

Scripture: Proverbs 26

Lord's Day 43#1

Singing: 319:1, 2, 4 – 386:1, 4, 6 – 40:1, 6 – 443:1-4

Intro. Jesus expounded the law as *exceeding broad* (Ps. 119:96)

A. The 9th cover all talking (Prov. 26:17-28)

1. Words are amazingly powerful (Prov. 10:11; 11:9; 12:18 16:28)

2. Therefore God established a clear boundary around the use of words

a. Eph. 4:15, 25, 26, 29

THE 9TH COMMANDMENT: HONOR ME IN USING MY GIFT OF WORDS

I. The truth about our words II. Our calling in using our words God's way

I. THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR 'WORDS'

A. "Words" happen all day and they can be dangerous or lethal: James 3:6

B. "Words" are powerful: Prov. 15:4

1. They can be hugely damaging for the 'remainder of one's life'

2. They can also be cleansing and healing: Eph. 5:25-26; Prov. 10:11

C. 'All words' are important: Matt. 12:36-37

1. God is listening and recording to how we use His gift of 'talking' words

D. Why are words so important to God?

1. The 'theology' of words: Gen. 1:26

2. The first speech in the universe: Gen. 1:3 (Eph. 4:29; Prov. 10:11)

3. All talk among humans began *with God talking to us*: Gen. 1:28

E. What can we learn from God's use of words?

1. He did use His Word as *vehicles to bring blessings*

2. He did use words *to make connections or relationships*

a. without *words* we remain ignorant of others: 1 Cor. 2:11-13; John 1:14

b. God's words (Word) were to reveal (John 1:18)

c. He used words about Himself we can understand and relate to

Concluding applications:

A. Image bearing of God includes the *use of words*: Gen. 1:26; 9th commandment

1. Among all creation, man is the only one able to communicate our inner being

2. God's use of words is to guide us in how we use our words

a. see the depth of the fall in Gen. 3's use of words

B. 1 Cor. 10:31 includes the use of our tongue (James 3:9-10)

1. Does this govern every *conversation, both orally and digitally*?

2. What are 'idle words' Jesus refers to in Matthew 12:36-37?

C. Look unto Jesus in 1 Peter 2:22-24a:

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth;

Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again;

*When He suffered, He threatened not, but committed himself to Him that
judgeth righteously;*

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree ...