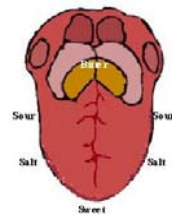


The Power of the Spoken Word



I. James 3:1-18

- A. The tongue is a **very** important part of our body
 - 1. Without it we have a hard time communicating or nourishing our bodies.
- B. The word, “tongue” occurs 113 times in NKJV
- C. Other words – “Speak”, “confess”, “say”, “mouth”.
i.e. Rom.10:9, 10 – Salvation; Mark 11:22-24 – Faith

Psalm 139:4 For [there] [is] not a word on my tongue, [But] behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.



Fresh Water:

(Praises to God, positive, encouraging, uplifting words about life, self, others)

2Sam 23:2 "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,
And **His word [was] on my tongue.**

Psalm 15:3 He [who] does **not backbite with his tongue,**
Nor does evil to his neighbor, **nor** does he take up a
reproach against his friend;

Psalm 37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,
And **his tongue talks of justice.**

Psalm 45:1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I
recite my composition concerning the King; **My tongue**
[is] the pen of a ready writer.

Psalm 51:14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O
God, The God of my salvation,
[And] my tongue shall sing aloud of Your
righteousness.

Psalm 66:17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
And **He was extolled with my tongue.**

Prov 10:20 **The tongue of the righteous [is] choice**
silver; The heart of the wicked [is] [worth] little.

Isaiah 50:4 "The Lord God has given Me the tongue of
the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in
season to [him] [who] [is] weary...

II. Other Scriptures about Words and the Tongue to Meditate Upon:

Prov. 10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

Prov. 15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Prov 15:4 A wholesome tongue [is] a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



Bitter Water:

(Complaining, lies, gossip, speaking negative words about life, self, others)

Psalm 9 For [there] [is] no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part [is] destruction;
Their throat [is] an open tomb; They flatter with their
tongue.

Psalm 10:7 His **mouth is full of cursing and deceit and**
oppression; under his tongue [is] trouble and iniquity.

Psalm 12:3, 4 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips,
[And] the tongue that speaks proud things, Who have
said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips [are] our own; Who [is] lord over us?"

Psalm 52:2, 4 **Your tongue devises destruction,**
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. You love all
devouring words, [You] deceitful tongue.

Psalm 57:4 My soul [is] among lions; I lie [among] the
sons of men who are set on fire, Whose teeth [are] spears
and arrows, And **their tongue a sharp sword.**

Prov. 6:16-19 These six [things] the Lord hates, Yes,
seven [are] an abomination to Him: A proud look, **A**
lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, A heart
that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running
to evil, A false witness [who] speaks lies, and one who
sows discord among brethren.

Song 4:11 Your lips, O [my] spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk [are] under your tongue...

Prov 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue [is] the law of kindness.

Prov 12:18, 19 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise [promotes] health. The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue [is] but for a moment.

Prov 17:4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

Prov 26:28 A lying tongue hates [those] [who] [are] crushed by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Prov 28:23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue.

Isaiah 3:8 For Jerusalem stumbled, and Judah is fallen, because their tongue and their doings [**Are**] **against the Lord,**

Jer. 9:8 Their tongue [is] an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; [One] speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lies in wait.

1 John 3: 18- 23 (18) My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth

III. Choices we make in our hearts that come out of our mouths (tongue):

Prov. 18:21 Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit

Job 6:24 "Teach me, and **I will** hold my tongue; Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

Job 27:4 My lips **will not** speak wickedness, Nor my tongue utter deceit.

Psalms 34:13 **Keep** your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Psalms 35:28 And my tongue **shall** speak of Your righteousness [And] of Your praise all the day long.

Psalms 39:1 I said, "**I will** guard my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; **I will** restrain my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me."

Psalms 50:19 You **give** your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit.

Psalms 64:3 Who **sharpen** their tongue like a sword, And bend [their] [bows] [to] [shoot] their arrows--bitter words,

Psalms 120:2 **Deliver** my soul, O Lord, from lying lips [And] from a deceitful tongue.

Prov. 21:23 Whoever **guards** his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

Job 15:5 for your iniquity **teaches** your mouth, and you **choose** the tongue of the crafty.

Jer. 9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And **will not** speak the truth; they have **taught** their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Jer. 18:18 Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and **let us** attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words."

Zeph. 3:13 The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And **speak no lies**, Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; For they shall feed [their] flocks and lie down, And no one shall make [them] afraid."

1Pet. 3:10 For "He who would love life and see good days, let him **refrain** his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.