

JESUS ANSWERS THE

BIG
QUESTIONS



***WHOSE WORDS AM I
SPEAKING?***

2 Chronicles 10:1-19

“Your father put a heavy burden on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you.”

The elders: “If you will be kind to these people and please them and give them a favourable answer, they will always be your servants.”

The young men: “Tell them, My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips, I will scourge you with scorpions.”

THE WORDS THAT
REHOBAM SPOKE
DIVIDED THE KINGDOM
**OUR WORDS ARE
POWERFUL**

Proverbs 18:21

“Life and death is in the
power of the tongue.”

James 3:5-6

“Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”

OUR WORDS TELL
OTHERS WHO WE ARE
WHAT WE BELIEVE IN
WHAT WE STAND FOR

Matthew 12:34

“Out of the abundance of
the heart the mouth
speaks.”

KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN

2 Corinthians 3:2 NAS

“You are our letter, written
in our hearts, known and
read by all men.”

WE LIVE IN A WAR ZONE

1 Peter 5:8-9

”Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...”

WHAT DOES OUR WAR
ZONE LOOK LIKE?
3 VERBAL TRAPS SET BY
SATAN THAT CHRISTIANS
FALL INTO TODAY

TRAP NO 1

THE TRAP OF DISTANCING WORDS

MODERN APOLOGY - "I'm sorry for the
crap I've been dishing out to you."

CRAP

meaning: (offensive slang) 1. literal -
excreta, faeces; 2. non-literal - rubbish,
nonsense, something worthless or annoying

GOD CALLS US TO STAND UP AND OWN UP
NO STRAIGHT TALK, NO CHANGE

James 5:16 “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

TRAP NO 2

THE TRAP OF DEMEANING /
DEVALUING WORDS

Bitch: literal - a female dog;
non-literal - an offensive term
that deliberately insults a
woman's temperament

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS IMAGE

GOD VALUES US

WHOSE WORDS AM I SPEAKING? SATAN'S
WORDS OR GOD'S WORDS?

Satan's words - Proverbs 11:9 "With their words the godless destroy their friends."

God's words - Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

TRAP NO. 3

WORDS THAT TRIVIALISE SIN

The “f” word - offensive, vulgar,
banned

literal: sexual intercourse, overtone of
disrespect, abuse

non-literal: used to insult and offend
others, to express extremes of
emotions, to express anger, contempt
or rejection

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Isaiah 59:3

“Your hands are the hands
of murderers, and your
fingers are filthy with sin.

Your lips are full of lies, and
your mouth vomits
corruption.”

WHY USE DIRTY LANGUAGE?

1. I didn't notice.

Proverbs 15:28

“The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.”

WHY USE DIRTY LANGUAGE?

2. “MAKES ME FEEL BOLD AND FREE.
MAKES ME FEEL “MY OWN PERSON”

WE ARE NEVER FREE WHEN WE ARE
SPEAKING SATAN’S WORDS AND
DOING SATAN’S WILL. HE DESTROYS
OUR LIVES.

FREEDOM COMES FROM BEING LOVE
SLAVES OF THE LIVING GOD AND

WHY USE DIRTY LANGUAGE?

3. It was cute. It was too good to miss. Something about it appealed to me. It was clever.

You just got suckered - fooled - drawn in - taken for a ride - by your enemy, Satan. Satan baited his trap, and you fell for it.

WHY USE DIRTY LANGUAGE?

4. Everybody does it.

Matthew 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

WHOSE WORDS AM I
SPEAKING?

GOD IS CLEAR AS CRYSTAL
AND HIS WORDS ARE CLEAN

Revelation 22:1

“Then the angel showed me the
river of the water of life, as clear
as crystal, flowing from the
throne of God and of the Lamb.”

TIDE OF FILTH IN OUR
SOCIETY TODAY.
GOD CALLS US TO STAND
OUR GROUND.

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Follow
my example, as I follow the
example of Christ.”

**THIS IS WHERE I TAKE MY STAND
AND THIS IS WHY I TAKE MY STAND**

Hebrews 10:29 “How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of Grace.”

SO, WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT OUR WORDS? ON WHAT WORDS DO WE TAKE OUR STAND?

Matthew 15:11 “It is... what comes out of the mouth that defiles a person.”

Ephesians 4:29 “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (New Living Translation)

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT OUR WORDS?

Colossians 3:8 “Put away all anger... and obscene talk from your mouth.”

Psalms 34:13 “Keep your tongue from evil.”

James 1:21 “Get rid of every expression of evil.”

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT OUR WORDS?

Ephesians 5:4 TLB “Dirty stories, foul talk and coarse jokes - these are not for you. Instead, remind each other of God’s goodness and thankful.”

Proverbs 13:13 “He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.”

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT OUR WORDS?

Proverbs 15:4 “A gentle tongue is a tree of life...”

Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

Psalms 19:14 “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord.”

OUR WORDS REVEAL OUR LIVES,
OUR HEARTS, OUR VALUES, OUR
BELIEFS, OUR FAITH

ETERNITY IS AT STAKE, FOR
OURSELVES AND FOR OTHERS.

WHOSE WORDS AM I SPEAKING?
GOD'S WORDS WHICH BUILD UP AND
ENCOURAGE, OR SATAN'S WORDS
WHICH TEAR DOWN AND DESTROY?