

Text : **Psalm 37**

Title : **“The mouth of the righteous” Psalm 37:30-33**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The world speaks of “freedom of speech”
2. Many take advantage of this “human right”
  - a) To promote what they wish
  - b) Not necessarily because of a righteous cause
3. What do the Scriptures teach us about how we should employ speech?

## **THE ARROGANT MOUTH OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS**

<sup>1</sup> Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!  
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

<sup>2</sup> They speak idly everyone with his neighbor;  
*With* flattering lips *and* a double heart they speak.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
*And* the tongue that speaks proud things,

<sup>4</sup> Who have said,  
“With our tongue we will prevail;  
Our lips *are* our own;  
Who *is* lord over us?”

Psalm 12:1-4

1. The danger of the Disappearing Righteous
  - a) The godly man ceases
  - b) The faithful disappear

## 2. The Danger of the Deadly Tongue

- a) Idle speech
- b) Flattering lips of a double heart
- c) Speaking proudly
- d) Arrogance

*“With our tongue we will prevail;  
Our lips are our own  
Who is lord over us?” Psalm 12:4*

## 3. Vital prayers

- a) Help, LORD (Psalm 12:1a)
- b) May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
And the tongue that speaks proud things! (Psalm 12:3)

## THE PROBLEM OF INJUSTICE

### 1. Psalm 82

A Psalm of Asaph

### 2. Context

- a) God examines the Judges
- b) They are supposed to uphold Justice
- c) The Judges are called “the gods” (Psalm 82:1b)
- d) The word “gods”

*“You are (like) gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.”  
Psalm 82:6*

### 3. The word of God against the Wicked Judges

- a) How long will you judge unjustly (Psalm 82:2a)
- b) And show partiality to the wicked (Psalm 82:2b)

4. The command of God to do what is righteous

- a) Defend the poor and the fatherless (Psalm 82:3a)
- b) Do justice to the afflicted and needy (Psalm 82:3b)
- c) Deliver the poor and needy (Psalm 82:4a)
- d) Free them from the hand of the wicked (Psalm 82:4b)

5. When Injustice prevails

- a) They do not know, nor do they understand; (Psalm 82:5a)
- b) They walk in darkness (Psalm 82:5b)
- c) All the foundations of the earth are unstable (Psalm 82:5c)

**THE MOUTH OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

1. Wisdom

- The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom (Psalm 37:30a)
- a) Wisdom comes from knowledge
  - b) Knowledge of Righteousness comes from the Lord

2. Justice

- And his tongue talks of justice (Psalm 37:30b)
- a) For there is much injustice
  - b) The righteous will stand up for justice

## CONCLUSION

<sup>4</sup> “The Lord GOD has given Me  
The tongue of the learned,  
That I should know how to speak  
A word in season to *him who is* weary.  
He awakens Me morning by morning,  
He awakens My ear  
To hear as the learned.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened My ear;  
And I was not rebellious,  
Nor did I turn away.

<sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who struck *Me*,  
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;  
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> “For the Lord GOD will help Me;  
Therefore I will not be disgraced;  
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,  
And I know that I will not be ashamed.

<sup>8</sup> *He is* near who justifies Me;  
Who will contend with Me?  
Let us stand together.  
Who *is* My adversary?  
Let him come near Me.

Isaiah 50:4-8

1. To pray for the Tongue of the learned
2. To trust that God will help us
3. To have a strong sense of courage
4. To know that God is near