

3 - MINUTE SERMONS

"WORDS"

The importance of words is stressed on both sides of the Cross. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalms 19:14). " .. .If any offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, ... " (James 3:2).

The Proper Source Of Words. "The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth" (Ecclesiastes 12:10). "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2: 13). "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; " (1 Peter 4:11).

The Proper Use Of Words. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:9). "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (2:1). "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4: 18). "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, ... " (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Deceptive Words. "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error" (2 Peter 2: 18). "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude 16).

Some Personal Words. " ... the words of the pure are pleasant words" (Proverbs 15:26). "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" (18:8). " ... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. But, 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" (Matthew 12:34, 36,37)

Both covenants were given in words. "Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them that ye may prosper in all that ye do" (Deuteronomy 29:9). "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20). "God, who at sundry times and in

divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Hebrews 1: 1-2a).

Words From Acts 2.

v14, Peter said, "hearken to my words"

v16, "Spoken by the prophet Joel" (in words)

v 17, They "shall prophesy" (by using words)

v22, "Yemen of Israel, hear these words"

v29, "Let me freely speak" (words)

v31, David "spake of the resurrection of Christ"

v37, "They ... said unto Peter... "

v38, "Peter said unto them"

v40, "With many other words did he testify and exhort"