

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
June 26, 2022

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This morning's message is taken from

Proverbs 30:32-33

THE 'HAND TO THE MOUTH' POLICY

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #63, "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Opening Prayer

Congregational Scripture Reading; Psalm 103

Hymn #151, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Announcements

Church Family Time

Message

Hymn #11, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #63: All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing—Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,—O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening find a voice,

Chorus

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for Thy Lord to hear,—Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light,

Chorus

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, —O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,

Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, —O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Chorus

Congregational Scripture Reading: Psalm 103 (NKJV)

(Leader reads the italicized text; congregation reads the boldfaced text)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:*

**Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*The Lord executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.*

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

**As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.**

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*As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.*

**But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.**

*The Lord has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.*

**Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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Hymn #151: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing,
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

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The wise man Agur gives a good, practical warning about our words. We need this warning; because the Bible promises that we will give an account for every idle word we speak (see Matthew 12:36-37). As Agur's advice teaches us, it would be far better to cover our mouth before God than to stir up strife among people. As Agur's words remind us ...

1. **THERE'S A SINFUL POTENTIAL TO OUR WORDS (v. 32a) ...**
(See James 3:1-18.)
2. **THEREFORE IT'S WISE TO COVER OUR MOUTH (v. 32b) ...**
(See Proverbs 13:10; 15:1, 2, 18; 16:28-29; 17:28; 20:3; 26:21;
Psalm 141:3-4.)
3. **SINCE THE PRESSING OF WRATH CAUSES STRIFE (v. 33).**
(See Isaiah 42:1-4; 1 Peter 2:21-23.)

Conclusion: Put your words to the Ephesians 4:29-30 test:

- (1) Is what I'm about to say free of any sinful and corrupt motives?
- (2) Is it intended to do good to the hearer?
- (3) Am I being as gracious as I can be in the way in which I'm saying it?
- (4) Is it pleasing to the Holy Spirit that it be said?

If you can answer yes to all four questions, speak. But if not, you'd better put your hand to your mouth!



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Wisdom for The Use of The Tongue

from The Book of Proverbs ...

By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised is wisdom (13:10).

A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger (15:1).

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness (15:2).

A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But he who is slow to anger allays contention (15:18).

A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
A violent man entices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way that is not good (16:28-29).

Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace;
When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive (17:28).

It is honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel (20:3).

As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire,
So is a contentious man to kindle strife (26:21).

Hymn #11: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Thank you for joining us!

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Thank you, and God bless you!