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Job 42:1, 3

“And Job answered the Lord and said... “I have uttered that which I understood not; things too wonderful for me which I know not.” Job 42:1, 3

Does your mouth ever get you into trouble?

By the way, the correct and truthful answer, is, “yes!”

“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking. But he who restrains his lips is wise.” (Proverbs 10:19). There is the nervous chatter, the boastful prattle, the idle gossip, the foul mouthed expletive, the angry unforgiving barb, the perverted sense of humor – all of these answers of the tongue and more, pollute our lives and the lives of those around us. A lesson may be learned as we observe Jesus as He was facing the greatest test of His life – the Crucifixion! “Hereafter, I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world comes, and has nothing in Me.” (John 14:30).

When faced with trial or temptation, the fewer the words you speak the better you will fare. You see, the more you speak, the greater the opportunity you have to complain, to mummer, to curse, or to give place to unbelief. It is in these moments that the disciplined Christian life must rise to the surface and offer words of praise and thanksgiving along with affirming proclamations from the Word of God! It is in fact, at this moment, what proceeds from your mouth that may very well determine your future’s outcome! Victory or defeat. Blessing or curse. Success or failure.

“A thousand shall fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand, but it shall no come near me” (Psalm 91:7).

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.” (Psalm 34:19).

“I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalm 34:1).

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