

# Words!

**We have all grown up in a world that places little value on a person's word.**

People say things that are not true, make promises they do not intend to keep, say cutting things designed to hurt and belittle.

This attitude seems to be summed up in the expression, "*talk is cheap*".

**But is this true?**

**When the Creator God spoke**, mountains arose and the covering seas were pushed back from the land throughout the world, [**Genesis 1:9-10**].

**When the Creator God spoke**, plant, fish, bird and animal life was created upon the earth, [**Genesis 1:11-12, 20-22, 24-25**].

**When the Creator God spoke** we, human beings, came into existence, [**Genesis 1:27-31**].

**When the Creator God speaks** in judgement, He speaks with a sharp, two-edged sword, [**Revelation 1:16; Revelation 2:12**], clearly distinguishing between good and evil. That sword is the Word of God, the Christian Bible, [**Ephesians 6:17**].

**Hebrews 4:12** [New King James] "*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*"

**If words are so powerful and important to our Creator God, should they not also be very important to us?**

With words we give answer to our accusers, discover and reveal error, admonish relatives and friends to avoid evil, reward loved ones and praise our Creator God.

Those in positions of responsibility and authority make rules, reward achievers and punish the slothful, all with words.

Also it is with words that God's Christian Church proclaims the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Without words this website could **not** exist!

True Christians are often shocked and grieved by the way humans treat and respond to one another physically.

Yet sometimes we speak words one to another that bear the same violent animosity.

**James 4:1-4** [New King James] "*Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*"

**In modern words, people seek their own desires.**

**Instead of turning to the Creator God for guidance as obedient children under His authority, people take things into their own hands.**

When someone blocks their goals, they become frustrated and develop resentments and hatreds, that lead to fights on the personal level and wars on the national level.

**Murder statistics from various nations reveal that most murders occur within the home.**

**Most of us would not think of ourselves as capable of slashing our family members with a sharp sword, but to attack someone with bitter, hate-filled words is akin to assaulting them with a deadly weapon.**

Of course, if we receive sharp words from others, we cannot often change what others say about us, whether they are true or not, but the hurt that results from these stinging words may make us guard our own words more diligently.

**If we have been wounded by words we must not risk our own salvation by allowing the wound to fester.**

**Hebrews 12:15** [New King James] *“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”*

**How is this “root of bitterness” spiritually fatal?**

**Ephesians 4:30-32** [New King James] *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

**Bitterness grieves the Holy Spirit and hinders the work He is doing within us to prepare us for eternal life as He develops the “fruits” that are the very character of the Eternal Creator God in us.**

Without such “fruits” in our lives the Creator God **cannot** allow us to be part of His created family, the Kingdom of God, because we would pollute the loving atmosphere within that family.

**James 1:23-26** [New King James] *“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.”*

**If we have been guilty of bitter words or if we have indulged in gossip, the ugly practice of telling things about others that hurts their reputation, we need to look into the mirror of God's Word, the Christian Bible.**

Ultimately all our sins, including hurtful words, are against the Creator God, [**Psalms 51:4**].

**Psalms 51:1, 17** [New King James] *“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.” ... “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise.”*

When we seek forgiveness with a humble attitude of mind, the Creator God through the work of the Holy Spirit will restore a right relationship between us and our Creator.

**Psalms 51:7-12** [New King James] *“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not*

*take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”*

This process of cleansing includes the humble acceptance of the sacrifice of our Saviour Jesus Christ on the cross, [**1 Corinthians 15:3-4; John 3:16-17**].

**Matthew 5:23-24** [New King James] *“Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”*

The Creator God will not accept our gift of prayer, [**Revelation 5:8; Revelation 8:3; Leviticus 16:12-13**], with this offence between us and another human being, hanging over our head, go to this other person, **not** trying to justify what we said or did but with a humble loving attitude of mind.

**Misused, our words can cut deep wounds, but spoken thoughtfully, sensitively and honestly, they can also go a long way towards healing any broken relationship with other human beings.**