

Tongue Part 4

“1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.”
(Job 38:1-4 KJV)

In the book of Job we can read the discourse that Job had with his friends that came to comfort him, but ultimately they were troubling his spirit with various accusations. Job tried to defend himself and wanted to prove to them that he did not do wrong things against God. While he was trying to do that, he was not aware that he already vented his words, passions, emotions, and started to accuse God. Elihu faced Job with what Job said as we can read here, ***“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) So when Job had spoken all these accusations against God the turn came now to God to speak to him in order to correct him.

“1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?” (Job 38:1-2 KJV) Job in his speech was unaware that he was giving a dark counsel and wrong opinion about who God is. What Job spoke was wrong information and that is why God described what Job said about Him as words without knowledge. Many they sin because they don't have knowledge in God's Word and many they sin because they are not aware what they are speaking are wrong when it comes to the Word of God. God here needed to speak to correct job so what was spoken needed to be corrected lest those who heard job and his three friends would be misled.

The trials that job that was passing through might be difficult and also he was not ready for it; not in facing it physically, but as well as in the knowledge of God; Job was not aware that part of the righteousness of God and His justice, that he needed to pass through such trials. We many times speak words without knowledge when what we pass through does not agree with what we know from God's Word. That is why Apostle Peter told us the following: ***“5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.”*** (2 Peter 1:5 KJV) Therefore, we need to add to our faith and to our good work the knowledge in God and in His Word so we will not stumble and start to speak wrong words during trials. Peter in his letter to the believers, he was encouraging them to be steadfast in faith, persevering through trials and escaping the corruption in the world through the great promises and encouraging them to be part of God's divine power, ***“1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great***

and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:1-4 KJV)

In verse 2, ***“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.”*** (2 Peter 1:2 KJV) Grace and peace will be multiplied to us through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace will be multiplied to us when our knowledge in God's Word would increase. Peter also recommended to them to add knowledge to their faith and to their good attitude and work. Knowledge is to know facts and that is how you will be led to the truth. As well as when you will have knowledge you will also find the truth. We will be able to coop with the trials and the temptation when our knowledge will increase. When we think that trial is not what we deserve to pass through, the Word of God would inform us that it is the justice of God and the righteousness of God in our lives.

The knowledge in God's Word will raise our understanding to the point that we can understand and accept what we are passing through. God when he faced Job, he told him, ***“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.”*** (Job 38:4 KJV) God was asking him if he has understanding in how God created the earth and put its foundations. God was telling Job that he should not speak about things that he is not aware since he has no knowledge about why things went bad in his life. knowledge in God's Word will raise our understanding and make us see the events of life and the trials, from God's point of view, and that will make us accept them. That also will calm us from interior and will lead us to speak word with knowledge in God's counsel.

We need to be aware of the way we speak and to control our tongue, our hearts' emotions and our minds' thoughts, and not to allow them to vent out causing troubles to ourselves and to others when we utter words without knowledge in God's presence.

The Scriptures teaches further why we need to be more cautious about our speech and what is coming out from our mouths. When we talk and our speech will cause harms by telling lies, then we are admonished to watch our hearts and not to allow perverse talk to come out from our lips: ***“23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.”*** (Proverbs 4:23-24 KJV)

We need to control our hearts when we are angry and not to allow vent of speech that we regret after we say it, “A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.” (Proverbs 29:11 KJV) The fool has no understanding. He has no strategy, but the wise man know which time that he need to speak. He is under the leading of the Holy Spirit, and will speak when he is convinced by the Spirit of God to do that.

We need to wisely process what we speak and we should choose choice words, and to whom we are saying our words. We should be speaking fit words like a goldsmith who is putting together the pieces of the gold: ***“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”*** (Proverbs 25:11 KJV)

As the earring of gold that cannot be taken out from the ear is the choice word of reprove and correction upon those who obey God's word: ***"As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear."*** (Proverbs 25:12 KJV) When we are aware that the person is obedient then we can proceed to correct him.

Use choice word and gentle tongue with certain obedient people as the Holy Spirit leading you to speak to them so that their hearts will be soften: "By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone." (Proverbs 25:15 KJV)

Be aware not to answer fool with the same folly he has otherwise you will be like him, ***"Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."*** (Proverbs 26:4 KJV) The best thing you do when you meet a fool, is keep silent and don't allow him to pull you to sideways and trap you with words.

"Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit." (Proverbs 26:5 KJV) Now here in this verse when you meet a fool, you need to speak so he will not be wise in his own conceit.

Now how we can differentiate which time we need to keep silent and which time we need to speak, and what to speak? Let us learn further from the Scripture and from the life of our Lord Jesus Christ how he dealt with the people that came across His life.

Christ during his trial, met Pilate who wanted to release Him but the Jewish leaders was pressurizing him. The following was part of the scene and the discussion that was going on between them: ***"5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."*** (John 19:5-11 KJV) When the Jewish leaders insisted on Pilate to crucify Jesus because He claimed to be the son of God, Pilate when he heard that He is the Son of God, he was afraid and went to Jesus and asked Him: ***"Whence art thou?"*** (John 19:9 KJV) Jesus did not answer Pilate's question. If Jesus would answer this question and informed Pilate that He is the Son of God, Pilate would release Him because he is afraid of God, and not because he believed on Him. If that matter took place Jesus would not be crucified and that is against God's will. Therefore He kept silent so that God's will, will come true in His life. In this Jesus followed ***Proverbs 26:4, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."*** (Proverbs 26:4 KJV)

But when Pilate confronted Jesus and was proud that he has a power over his life, ***"Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?"*** (John 19:10 KJV) Here Jesus answered him, ***"11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."*** (John 19:11 KJV) The answer of Jesus here to Pilate was based on ***Proverbs 26:5, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."*** (Proverbs 26:5 KJV) Pilate was thinking that he has power over Jesus without knowing that this power was given to him from God. Therefore Jesus needed to rebuke him for that folly so he will not be wise in his own conceit and to be humble down before God. Jesus also told Pilate the following: ***"Therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."*** (John 19:11 KJV) Jesus in this He told Pilate that the one who handed him over to him (The Jewish leaders with Judas) had the greater sin. So here Jesus showed Pilate his sin also, that conniving with the Jews make him share with their sins. Jesus confronted Pilate with that, because he was fully aware that Jesus was innocent but he stood against Jesus to please the chief priests. But the Jewish and Judas Iscariot who handed over Jesus to be crucified had greater sin than Pilate because they heard and knew the Word of God; they witnessed the miracles and they have seen the life of Jesus but still they decided to betray Him in such a way.

Pilate upon hearing the answer of Jesus he was convicted of his sin in conniving with the Jews; he wanted to release Jesus, but he was threatens by the Jewish that if he will do that he is not a friend to Caesar because Jesus was the king who would replace Caesar as we can read here: ***"12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away."*** (John 19:12-16 KJV)

Previously Pilate discussed with Jesus and came to know from Jesus that He is the king of the Jews: ***"33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."*** (John 18:33-37 KJV)

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against Caesar.” (John 19:12 KJV) So he was afraid that the case of Jesus if he will release him will bring him troubles with Caesar, and since Jesus did not proclaim to him that He is the Son of God when Jesus refused to answer the question of Pilate *“Whence art thou?” (John 19:9 KJV)*, so Pilate thought to himself that there is no threat from God since Jesus did not say to him that He is the son of God as the Jewish said. And as Jesus claimed to Pilate that He is a king, then Pilate find it reasonable to connive with the Jewish and pervert justice than to face the wrath of Caesar, especially Jesus announced that he is a king, therefore Pilate handed over Jesus to them to be crucified as they wished,

With that silence that Jesus practiced in front of the question of Pilate He secured to do and to pass through very will of God. *Therefore, we in the same way we might not be comfortable to swallow our pride or to face suffering when we are faced with foolish people, but let us not think to win the session, instead let us focus more and precisely that our answer will ultimately lead us to do the perfect will of God.*

My Dear and Beloved: Let us observe the following points:

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Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came to bring justice to the world. He did all what God had ordained for Him to do. We are called to do the same. ***“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15 KJV)*** Therefore let us read the Scriptures, speak the Scripture, live the Scriptures and fulfill the Scriptures in doing the perfect will of God in our lives.

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, lack of knowledge and shallowness in the Scriptures, boasting, gossips, slander, accusations and wrong prayers against others.

Lord I ask you forgiveness for the following wrongdoings and wrong words and speech that I spoke.

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 want me to do. 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 protects me and provide for me to continue to serve you.

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 they will receive wisdom, patient and self-control from you so that they will open their mouths precisely speaking

the very word that you want them to speak. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit to go and evangelize to reach others.

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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