

Lecture No. 41

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. **What is a Word?** .

No. 1.) Today we want to look at the word, **word**. We purpose to show that our spoken words, show out to all, our character, especially in the light of our profession of Christianity. In our title we ask the question, **what is a word?** The reason for asking this, is because many people do not think about the really great importance of every word that comes out of our mouth. That's right, every word.

No. 2.) Here is our first text for today. It comes from Matthew 12:31-37 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (32) And whosoever **speaketh a word** against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever **speaketh** against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. (33) Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. (34) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, **speak** good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh**. (35) A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (36) But I say unto you, That **every idle word**

that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

No. 3.) We are going to look at a few passages from the authentic Spirit of Prophecy, we look for a harmony with the Bible, and a more clear understanding of what God is saying.

No. 4.) No.4: I saw that the young profess, but do not enjoy, the saving power of God. They lack religion, lack salvation. And oh! **the idle, unprofitable words** they speak. There is a faithful, fearful record kept of them, and mortals will be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Young friends, your deeds and **your idle words** are written in the book. Your conversation has not been on eternal things, but upon this, that, and the other--**common, worldly conversation that Christians should not engage in**. It is all written in the book. Test.No.4,p.5. **I saw that unless there is an entire change in the young, a thorough conversion, they may despair of Heaven**. From what has been shown me there is not more than half of the young who profess religion and the truth, who have been truly converted. **If they had been converted, they would bear fruit to the glory of God**. Many are leaning upon a supposed hope without a true foundation. Test.No.4,p.6. The fountain is not cleansed, therefore the streams proceeding from that fountain are not pure. **Cleanse the fountain and the streams will be pure. If the heart is right, your words, your dress, your acts, all will be right**. True godliness is lacking. I

would not dishonor my Master so much as to admit that a careless, trifling, prayerless person is a Christian. No; a Christian has victory over his besetments, over his passions. There is a remedy for the sin-sick soul. That remedy is in Jesus. Precious Saviour! his grace is sufficient for the weakest; and the strongest must also have his grace, or perish.

Test.No.4,p.6. I saw how this grace could be obtained. Go to your closet, and there alone plead with God: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Be in earnest, be sincere. Fervent prayer availeth much. Jacob like, wrestle in prayer. Agonize. Jesus in the garden sweat great drops of blood; you must make an effort. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God; then watch, and just as long as you watch and pray, you can keep these evil besetments under, and the grace of God can, and will, appear in you. Test.No.4,p.6.

No. 5.) No.15: Your example has not been right, and you have stood directly in the way of your own children, and the children of Sabbath-keepers, in seeking the Lord. Your course, in this respect, cannot be too severely censured. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things. An evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth evil things. For I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of Judgment, for by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." **Your heart needs to be purified, cleansed, sanctified, through obedience to the truth. Nothing can save you but a**

thorough conversion--a true sense of your sinful ways, and a thorough transformation by the renewing of your mind. p. 81, Para. 2, [15OT].

No. 6.) No.30: My brethren and sisters, old and young, when you have an hour of leisure, open the Bible, and store the mind with its precious truths. When engaged in labor, **guard the mind, keep it stayed upon God**, talk less, and meditate more. Remember, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of Judgment." **Let your words be select**; this will close a door against the adversary of souls. Let your day be entered upon with prayer; **work as in God's sight**. His angels are ever by your side, **making a record of your words**, your deportment, and the manner in which your work is done. If you turn from good counsel, and choose to associate with those whom you have reason to suspect are not religiously inclined, although they profess to be Christians, you will soon become like them. You place yourself in the way of temptation, on Satan's battleground, and will unless constantly guarded, be overcome by his devices. There are persons who have for some time made a profession of religion, who are, to all intents and purposes, without God and without a sensitive conscience. They are vain and trifling; their conversation is of a low order. Courtship and marriage occupy the mind, to the exclusion of **higher and nobler thoughts**. p. 95, Para. 1, [30OT].

No. 7.) Back to God's word. Psalms 139:4 **For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether**. The Bible is

full of important counsel about our words, what we say, and it's effect upon others, and our own self.

No. 8.) Colossians 3:17 *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

No. 9.) We want to take a turn at this point and look at some very interesting texts. Psalms 12:3-4 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: (4) Who have said, *With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own:* who is lord over us?

Now we know who is Lord over all, but these are, in part, those who are of the self-help crowd, they literally teach that by speaking what they want, they can have it. Satan does give some what they want, by design, to deceive the many.

No. 10.) God says, James 3:2 “For in many things we offend all. *If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.* It is an offence to God for man to claim that he can create something without God. Psalms 59:7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: *swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?*

No. 11.) There is another great danger on the other side of positive thinking, it is negative thinking; for thought is the parent of act. And

guess what, who doth hear? God doth. He says, Isaiah 57:19 **I create the fruit of the lips.** That should give all pause to think. Here is our example. How many times have you heard people, or yourself, say, about someone, **“He makes me sick!”** Well, here is an interesting question about that. Do you really want God to create those words, the fruit of your lips? Best you give that some thought. Remember, our words we speak show what we are thinking. Remember Matthew 12:34? “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, **speak** good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**

No. 12.) On the other side, we have some important information from God. Hosea 14:2 **“Take with you words,** and turn to the LORD: **say** unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: **so will we render the calves of our lips.”** Words are not words until they are spoken, before that they are only thoughts. And, yes, you should be thinking before you speak.

No. 13.) The great Christian hope is the resurrection to eternal life. I got a question for you. What do you plan to do there? in Heaven. It’s best to learn a part of the language of Heaven before we get there. Hebrews 13:15-16 By him therefore let us offer **the sacrifice of praise to God continually,** that is, **the fruit of our lips** giving thanks to his name. (16) But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. So open your thoughts of praise to God, verbalize, out loud, the fruit of your lips showing your character.

No. 14.) Now we know that God keeps very good records of every word we say, and, that we will meet these words in the judgment. My friends, do not delay, we are living in the great anti-typical Day of Atonement, NOW is the time to confess all your sins that they might be blotted out of the book of life, and you be covered by Christ's righteousness. This is the path out of this mess into eternal life. Will you do the work required, to live forever?

And that is...

~ The End ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

