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Proverbs 18:20, “*A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; [and] with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.*”

There is much in Proverbs about the words we speak. It would take volumes to discuss each verse. The best we can do in this small space is to discuss a verse at time. Even then we are just scratching the surface.

We all know how eating fills us. The above verse is telling us that we will be filled from the words that we speak. We've all heard about someone having to “eat their words.” This is certainly a Biblical thought and is what the above verse is saying. The New King James translate the same verse as, “*A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.*”

Our words will indeed come back to us and fill us. Do we speak kind and patient words, or are our words hateful and bitter? The words that we speak will fill us. Can we take being filled with the types of words we speak to others?

The next verse, Proverbs 18:21, continues the thought of eating what we speak, “*Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*”

The produce of the tongue is so powerful it brings about death and life. I used to think this verse was saying how our words can lead others to death and life. The words of people are indeed powerful enough to do such. The words from a military commander can easily lead troops to life or death. Our words can lead someone closer to or turn them from the LORD, leading to spiritual life or death.

I think this verse does indeed mean how our words will influence others. I also think it means our words will influence ourselves for life or death. The words we speak and how we speak them will set us on a course of eternal salvation or eternal damnation.

To love the tongue is to love the use thereof. Are we using it for good to encourage others and lead ourselves to an eternal home in Heaven? Or are our words preventing ourselves and others from eternal salvation?

James talks about how our words can lead to eternal damnation. James 3:6, “*And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*”

Our words can set on fire the course we take in life. From the above verse we can tell that James is plainly warning us that our words can create a “fire” of problems in life, and ultimately lead to the fire of hell.

Let's use the power of the tongue to teach and encourage others regarding salvation and ultimately lead ourselves to eternal life in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, and Linda Terry. Larry Compton** is scheduled for surgery next

Monday morning, October 24, to place a lens in his eye.

—We have a new sign in front of the building.

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Psalm 11:1, *“In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee [as] a bird to your mountain?”*

We have all walked outside near birds and they all take off as a group. They flee and fly away quickly because we scare them and they are protecting themselves.

In the above verse, the Psalmist is saying that he puts his trust in the LORD. How can you say to him to flee as a bird? The bird flees because it is scared. We have no reason to fear and flee. A few verses later in Psalm 11:5 he writes, *“But I have trusted in thy mercy...”* Because the Psalmist had trusted in the LORD, he had no reason to flee.

Even on our coins we have, “In God We Trust.” Do we really trust in the LORD? Does every little thing bother us and we fret and worry? We need to place all our cares on the LORD knowing that all will work out according to His will. I Peter 5:7, *“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”*

Note that Peter said to cast all our care upon Him. We are not to cast just the “big” concerns upon the LORD. We are to cast upon Him the large and the small. We sometimes feel things are too small to “burden” the LORD. There is nothing too large or too small for the LORD. Cast all your burdens upon Him. —Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, October 9, 2022		
Classes	14	Matthew 26:26-30
Preaching	22	Psalm 147 - Frost
Contribution	\$854.00	
Evening	7	Hosea 1-2
Wednesday, October 12, 2022		
Classes	11	Galatians 2:1-xx

Visitors—
Oct 9 (AM) David, April & Abby Henderson (Lake Forest Park, Washington)
Oct 12 (Wed) Ken & Erin Davis (Shady Side, MD)

Bible Quiz

The LORD said He would hear what and they would hear the earth?

Last Week’s Answer— Arabia (Galatians 1:17)

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.”
—Romans 8:28

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)