

# A Burning Heart, a Burning Tongue

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*Richard E. Bieber's sermon highlights the necessity of a deep relationship with God and the power of speaking healing words to those in need.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:14, Isaiah 50:4, Mark 16:17, Luke 4:16, John 7:37, Acts 4:29

**Topics:** "Healing Ministry", "Spiritual Renewal"

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## Description

Richard E. Bieber emphasizes the importance of Christians being in touch with the anguish of the world to avoid becoming stale or sterile. He challenges believers to speak words of healing and bring lasting help to those in need, reflecting the true gospel. Drawing from Isaiah and Luke, he highlights the power of speaking with a new tongue that brings life, healing, and freedom, just as Jesus did with authority and power. Bieber encourages believers to seek a new heart filled with God's mercy, to give forth mercy from within, and to let their hearts teach their tongues to speak words that heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free.

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## Transcript

Surely we're all agreed that second to the absolute need

for each of us to have a burning relationship with God,

is the need to be in touch with the anguish of the world.

Christians become stale, fellowships sterile, if they

aren't constantly pressed by the pain of the children of

this world.

But suppose we are in touch with human suffering. We see

it every day and hear its cries, we work among people who

are the victims of every conceivable sin, and yet we

aren't able to bring them any help. If our contact with

these people goes on and on without some healing going out to them from us, without some lasting help reaching them, then our gospel can't be true.

It's at this point a good many of us are experiencing frustration.

- If Jesus has, in fact, given us a gospel,
- If He has, in fact, sent us to reveal God's Kingdom, touch people with God's healing, give them life from their death, in His name, why is it that time and time again we can't find the right words? Or, when we speak words of healing no healing follows?

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary.

Isaiah 50:4a

- a tongue that knows how to sustain with a word him that is weary.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news

to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4:16-19

The anointing of the Spirit on the Lamb manifests itself  
in words of good news to the poor,  
words that bring release to the captives,  
words that bring recovery of sight to the blind, and  
liberty to the oppressed.

What was it that set Jesus apart from every teacher  
Israel had ever heard before? His words!  
...they wondered at the gracious words  
which proceeded out of his mouth.

Luke 4:22

... "What is this word? For with authority  
and power he commands the unclean spirits,  
and they come out." Luke 4:36

Jesus spoke with a new tongue and the words that came  
from that tongue literally brought life. Things happened  
when He spoke.

- He commanded ears to open, eyes to see.
- With a word He brought people back from the dead.
- With a word He restored the demon possessed  
to their right minds.

Jesus didn't just mingle with the anguish of the human

race, He spoke to the anguish and healed it.

We mingle with the anguish and soon we're overwhelmed.

Or, we're driven back into our shell.

Or, we're defeated by it.

Or, we're frightened and run from it, when we too should be able to speak to human anguish and heal it.

Didn't our Lord promise us a new tongue?

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues..."

Mark 16:17

To be able to speak a word from God with such boldness, such confidence, that the Spirit confirms that word with signs following.

Is it unreasonable to desire this? To expect it?

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, while thou stretchest out thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of thy holy servant Jesus."

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 1,:29-31

It was that word on their tongue that changed lives,

brought good news to the poor, release to the captives,  
sight to the blind.

Is it too much to expect that each of us who goes forth  
in the name of the Lord should speak with a new tongue?

A new tongue is not eloquence. An eloquent tongue is  
beautiful to hear -- like music.

- It can thrill you.

- It can hold your attention.

- It can arouse your emotions.

- But it cannot change your life.

A new tongue is not salesmanship. How often we hear  
people say of an exceptional salesman,

"If only his talents at salesmanship were used  
for the Lord!"

The Lord doesn't need salesmen,

hucksters,

con men,

or magicians. All He needs are

tongues that are willing to be taught how to sustain  
with a word him that is weary.

A new tongue is the inevitable outgrowth of a new  
heart. Let your heart meet God and then let your heart  
teach your tongue the things of God and you will soon  
be speaking words that will literally heal the broken  
hearted and set the captives free and open blind eyes  
and deaf ears and raise the dead.

1. If we want to speak with a new tongue, we first have

to receive a new heart.

On the last day of the feast, the great day,  
Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one  
thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who  
believes in me, as the scripture has said,  
'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living  
water.'" John 7:37-38

"Come to me and drink until your heart is full to over  
flowing with God's mercy. Until your heart is on fire  
with God's love. Ravish your heart on the goodness of  
the Lord until your heart is new."

"Lord, my heart is sick! It's like a stone. It's heavy  
within me like a lump of lead. Wash me within with your  
blood. Cleanse me! Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. Take his stony heart  
out of me and give me a heart of flesh."

2. If we want to speak with anew tongue, we have to  
learn to give for alms such things as are within.

And the Lord said to him, "Now you Phari  
sees cleanse the outside of the cup and of  
the dish, but inside you are full of extortion  
and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who  
made the outside make the inside also? But  
give for alms those things which are within;  
and behold, everything is clean for you."

Luke 11:39-41

And what do we have within our hearts that we can give?

The one thing we have received: mercy.

So we start giving forth mercy from our hearts with a merciful attitude,  
merciful prayers,  
a generous, forbearing spirit.

There is no way we're ever going to have anything genuinely good to say to anybody until our inmost hearts are - merciful,  
- forgiving,  
- generous, - toward all!

Let the heart start giving what it has received from God and our whole life becomes clean, including the most defiled of all our members: the tongue.

3. Now the heart is ready to teach the tongue to speak.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary.

Isaiah 50:4a

- The tongue of those that are taught.

The first thing the heart has to teach the tongue to do is speak to God. Long long before our Lord ever uttered a word of teaching in the synagogue, or ever spoke a word of healing to the sick, he was speaking to His Father ... and all through His ministry He kept speaking to His Father.

If the tongue is going to belong to God and be of use to God, it needs to give itself to God in speech,

in words of praise,  
thanksgiving, worship. In utterances that are meant only  
for His ear.

Your heart has received mercy, it has been changed. Now  
let it teach the tongue to confess to God what it believes.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou  
God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing  
aloud of thy righteousness.

Psalm 51:14

I will bless the Lord at all times. His  
praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1

If your heart is praising God how can your tongue be  
still? If your heart is overflowing with gratefulness  
to the Lord, how can your tongue hold its peace?  
Satan will mock you when you use your tongue to glorify  
God. He will tell you you're out of your mind,  
you're wasting your strength on  
foolishness. Just remember that your tongue belongs to  
God. Its primary purpose is not to eat,  
or to drink,  
or to swallow,  
or to talk to men, but to  
praise its Maker and Redeemer.

Then the heart needs to teach the tongue to speak to  
men. Our Lord came out from those times of being alone  
with the Father and spoke to men from His heart. Every

word was aflame with the fire of God and went forth from His tongue to do exactly what it was intended to do. Jesus' words brought life whenever they were received because they came from a heart that was on fire with the mercy of God. So now we are anointed and sent to speak with new tongues words that come from our hearts and literally give life, healing, hope, encouragement, cleansing, vision.

Every one of us is called to do this. Some of us in the past have thought that every time we meet someone who's ripe for the Kingdom we have to take them to hear an evangelist or some special teacher, or get them to read some great Christian book.

But that's not what the Master called us to do. He did not say, "Go ye into all the world and bring people to hear Dr. So and So." He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

You preach it, you speak with that new tongue, you give forth a living word. For if you have received that new heart from the Lord, and if you are giving for alms the mercy within that you have received, and if you are using your tongue to worship and glorify God, then you can be sure that God has given you the tongue of those

who are taught that you might know how to sustain with  
a word him who is weary.

He has anointed you to preach good news to the poor,

release to the captives,

sight to the blind,

and His word on your tongue will not return to Him void.

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