

Who Made Your Mouth?

“So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?” (Exodus 4:11)

Introduction

1. Like every good gift, speech is a grace that we received from God.
2. God is the creator and giver of the gift of speech.

Discussion

I. The Gift of Speech Comes from God

- A. James 1:17-18. Every good gift comes from God.
- B. Exodus 4:11: To Moses, God said, “Did I not make your mouth?”
- C. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:19: Adam is one example of God giving man speech.
 1. Before Eve was formed, God gave Adam intelligence and language to name all the animals.
 2. It is also of note that God did not give the animals their names but wanted Adam to the ability He created in him to call the names of the animals.
 3. God wants us to use His gifts for good.
- D. Genesis 11:1-9: It was God that that divided the languages of mankind causing them to scatter over the face of the earth.
- E. Acts 2:6-11: And it was God who empowered the apostles to speak in tongues so that all the foreigners in present could understand them in their own tongues.

II. There is Power in the Tongue

- A. Proverbs 18:21: *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”*
 1. We will discuss this concept in greater detail in Lesson 2.
 2. The fact our words can have a powerful and profound effect on our lives leads us to appreciate at least two things...
- B. “Death”: If we are not careful, our words have the power for great evil.
- C. “Life”: With wisdom from God, we can use our words for great good.

III. God's Grace for Speech

- A. Colossians 4:5-6: *"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."*
1. Our key passage for the theme of this series.
 2. By God's grace, we have the gift of speech.
 3. Let us learn to have our speech be "with grace": That which is good, helpful, affords joy, provides benefit to the hearer.
 - a. Ephesians 4:29: *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, **that it may impart grace to the hearers.**"*
 - b. Prov. 10:20: *"The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is worth little."*
 4. "Seasoned with salt": Pleasant, savory, preserving, healing.
 - a. Mark 9:50: *"Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."*
- B. In this series, how to guard our mouth, teach out lips, and impart grace with our words.

Conclusion

1. God made our mouths.
2. He created language and gives us the ability to speak.
3. This gift allows us to praise and glorify Him, but sin often hinders us.
4. In this series, we will consider the wisdom God gives us to seek and use His grace for sound speech, so that we can bear fruit for Him.