Tongue Part 4

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." (Proverbs 21:23 KJV)

There is a time that we need to listen and be attentive to what the Lord is speaking to us. The Lord can speak to us with audible voice, dreams, the Scriptures, through people, and even through events and the news that we are hearing. That will be the time that we need to listen and be attentive to what the Lord is speaking to us. The voice of God through these happening will bring warning and rebukes to us to makes us wake up to let us see what situation we are in. It is exactly what it meant here: "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke." (Proverbs 13:1 KJV)

Learn and train yourself to hear what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and to the church. Seven times repeated in the book of Revelation the following statement: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 2:7,11,17, 29; 3:6,13,22 KJV) There are voices that might we mixed ourselves with the voice of God; the voice of our egos, our emotions, our anger and the voice of devil and demons. Therefore we need to be sure before we need to open our mouth and speak. King David prayed to God: "Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Psalm 141: 3 KJV) More than that God needs us to put bridle on our tongues. "26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." (James 1:26 KJV)

We learn further from the Scriptures that we need to control our emotions, anger, and thoughts and before we open our mouths and speak.

"1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God." (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 KJV)

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV) It speaks about the sacrifices of fool. The sacrifices of fool, they just want to speak and laugh to fill the blanks and without discretion. They think if they will speak they will impress others or will achieve good things but the Scripture shows that they are putting themselves in troubles. The sacrifices of fools are gossips, slander, idle words, flattering and erroneous opinion based not on God's Word. They don't consider when they do that they are doing evil, forgotten that we are to offer the sacrifices of praise the fruit of our lips. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." (Hebrews 13:15 KJV) The fruit of our llips is the confession of our sins that we repented of. To speak to God and without confession and renouncing our sins to Him, then whatever we utter they are sacrifices of fool. After we confess our sins to God we give thanks to Him, seeing the good things that he gave to us.

"1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God." (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV) When we speak certain things we are moving by our feet into certain direction in life. Therefore it says "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God." (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV)

"Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." (Ecclesiastes 5:2 KJV) God is greater than man, He is in heaven, but man on earth. In the book of Job, Elihu said to Job that God is greater than man "12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man." (Job 33:12 KJV) Job in his attempt to answer the accusations of his friends he started to speak things not good against God as we can read here. Job said, "9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths." (Job 33:9-11 KJV) Job when he spoke these toward God he let others hear what had cometh out of his mouth. Since he was at fault, his talk was considered against God. So therefore let us not to be rash with our mouth to speak up out of emotional wave and not what the Holy Spirit wants us to say or pray. Let our words be few so we will not be falling into troubles.

"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." (Ecclesiastes 5:3 KJV) Dreams are achieved with much work and endeavor. But fools are unable to do much because they are busy to talk more.

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed." (Ecclesiastes 5:4 KJV) When you speak a word it is a commitment and you need to do it. It is a vow. Therefore, be careful what to speak; it needs to be biblical and it needs to be led by the Holy Spirit. When you speak and do not do then you are fool. Like someone is writing then after a while he is erasing what he wrote.

"Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." (Ecclesiastes 2:5 KJV) Therefore, self-control is needed before you speak, for when you speak there will be witnesses of what you said; God, His angel, His people, and the people around you are hearing what you speaking: "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Ecclesiastes 2:6 KJV) Those whom they hear you are witnesses of what you said, and you will be requested to do what you said. God is witnessing all what you are saying and He will call you to be accountable to perform all what you promised. "For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God." (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 KJV) Dreams are fulfilled not with many talk but with hard work and. But mere talk and no work is vanity. Therefore, you fear God and put your faith into practice and do the good work as we are instructed, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18 KJV)

Let us read another Scripture from the New Testament and see what we can learn from this lesson: "38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:39-40 KJV) In this event Martha was cumbered out and was moving for much serving. She did not kept her foot as we read, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." (Ecclesiastes 5:1 KJV) Jesus came to her house, but she still continued to be busy and doing the same routine that she accustomed herself to do. She was busy doing a lot of things, that she was not asked for to do.

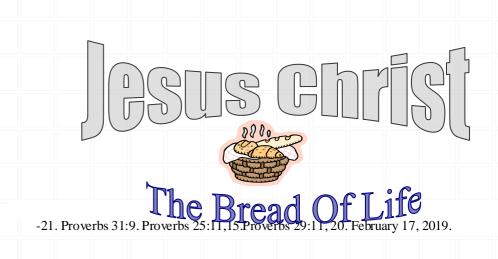
In addition to that she spoke wrong things against Jesus when she told Him, "Lord, dost thou not care." (Luke 10:40 KJV) she accused her sister Mary, "That my sister hath left me to serve alone?" (Luke 10:40 KJV) Finally she wanted to preside the meeting when said to Jesus, "bid her therefore that she help me." (Luke 10:40 KJV) What she spoke was not only heard by Jesus but by others, therefore, the Lord moved to correct her and she was rebuked before others. He let her swallow her own words.

Mary was the opposite, she was calm and silent, at the feet of Jesus, listening comfortable to God's word that was feeding her soul, and living in the peace of God. Let us do the same, to be at the feet of Jesus, listening to His instructions and be willing to move forward to obey what He instructing us to do.

My Dear and Beloved: "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Ecclesiastes 2:6 KJV) Therefore Let us read the Scriptures, speak the Scriptures, live the Scriptures and fulfill the Scripture so that God will be pleased with us and destroy not the work of our hands, as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me. Lord I commit myself to live in the principle that I learn from your message. I commit myself to closely watch what is coming out of

my lips. Lord I will continue to be at your feet, hearing the voice of yours and moving to do the things that you want me to do. Lord gives me more fruit of the Holy Spirit to radiate your attitude and character in my life. Lord protects me and provide for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.



Proverbs 25:15

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