

Psalms Handout Week Eight

Review:

Psalm 12

**1 Help, LORD, for the godly man (hasid) ceases to be,
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
2 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor;**

With flattering (smooth) lips and with a double heart they speak.

**3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaks great things;**

**4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"**

What do we lose when the godly cease to be?

Why are words such a big deal?!

Falsehood:

Flattering lips:

Double heart:

How is the Hasidim able to live a life of integrity?

Silence is a lie...

Mat. 5:13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

The remedy!

Prov. 15:28 The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

Mat. 15:11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.

Jam. 3:6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

Smooth talking:

Mat. 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward.

Dan. 7: 20. [The fourth beast had] that horn which had eyes and a mouth *uttering great boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates. I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One....He [4th beast]

will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

2 Pt. 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their indecent behavior, and because of them the *way of the truth will be maligned*; and in their greed they will *exploit you* (make merchandise of you) with *false* (plastos) words.

**5 Because of the devastation (violence, oppression, robbery) of the afflicted/lowly, because of the groaning of the needy,
Now I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will set him in the safety/salvation for which he longs (pants for).”**

Jn. 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and *truth*.

**6 The words of the LORD are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.**

Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He not made it good?

Ps. 89:34 My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.

7 You, O LORD, will keep them;

God's written word...

-It is a revealed word.

2 Pt. 1:20 No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

-It is an inspired word.

1 Cor. 2:13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

-It is an illumined word.

2 Tim. 3:15 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- It is a preserved word. He *keeps* them

Mat. 5:18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

-It is a reliable word.

1 Pt. 1:25 "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

And this is the word which was preached to you.

Application

-We must _____ truth, _____ truth, _____ truth _____ truth

We must have

-We must be confident enough in our image to be

-We must be honest with

Rom. 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want...Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? *Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

8 The wicked strut about on every side when vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Isa. 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Two things to know...

You will preserve (guard, protect, maintain) **us from this generation forever.**

1 Pt. 1:5 Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Tim. 1:12 But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy,

1 Jn. 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Have things changed?

We focus not on the _____ but on _____

The scary part...

Psalms 13

How long, LORD? Will You forget me... forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Emotions?
Good news
Bad news

Does God ever forget us?

Isa. 49:15 Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

Does God hide His face?

The metaphor—

Ex. 33:11 The LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

His face represents His blessing and good intentions. We love this song in worship

Num. 6:24 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Why?

Isa. 59:2 But your wrongdoings have caused a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Ps. 104:4. Look to the LORD for strength; *seek His face always*.

Why else?

Heb. 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not *drift* away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Ps. 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;

Eph. 1:18 I pray that the *eyes of your heart may be enlightened*, so that you will know what is the *hope* of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Why else?

Long and short...

*Even solid faith

*Solid faith has

*Solid faith encompasses both

3 Consider (look at me) and answer me, O LORD my God;

Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

4 And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken/fallen.

*Solid faith has

5 But

**I have trusted in Your unfailing love (chesed);
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

**6 I will sing to the LORD,
Because He has been good to me.**

Have trusted

Chesed:

Ex. 34:6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness (chesed) and truth; who keeps lovingkindness (chesed) for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;

Ps. 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy (chesed) will follow me all the days of my life,
Follow me: radaph

Mat. 27:41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; *let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him*; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.

Mat. 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Heb. 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, *let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith*, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for *He who promised is faithful*;

Mat. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see *God*.

I have trusted in Your chesed- **My heart shall rejoice** and sing-b/c **He has been good**.

Past tense

Present Future

Past tense

This is not fake it till you make it.

To sing while your heart still feels broken isn't faking it. Quite the contrary. It is a testimony to solid faith that can hold pain and trust in the same hand. That worships instinctually because the soul has a long and deep knowledge of covenant.

If and when the dry or dark spell hits...

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Discussion

Have you had a dry spell? How long did it last? What broke the spell? Do you need prayer to get past a dark season now?