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Bible Study: Thursday, June 14th, 2018.

TOPIC: THE USE OF THE TONGUE PART B

Man Vs the Devil

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

From Part A, we concluded that since God knows the heart or the mind, we cannot deceive or try to convince Him with our tongue. So why does the Bible tell us to be careful with what we say and why is the book of James so focused on careful use of the tongue?

The discussion between Jesus and the Satan is very instructive and interesting as we discuss the use of the tongue. The devil waited for the answers of Jesus before making the next move. This is because he lacked the ability to read the mind of Jesus. This tells us that the devil is not omniscient- that is he is limited in knowledge.

OUTLINE:

How does the devil take advantage when we do not use our tongue wisely?

1. Prov 10:19, Luke 6:45 – By taking advantage of what comes out from our mouth.
2. Prov 6:2 (by entrapping us by our words)
3. II Tim 2:15, Gen 3:1, Matt 4:5-7, Psalm 91:11-12. By challenging our knowledge.

4. Hab 1:3, James 3:2, 5, Psalm 34:13, By bringing us in collision with God.
5. Rev 12:11. By studying our studies our testimonies

How does the devil take advantage of our tongues in spiritual battle?

1. He come at our weakest point Matt 4:2, Gen 3:1
2. He introduces a discussion Gen 3: 1-2, Matt 4: 3, Isaiah 30:15
3. Evaluates your knowledge Matt 4:5-7
4. Evaluates your fears through the words that you speak to him Job 3:25,
5. Weakens your spiritual guard by introducing sin. Prov 10:19-21
6. Introduces many forms of temptation starting from little one. II Sam 11. (The temptation of David)

How do we overcome the devil? Rev 12:11

1. Recognise when you are vulnerable. I Thess 5:22, I Cor 6:18
2. Be on your guard and make less negative speeches I Peter 5:8, Matt 12:36
3. Resist the devil I Peter 5:9,
4. Have a good knowledge of the bible. Prov 24:5, Prov 2:11, Prov 8:10, Hosea 4:6
5. Hate sin Prov 1:10, Psalm 1:1. Eph 5:11
6. Operate life with positive confessions. The challenge with positive confessions is that it takes training and knowledge and faith. If you do not mean your confessions, you will ultimately give yourself away to the devil. Psalm 118:17-19
e.g. **Wives:** As a wife, say I submit myself to my husband as is fitting in the Lord. My husband loves me like Christ loved the

church and gave Himself up for her (Colossians 3:18 and Ephesians 5:25). **Husbands:** As a husband, I love my wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her

I prosper in all things. I remain in health just as my soul prospers (3 John 1:3).

7. Avoid complaints because it is the opposite of positive confessions and sadly the devil hears it and uses it.

What is confession and why is confession important to the devil?

Rom 10:9-10.

When Abraham told his son Isaac in Gen 22:8 that God will provide, was he telling a lie?

There must be a correlation between the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart. Psalm 19:14.

The devil cannot make a difference or afflict us by the jokes in our mouth. Isaiah 26:3, Judges 16:5-20, Ecc 3:4, Psalm 59:8.

Is God against Christians making jokes? Eph 5:3-4, 4:29, Col 4:6. Prov 2:11-12.

CONCLUSION: In this part we have studied the enemy (the devil) discovers our secrets. We discussed the importance of positive confessions. We re-emphasised the importance of the difference between what is in your heart and what is in your mind and how the devil cannot use what is in your mouth to cause challenges around you. We talked about jokes and laughter. The reasons why we have done this study is to have thorough knowledge and to know what we should do and say and to eliminate guilt from our lives.