

## Words Matter

(Ps 19:7-14)

His Word (7-9) is Valuable Treasure (10) for Life (11) - practical

We can't Know our own Hearts/Faults (12) - Ps 51:6

We need His Help to keep Sin from Ruling us (13)

by learning to Rule our **Words** and **Thoughts** (14) - often paired

Underestimated Power of Words (**Jam 3:2-10**)

All Words bear Fruit

(**Pr 18:20-21**) <sup>20</sup>A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; from the produce of his lips he shall be filled. <sup>21</sup>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

ex: David's accusers

(**Ps 109:17**) As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; as he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

We are Judged by our Words because they Reveal our Heart (**Mt 12:33-37**)

Court of Heaven

(**Rev 12:10-11**) <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup>"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Anything we Say can be Used Against Us - Agreement is Access (Amos 3:3)

We can be Witnesses for either side - Testimony

Elijah (1Ki 19, Rom 11:1-4 cast off), Moses (Nu 14, quotes Ex 34), both intercession

Overcoming the Accuser...

Cross: our Only Defense - no self justification

His Word: our Weapon (Eph 6:17) - Jesus (Mt 4:1-11)

Love Him: died to live - Ruling our Flesh by His Spirit

youth anger story - why did that work?

(**Mt 16:18-19**) <sup>18</sup>"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (primarily but not only gospel)

Rock = Knowledge of Jesus, Keys = Specific Verses

(**2Pe 1:3-4**) <sup>3</sup>as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup>by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that **through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

His Word in Your Mouth Works (Isa 55:10-11) - consistence, persistence

(**Je 23:29**) "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

