



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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They Spake Often One to Another Part I

The Word of God tells us that “**they that feared the Lord spake often one to another.**” We could leave this phrase and all smile and say, indeed! There are those in the body of Christ who speak often one to another, but... Well Paul addresses this in Rom 16:17 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

Oh, yes, there are those who speak often one to another who cause divisions and offences contrary to the Gospel of Christ. Paul says, avoid them.

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“For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.” (II Th 3.11)

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Whose end [is] destruction, whose God [is their] belly, and [whose] glory [is] in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (Phi 3.17-19)

Let us hear other passages from the Old Testament:

Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Ps 18.21).

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous (Ps 31.18).

Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
Thou lovest evil more than good; [and] lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
Thou lovest all devouring words, O [thou] deceitful tongue (Ps 52.2-4).

For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause (Ps 109.2, 3).

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, [and] from a deceitful tongue (Ps 120.2).

They thought on his name. His name was sacred to them; it was a fruitful source of profound and edifying meditation. The name of God is God himself in the plenitude of his power, omniscience, justice, goodness, mercy, and truth. What a source for thinking and contemplation! See how God treats such persons: The Lord hearkened to their conversation, heard the meditations of their hearts; and so approved of the whole that a book of remembrance was written before the Lord - all their names were carefully registered in heaven. Here is an allusion to records kept by kings, Est 6:1, of such as had performed signal services, and who should be the first to be rewarded.

Look at this verse again. There is more to it. It says, “Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another...” But, listen. There is more. It goes on to say, “**and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it]...**” No, this is not about you hearing yourself. Some of you may take great offense at this, but it is time that we understand that the Lord is **not** impressed with our words or our heart. I recall scripture where the Lord is not impressed with the offerings of the people when their hearts were evil, were not hearts and lives walking with the Lord (Hos 6.6; Am 5:22; Mic 6.6; Mt 23). The Lord through Samuel says to King Saul that obedience is better than sacrifice, to hearken, to give heed, than the fat of rams (I Sa 15.22).

When speaking one to another, what is it you say?

What is it your are hearing?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

However, God said to Samuel when the people spoke against him, they were rejecting the Lord Himself. Psalm 31.18 – to speak against the righteous is to speak against the Lord.

But there is more to this passage than “**they that feared the Lord spake often one to another.**” Let us take care to give glory to the Lord for His wondrous works among His people, His Holy Word. He tells us to let our conversation be yea and nay (Ja 5.12).

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified (I Co 2.2).

Paul wrote in Phillipians 3.7-11:

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things *[but]* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *[but]* dung, that I may win Christ,

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Gal 3.25, 26)..

For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and **we will walk** in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever (Mic 4.5).

Read Psalm 136 and learn how to speak of the wondrous works of the Lord – daily.

How would the **world** change if you and I spent our waking hours speaking often one to another of the Lord? How would this **nation** change if we spent our waking hours speaking often one to another of the Lord? How would our **neighborhood** change if we spent our waking hours speaking often one to another of the Lord? Now, how would our **home** change if we spent our waking hours speaking often one to another of the Lord Jesus? Finally, how would **you** change if you spent your waking hours speaking often one to another of the Lord Jesus?

Oh, those of you **who fear the Lord and are speaking often one to another**, you will be sharing Jesus. You will be telling others of your life in Jesus Christ and what He has done for you (Psa 66.16). You will recount God’s blessings all through life (Isa 63.7), and speaking of the Lord will burst forth from an inward fire that comes from walking with the Lord daily (Jer 20.9; Dan 4.2). The Word of the Lord will pour forth (Acts 4.20) daily as a way of life as you walk with Him on the *Via Dolorosa*, *The Way* of the Cross. The words that come forth as you fear the Lord speaking often one to another will come forth of the Holy Spirit. You will not be able to contain or hold back your love for the Lord Jesus and your faith will grow in Jesus Christ (II Cor 4.13)

To fear the Lord **and** speak often one to another is a way of life and comes only by walking with the Lord Jesus Christ moment by moment on the *Via Dolorosa*. Your conversation about the glory of the Lord and His wonderful works will be daily (Dt

4.6-9), will be concerning the things of God (Lk 24) and bring us to fervency for the Lord Jesus (Luke 24.32).

Now, let me take you a step further. My colleague and I are called specifically to build up the body of Christ, to edify the body (Eph 4.12). Daily as we shop or are on the road, we also ask people if they have repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to be their Savior, their Lord. As we were doing this on one occasion, there was someone “in the wing,” so to speak – listening. We invited him to join us. He knew Jesus Christ. He said that he heard us talking and felt led to come to where we were talking about the Lord Jesus. He said this time was ordained of God that he should come to where we were in the store. This was a powerful experience for all of us as we shared about the Lord Jesus. Now, his life was changed in this meeting! Our lives were changed! My point is that wherever you go, whatever you do – fear the Lord, speaking often of the Lord, His glory, His wondrous works.

I am not talking about how some pray - - Oh, Lord, I thank you that I am serving You, that You have me on Your team helping You, etc. I thank You for what I have been able to do for You, how I have helped people, all that I have done. . .

I AM talking about humbly walking with the Lord, knowing you are a sinner, as are we, but for the grace of God in Christ Jesus. I AM talking about exalting the Lord – not yourself. I AM talking about walking with John the Baptizer who said, “I must decrease that He shall increase.” Oh, how we need also to learn from the Psalmist and the apostles who spent their lives giving glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, who knew how to lift up their brothers and sisters, who knew they were not important, but that the Lord Jesus Christ is the head of HIS body.

I am talking about who you are not, what you are not, knowing the sinner that you are. I am speaking of Who Jesus is. You can only experience this by standing at the Mercyseat and experiencing the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. When one experiences the glory of the Lord, one experiences immediately the sinfulness in one’s own life and will cry out unto the Lord to come and cleanse them. The person will repent of their sin and will desire to be cleansed, will desire to walk in the holiness and righteousness of the Lord – regardless of the cost.

The Lord is speaking of those whose lives are so full of the Lord that they can do nothing but speak with their lives and their hearts, their lips the wonderful works that He has done and is doing. I recall Jeremiah 20.9 and how the Word was pent up in his bones like fire. Oh, that we would be so filled with the presence of the Lord in our lives that His Name would go out of us as an artesian well. Phillipians 2.10-11 says, That at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Adam Clarke’s Commentary on the Bible states that these are those who

...feared the Lord. They had that reverence for [the Lord] that caused them to depart from evil, and to keep his ordinances.”

They spake often one to another. They kept up the communion of saints. By mutual exhortation they strengthened each other’s hands in the Lord.