

“Wisdom and Words” | Proverbs #5
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Introduction and Big Idea

Proverbs 18 ²⁰From the fruit of a man’s mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Powerful Words

- Creation and words | Genesis 1, Psalm 33:9, Hebrews 11:3
- Relationship and words Isaiah 45:18, Genesis 3:8a
- Words of deception Genesis 3:1
- Harmful words Genesis 3:8b, Proverbs 18:21

Warning About Words

1. Unrestrained words | Proverbs 10:19, 17:27, 29:20
2. Angry words | Proverbs 12:18, 15:1, 14:29
3. Deceptive words | Proverbs 6:16-19, 26:28
4. Flattering words | Proverbs 28:23, 29:5
5. Gossiping words | Proverbs 16:28, 26:20
6. Hasty words of promise | Proverbs 20:25, Ecclesiastes 5:4-5
7. Seductive words | Proverbs 7:21-23

The Root of the Problem | The Heart

- Matthew 12:34, Proverbs 4:23, Jeremiah 17:9
- C.S. Lewis – Surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of a man he is? Surely what pops out before the man has time to put on a disguise is the truth? If there are rats in a cellar you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly. But the suddenness does not create the rats: it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way the suddenness of the provocation does not make me an ill-tempered man: it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am.

The Solution: Jesus

- The Word made flesh | John 1:1-2, 14
- Listen to the Word | Hebrews 1:1-2, 2:1
- Share the Word | Colossians 4:5-6

Words and You

1. Think about what you say
2. Think about what you hear
3. Pay more attention to the Word

Benediction

Psalm 19 ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (NLT)