

4. Major Mouth Problem

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We all have a situation or two that our mouth got ourselves into troubles. I had a few myself. It is a major embarrassing thing. I dug the hole and fell in, so I had dig myself out. But it usually ends up in more mess.

It is not unusual for those who are not spiritual, want others to think that they are spiritual tend to make a lot of untruthful claims in spiritual realm. They come up with extra biblical things that are not recorded in the Bible. They say that it was a personal revelation from Jesus or an angel. I am not saying that God can not speak to individual in that way. But what I am saying is that whatever you hear from angels or a Jesus look alike, you have to put it against the Word of God. If it goes with the Word, believe it and follow it. If it doesn't, discard it and don't even think twice about it. Because it came from the pit of hell.

1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2Cor. 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Here are general rules I use regarding new doctrines they claim:

1. If Jesus spoke about it, the Apostle taught about it, then I do it.
2. If it is new (in addition to the Word of God), it is not true. If it is true, it is not new.

A. BEING THEIR OWN BOSS

Jude 8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

The verse starts with "Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh", in what way? We have to go back to the verses 5-7. Like the people in Sodom and Gomorrah, they were filling themselves with sexual immorality and perversion.

These dreamers, in this case, are the false teachers who teaches grace of God as a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ.

These people reject the authority of God. I see a bumper sticker says, "Challenge authority". It is a sign of a rebellious attitude of all the generation. What they want is whatever their fleshly desires want. In other word, they want to call the shot. But guess what happen when their authority get challenged? They would hate anyone for it. So it means these people who challenge authority are prideful people and immature childish snobs.

In the darkest days of Israel, society was characterized by a term: every man did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25). Today, that's the American way!

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

God loves the people with child-like faith, but He doesn't care for childish people who demands everything in their ways. God has a special wood shed for them.

B. A STORY FROM THE BOOK OF ASSUMPTION OF MOSES

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

In v. 8, we just read that these dreamers slander celestial beings. Now we are going to see a good example of Michael the archangel.

The Jewish Apocrypha consists of books and writings included in the Latin Vulgate and accepted in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox canon, but they were never recognized as part of the canon of Scripture, because they are not part of the Hebrew Scriptures. However they served a devotional purpose for many believers of ancient times, including some of the authors of the New Testament. Jude cites two books of the Apocrypha in his letter. Jude 9 apparently comes from "The Assumption of Moses and verse 14 comes from "the Book of Enoch."

Jude illustrates the magnitude of their blasphemies through a story from the Assumption of Moses, an apocryphal book which only small portions survive. According to the account, the archangel Michael was sent to bury Moses' body, but Lucifer the devil intercepted him, claiming the body was his. Instead of showing disrespect or fight against Lucifer, Michael left the matter with the Judge of all creatures, saying, "The Lord rebuke you." The point is this: If Michael weighed his words carefully when addressing the most wicked of angels, how presumptuous it was for the apostates to rail against righteous angels!

By the way, why was Michael disputing about the body of Moses with the devil? Deuteronomy 34:5-6 says this about the death of Moses: So Moses, the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the Word of the Lord. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor. But no one knows the grave to this day. Some have said that the devil wanted to use Moses' body as a object of worship to lead Israel astray into idolatry. But the main point isn't why Michael was disputing, but how he was disputing with satan.

Notice that Michael is battling in God's authority, not his own. And if he does this, how much more should we! Some Christians get drunk on the doctrine of "the believer's authority" and start thinking that they can order the devil around like a lap dog - or speak of him in comical, mocking terms. Follow Michael's example!

Matt 18:18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Many charismatic denomination people use this verse to claim that we can bind the demonic force power. Is it true all the time? Yes and no. Yes, God can bind the power of demonic forces any time He chooses. But for us to bind the demonic forces whenever we want, Nah! If that is the case, the demon and his hosts would be in hell a long time ago. This verse is about forgiving and not forgiving, nothing to do with binding demonic power.

God hasn't called us to judge the devil, to condemn the devil, to mock him or accuse him, but to battle against him in the name of the Lord! The balance is that we are in a fight. But God is battling through us. It is bad to either sit back or to get prideful. Example: David's fight against Goliath - "For the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands," but David slung the stone (1 Samuel 17)!

We don't have a foggiest idea what is happening in spiritual realm other than what the Bible reveal to us. It is nothing more than ignorance and presumption of our parts to guess or try to make false doctrines out of what we think might happen. A lot of charismatic doctrines of today's are nothing more than guess or experience based on stories. Somehow the false teachers think that they need to top each others guesses with another guesses. They cannot back their stories with the Word of God. Their stories become a hugh pile of lies. Stay away from all those garbage. Don't just trust them because they stand behind pulpits or Christian TVs.

C. LIVING BY SIGHT, NOT BY FAITH

Jude 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

One of the characteristic of apostates is their irreverent reviling of matters they don't understand. They live by sight, not by faith. They cannot see further than their noses. So if something cannot be comprehended or explained rationally, they reject it and mock it.

Another characteristic of false teachers is their irreverent pursuit of animalistic desires. They want what they want, when they want even using God's name for the sake of their advantages. A prime example would be Robert Tilton's case. He claimed the faith in his TV program viewers' hearts will cause God to give them back ten folds of the money they gave to his ministry. What did he do with the money he received from old ladies who sent their small amount from their social security checks? He bought Mercedes Benz Convertibles for himself and his wife.

Some of Christian TV programs are full of false teachers who claim their own doctrines to make money. But the Bible strongly warns against this kind of problem.

1Tim. 6:3-6 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

The apostates consider themselves captains of their own destinies. They therefore toss aside all restraints that don't suit them and eagerly supply whatever their raging appetites demand. Ironically, in their pursuits of freedom, they become like animals, cased by their own desires.

Gal. 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

C. APPLICATIONS

1) When we sin against God, we are directly challenging His authority.

It translates as pride against God. God will not wink at it, but He will reproof us and correct us, because He loves us.

2) We must practice what we learn from the Word of God.

If we don't, we are accountable for what we know but not doing it.

3) We must remember sowing and reaping principle.

Whether our actions are good or bad, they bring either good results or bad consequences.