

Spoken Sin

The very first lie was what set in motion the fall of mankind and with the fall man lost the ability to see God face to face without shame. It took several centuries to begin the reversal of the results of one statement that changed history. Meanwhile there were, and continue to be, multitudes upon multitudes of people who will suffer an eternal Hell over that one lie.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

- Satan took advantage of Eve's innocence in that she was never lied to. She didn't detect the subtle way he questioned her by his **not** mentioning the dire consequences that would be the result of her actions should she even **touch** the forbidden fruit. He knew the answer to his crafty question or he wouldn't have asked it to begin with. At this point she didn't know what evil was because she lived in a sinless environment. He appealed to her senses, one of which was her curiosity, in order to seduce her into committing the second sin in the history of mankind, the sin of lust (...of the flesh...eyes, and the pride of life... -1 Jn 2:16).

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman (*after she rehearsed the consequence of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*), Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

- Paul, in his letter to the church at Corinth, reminded the saints there of how easy it would be to fall from grace.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- Even today there are lies of hypocrisy used to twist scripture for temporal personal gain which shows a lack of faith on the part of the one lying.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy**; having their conscience seared with a hot iron (*Gk.2743- to brand ["cauterize"], to render un-sensitive*); 3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the **last days** (*Christian dispensation*) perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (*Gk.193- without self-control*), fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God (*must've been prophesizing about America today*); 5 Having a **form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof (*a fit description of most politicians today*): from such turn away (*he's really speaking about fallen saints or fake Christians*). 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 **Ever learning**, and **never able** to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences **contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly (*Gk.2836- ["hollow"]; a cavity*); and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

Rom 3:13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: 14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

- These are counterfeit **Christians** who are slaves to their own vanity seeking to fill the void that only **God** can fill. They use their elegant speaking abilities as **Satan** did with **Eve** to seduce that inner innocence of the gullible. As the stench of an open grave so is the dishonesty that spews through their words of deception. Why is it that many avoid poisonous snakes that can do harm to the body but welcome, and even fall all over, those who skillfully pass off such lies that can destroy the soul.

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, **came not with excellency** (*Gk.5247- prominence, that is, [figuratively] superiority: -authority*) **of speech** or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (*the simple gospel message was enough*). 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling (*Didn't even Paul have a fear of public speaking?*). 4 And **my speech** and **my preaching** *was not with enticing words of man's wisdom*, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith **should not stand in the wisdom of men**, but in the power (*Gk.1411- strength*) of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought (*Gk.2673- vanish away*): 7 But **we speak the wisdom of God** in a mystery, *even the hidden wisdom*, which God ordained (*Gk.4309- predetermined*) before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.
(Many great orators have come and gone but no words have ever matched the eternal worth of those spoken by the Son of God!)*

- Anyone who preaches or teaches the message of the gospel should do so in such a way that even those of a lesser intelligence can understand. It should never be done so in a way as to impress the audience into thinking that the speaker is something he is not. The “simplicity of Christ” is to be just that; simple enough that an innocent younger individual can grasp the teaching of “good and evil” and can discern the difference. In the beginning there was no need to understand the difference between good and evil because **Adam** and **Eve** were both innocent, just as a child is innocent. And just as **David** slew **Goliath**, with that simplistic knowledge of the gospel even the humble minded **Christian** is able to muzzle a false teacher.

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will (*Gk.2307- determination: -desire*) of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish (*Gk.878- mindless, that is, stupid, [by implication] ignorant, [specifically] egotistic: -unwise*) men:

Silence (at times) is golden.

Hab 2:20 But the LORD *is* in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile (*Gk.5351- to spoil [by any process] or to ruin [especially figuratively by moral influences, to deprave]: -corrupt*) the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

“In the New Testament there are two words for “temple.” One word (hieron [hee-er-on’]) described a sacred enclosure. The second term (naos [nah-os’]) described a temple’s inner area, the place considered to be God’s dwelling place. In verses 16 and 17 Paul used the word naos. This tells us the church is God’s sanctuary and it is a “holy” place.”
Brad Price

1Ti 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to **behave thyself** (*Gk.390- busy oneself, that is, remain, live: -have conversation, be used*) in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

- Just as a pillar is firm and, together with the ground beneath it, supports a building, the church is what supports the truth, namely that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.** 18 And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (the confession that Jesus is the Christ) I will build My church; and the gates of hell (Hades) shall not prevail against it.**

- The forth act in the conversion process is the confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Ecc 5:2 Be not rash (*Heb.926- hasten anxiously*) with thy mouth (*Heb.6310- speech*), and **let not thine heart** (*Heb.3820- intellect*) **be hasty to utter** anything before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore **let thy words be few.** 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business (*Heb.6045- ado: -travail*); and **a fool's** (*Heb.3684- stupid or silly*) **voice is known by multitude of words.** (*One can't listen while another is teaching and the more one talks the more one reveals one's ignorance. This doesn't mean we can't have meaningful discussions especially when there is a sincere desire to understand. It has more to do with the person who takes over and runs with whatever is being discussed without regard for those who are interested in learning. Speaking from experience, I've seen that happen way too often before we came here.*)

Pro 17:27 He that hath knowledge spares his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. 28 Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise: and he that shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Ecc 3:7 ... a **time to keep silence**, and a **time to speak**;

Jas 3:2 For in many things (*Gk.4183- much*) we offend all (*There will always be someone who will be offended by something we say or do.*). If any man **offend not in word** (*We can and will always offend someone without being offensive. This is when we are purposely*

offensive with our speech.), the same is a perfect (*Gk.5046- complete [in...mental and moral character]*) man, and able also to bridle the whole body. **3** Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. **(Ps 39:1)* **4** Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. **5** Even so **the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things.** Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! **6** And **the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity:** so is the tongue among our members, that **it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.**

**Psa 39:1 I (David) said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.*

“Robertson notes, "It is now known that angry words cause the glands of the body to discharge a dangerous poison that affects the stomach, the heart, the brain." There are two possible meanings for "course of nature." It is either all of one's life, or, the sum of all human existence. Both would be true. Hitler's evil tongue led the whole world to war. The tongue's fire is so destructive it can only be set on fire by Hell, which is the place of eternal punishment for the devil and his angels.” Gary Hampton

Jas 3:7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: **8** But **the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.** **9** Therewith **bless we God**, even the Father; and therewith **curse we men**, which are made after the similitude of God. **10** **Out of the same mouth** proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, **these things ought not so to be.**

Mat 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for **whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

Mat 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them (*the Pharisees*)...

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for **out of the abundance of the heart (Gk.2588- thoughts or feelings) the mouth speaketh.** **35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things (*you can almost always know a person's character the moment they open their mouths*). **36** But I say unto you, That **every idle (Gk.692- useless [careless]) word** that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37** For **by thy words** thou shalt be justified, and **by thy words** thou shalt be condemned.

“Do not equivocate [vacillate]; mean what you assert [say], and adhere to your assertion [statement].”

“In some of our old elementary books for children, we have this good maxim [saying]: “Never swear: for he that swears will lie; and he that lies will steal; and, if so, what bad things will he not do!” Reading Made Easy.” Adam Clarke

Psa 31:18 Let the **lying lips be put to silence;** which **speak grievous things proudly** and contemptuously against the righteous.

An example of what a lie can do.

1Ki 13:1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. **2** And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name (*2 Kings 22:1*); and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee (*2 Kings 23:16*). **3** And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out. **4** And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. **5** The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. **6** And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before. **7** And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. **8** And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: **9** For so was it charged me **by the word of the LORD**, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. **10** So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel. **11** Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. **12** And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. **13** And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, **14** And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I *am*. **15** Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. **16** And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: **17** For it was said to me **by the word of the LORD**, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. **18** He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art*; and **an angel spake unto me** (**Gal 1:8*) **by the word of the LORD**, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water (*Can God's word then be edited by an angel or a false teacher? How about Mormonism? Islam? Catholicism? Pentecostalism? Denominationalism?*). **But he lied unto him.** **19** So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. **20** And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD **came unto the prophet that brought him back:** **21** And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which **the LORD thy God commanded thee** (*There were times when God pricked the consciences of those who were bent on telling lies.*), **22** But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. **23** And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. **24** And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

**Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (Eve's sin was that she believed Satan over God and we know where that got her!)*

Rev 21:8 But the **fearful**, and **unbelieving**, and the **abominable**, and **murderers**, and **whoremongers**, and **sorcerers**, and **idolaters**, and **all liars** (*Do we not see the company that all liars are in?*), shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Temper, temper, temper!

Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment (*one who has no reason to be enraged by a brother could be liable for breaking the peace and thus brought before the law*): and whosoever **shall say** (*Gk.2036- call*) **to his brother**, Raca (*Gk.4469- thou worthless*), shall be in danger of the council: but **whosoever shall say**, Thou fool (*Gk.3474- blockhead*), shall be in danger of hell fire.

- Calling someone names might not harm them physically or even emotionally and they may even get a laugh out of it. But the consequence to the name caller is judgment.

Col 4:6 **Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer (*Gk.611- respond*) every man. (*Seasoning your words with salt because you never know when you might have to eat them.*)

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 **Sound speech**, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Pro 16:27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil (*This is the person who digs up dirt on someone else. But why? Maybe it's because they think blowing out another person's candle will make their own shine brighter when in fact the room only gets darker. This is the work of politicians and has no place in the church.*): and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

In order to not sin with the mouth, we should be more apt to hear with the ear.

Ecc 5:1 Keep (*Heb.8104- guard*) thy foot (*Heb.7272- step: -be able to endure*) when thou goest to the house of God, and **be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools**: for they consider not that they do evil.

- You've heard it said "*we've been given two ears and one mouth. Shouldn't that tell us something?*" But by using both our ears and mouth, along with our understanding, we can obey what the **Bible** says about being saved from the wrath to come (*1 Thes 1:10*).

Hear: Romans 10:14 ... "how shall they believe in Him Whom they have not heard?"

Believe: Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Repent: Act 3:19 ..."Repent ... be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Confess: Mar 8:38 **Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.**

Be baptized: 1 Pet 3:21 "...baptism doth **also** (*not the only thing but is necessary to*) now save us..."

Remain faithful: Rev 3:21 **"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."**

- Remaining faithful does include speaking righteously! How do I know when I'm speaking righteously? If I don't know if what I'm about to say isn't righteous, I shouldn't say it.

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