give judgment against one, to pronounce guilty.

To condemn.

Declaring someone guilty of an offence and accusation.

To imprison someone.

Jesus is simply saying that it is from what you say that you will either be guilty as the devil accuses you and imprisoned, or be free from all accusations and live a free life. That is why it is important for us to constantly declare God's promises instead of our fears, from time to time.

#### LET'S DECLARE:

Let all that I am praise the Lord;

with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

Let all that I am praise the Lord;

may I never forget the good things he does for me.

He forgives all my sins

and heals all my diseases.

He redeems me from death

and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

He fills my life with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

The Lord gives righteousness

and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

Reveal your character and your deeds to us.

You are compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

You do not punish us for all our sins;

You do not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

For Your unfailing love toward those who fear him

is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

Through the Blood of Jesus you have removed our sins as far from us

as the east is from the west.

You are my loving ABBA father who is tender and compassionate. I will fear and love the LORD.

You know how weak I am and you remember that I am only dust.

My days on earth are like grass;

like wildflowers, we all bloom and die.

The wind blows, and we are gone—

as though we had never been here.

But the love of the Lord remains with me forever.

Your salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.

Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

Let all that I am praise the Lord. (from Psalm 103).

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