

Tongue Part 3

***“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”
(Proverbs 21:23 KJV)***

There is a time that we need to listen and be attentive to what the Lord is speaking to us. The Lord can speak to us with audible voice, dreams, the Scriptures, through people, and even through events and the news that we are hearing. That will be the time that we need to listen and be attentive to what the Lord is speaking to us. The voice of God through these happening will bring warning and rebukes to us to makes us wake up to let us see what situation we are in. It is exactly what it meant here: ***“A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.” (Proverbs 13:1 KJV)***

Learn and train yourself to hear what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and to the church. Seven times repeated in the book of Revelation the following statement: ***“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 2:7,11,17, 29; 3:6,13,22 KJV)*** There are voices that might we mixed with the voice of God such like the followings:

- 1 The voice of our egos,
2. The voice of our emotions,
3. The voice of our anger.
4. The voice of devil and demons.

Based on that, we need to control our emotions, anger, and thoughts before we open our mouths and speak. Therefore we need to be sure before we open our mouth of what we are going to speak. King David prayed to God: ***“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.” (Psalm 141: 3 KJV)*** More than that, God needs us to put bridle on our tongues to control of what is going out of our mouths. ***“26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.” (James 1:26 KJV)***

“1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 KJV)

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KJV) It speaks about the sacrifices of fool. The sacrifices of fool, they just want to speak and laugh to fill the blanks, and the space of time, but without discretion. They think if they will speak they will impress others or will achieve good things but the Scripture shows that they are putting themselves in troubles. The sacrifices of fools are gossips, slander, idle words, flattering and erroneous opinion based not on God's Word. They don't consider when they do that they are doing evil, forgotten that we are to offer the sacrifices of praise the fruit of our lips after we repent of our sins. ***“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.” (Hebrews 13:15 KJV)*** The fruit of our lips is the confession of our sins that we repented of. To speak to God and without confession and renouncing of our sins to Him, then whatever we utter they are sacrifices of fool. After we confess our sins to God we give thanks to Him; seeing the good things that he gave and He giving to us.

“1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV) When we speak certain things we are moving by our feet into certain direction in life. Therefore it says ***“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God,” (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV)*** it means to control your mouth and you are going to speak.

“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.” (Ecclesiastes 5:2 KJV) God is greater than man; He is in heaven, but man on earth. In the book of Job, Elihu said to Job that God is greater than man ***“Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.” (Job 33:12 KJV)*** Job in his attempt to answer the accusations of his friends he started to speak things not good against God as we can read here. Job said, ***“9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.” (Job 33:9-11 KJV)*** Job when he spoke these words toward God he let others hear what had cometh out of his mouth. Since he was at fault, his talk was considered against God. So therefore let us not to be rash with our mouth to speak words out of emotional wave and not what the Holy Spirit wants us to say or pray. Let our words be few so we will not be falling into troubles.

“For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.” (Ecclesiastes 5:3 KJV) Dreams and good plans are achieved with much work and endeavor. But fools are unable to do much because they are busy to talk more but without any fruit. ***Dream and plans should come first from God. If what are planning to do is not from or inspired by God, then just put aside, leave it, and come back to God.***

“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.” (Ecclesiastes 5:4 KJV) When you speak a word it is a commitment and you need to do it. It is a vow. ***Therefore, be careful in what you speak; it needs to be Biblical and it needs to be led by the Holy Spirit. When you speak and do not do, then you are fool.***

In many occasion, people when they will meet their friends, relatives or colleagues, out of emotions, they will announce promises and vows, and they will be trapped with their own

words and put themselves in troubles because of their inability to control their tongues. Therefore, be aware, when you meet people, friends, colleagues, or relatives, control your mouth and avoid to put yourself in troubles by the promises and the vows that you make.

Before you open your mouth and make commitment, be sure that God is speaking to you and that God is directing you of what you need to do and not yourself who is dictating the whole matter. Therefore is this way you are avoiding yourself to fall into troubles.

“Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.” (Ecclesiastes 5:5 KJV) Therefore, self-control is needed before you speak, for when you speak there will be witnesses of what you said; God, His angels, His people, and the people around you are the witnesses and they are hearing what you are speaking: **“Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?”** (Ecclesiastes 5:6 KJV) Those whom they heard you are witnesses of what you said, and you will be requested to do what you said. God is witnessing all what you are saying and He will call you to be accountable to perform all what you promised.

“For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:7 KJV) Dreams are fulfilled not with many talk but with hard work. But mere talk and no work is vanity. Therefore, you fear God and put your faith into practice and do the good work as we are instructed you, **“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”** (1 John 3:18 KJV)

Let us read another Scripture from the New Testament and see what we can learn from this lesson: **“38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”** (Luke 10:39-42 KJV)

In this event Martha was cumbered and was moving for much serving. She did not kept her foot as we read, **“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.”** (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV) Jesus came to her house, but she still continued to be busy and doing her own; the same routine that she accustomed herself to do. She was busy doing a lot of things that she was not asked for to do.

In addition to that she spoke wrong things against Jesus when she told Him, **“Lord, dost thou not care.”** (Luke 10:40 KJV) She accused Jesus that He does not care for her.

She accused her sister Mary that she left her and not helped her, **“That my sister hath left me to serve alone?”** (Luke 10:40 KJV)

Finally she wanted to preside the meeting and be over Jesus when she commanded Him, **“bid her therefore that she help me.”** (Luke 10:40 KJV) What she spoke was not only heard by Jesus but by others, therefore, the Lord moved to correct her and she was rebuked before others. Therefore, He was forced to let her swallow her own words.

- Are you a person, who is busy and doing a lot of things without being asked by God and without being inspired by the Holy Spirit to do?
- Are you a person who is like Martha, who could not see that Jesus had come to her and He is speaking to her and caring for her but she was blind to see all that?
- Are you a person who closed his ear to hear the voice of the Lord and had put yourself into troubles but you stills think that others around you had left are not helping you and you are accusing them to the Lord?
- Are you a person who open your mouth without discretion to the Lord and commanding Him to do to you the very wrong things that should not take place?
- If you are the same as Matha, then, there is much to repent of and much sins that you need to renounce clear yourself from.

Mary was the opposite, she was calm and silent, sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening comfortable to His voice and to God's word that was feeding her soul, and living in the peace of God. You see how when she choose to listen to the voice of God, how that had brought to her a great peace in here heart and in her life. Imagine even her Sister is attacking her in prayer but she was in full peace and confidence on the Lord. She was not in need to answer her own sister who attacked her and accused her badly to the Lord.

- Let us do the same as Mary, to be at the feet of Jesus, listening to His instructions and be willing to move forward to obey what He is instructing us to do.
- Let us do the same as Mary, to be at the feet of Jesus and listening to His Word that is feeding our souls and is giving us peace that we don't even need to pay attention to those who are speaking bad against us and who is accusing us.
- Lets us do the same as Mary, that we don't need to fight anyone, but the Lord Himself will be the one to rebuke those who are accusing us and who would try to disturb us and moving us from the right place that we decided to place ourselves in.
- Let us be like Mary that had chosed the good part that would not be taken away from us, “But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:42 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved: “Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?” (Ecclesiastes 5:6 KJV) Therefore,

- Let us control our tongue and not to speak irrelevant things in irrelevant time.
- Let us avoid unnecessary talk, vows or commitment with God or with men, because unnecessary talk will bring us to sin.
- Let us speak choice words when we are in need to speak.
- Let us spend more time in prayers at the feet of Jesus and hearing more of His voice and instruction to us.
- Let us meditating on the events around us before we put out our tongues and speak.
- Let us bridle our mouth while we are in anger.
- Let us be aware that true followers of Christ should know how to control and bridle their tongues.
- Let us bridle our tongues so we will not be falling into sins and we will not be causing troubles and harms to others and to the surroundings around us. We need to bridle and muster our tongues in such a way so that we will not release ill spoken words that cause errors and many troubles to us and to others.
- Let every one of us accept the rebuke of God whenever we had made wrong and ill speech of tongue toward the Lord or toward other people.
- Let us have the discretion that what are going out to proceed of our mouths should be used to edify others.
- Let us always be sure that what we speak should be season with salt to bring a difference toward Godliness and righteousness and preserve holiness in the life of the people who hear us.
- Let us now come to God in repentance, confessing to Him our sins and renouncing them all so that He will forgive us, cleanse us and purify us.
- Let us read the Scriptures, speak the Scriptures, live the Scriptures and fulfill the Scripture so that God will be pleased with us and destroy not the work of our hands, as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life.

Lord thank you for your Word to me that makes me understand things in a better way.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord and renounce them.

Lord I ask you forgiveness for the following corruptive speech that I uttered _____.

Lord, I ask you forgiveness for my anger, pride, self righteousness, boasting, gossips, slander, accusations and wrong prayers against others.

Lord I ask you forgiveness for the following wrong vows and wrong commitment that I did _____ with _____ you _____ and _____ with _____ the _____ people _____.

Lord I commit myself to put bridle over my mouth and tongue. I understood that I am accountable for that. Lord sustains me, and let the fruit of the Holy Spirit appear in my life, personality and attitude; Lord give me gentleness, patience and self-control, so I can control my tongue in a better way.

Lord I ask you forgiveness for the sin of accusing other people _____.

Lord I commit myself to live in the principle that I learn from your message. I commit myself to closely watch what is coming out of my lips. Lord I will continue to be at your feet, hearing the voice of yours and moving to do the things that you are telling me to do.

Lord provide me all my needs, and give me good health and strength to go on and serve you. Lord protect me from those who accuse me and speak bad against me. Lord gives me more fruit of the Holy Spirit to radiate your attitude and character in my life. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit that I need to go on and serve you with. Lord make me and my speech a good example to others so they will see you through my life and my talk.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sister who committed their lives to what they heard from your Word in this message. Lord I pray for them that you will change their lives and characters to be like you and make them good examples to others to attract them to you in the way they live and in the way they talk. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit; give them the gift of teaching and the gift of evangelism, to reach others, bringing them to you and to disciple them.

Lord I pray for us as a church, Lord help us to evangelize, reaching new people, new places, new nations with your gospel, and to disciple them with your Word. Lord help us to start more Bible studies and to plant new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, free us from harm, so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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