

New Life

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Game pieces in game of Monopoly

Almost, accent, biopsy, effort and forty

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Their letters are in alphabetical order

Winnebago, Cherokee, Tobacco,
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Native American tribes

Alice, Rhoda, Mannix, Lucy, Laverne
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TV shows of the 1970's

Rudder, spark, fire, spring, untamed,
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Words the Bible compares the human
tongue to

James 3

Vs 4-5a

...take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.

Vs 5b-6

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

Vs 7-8

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Vs 9-11

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

The power of the tongue

The power of the spoken word

Each person speaks between
12,000 – 30,000 words a day

4.4-10.9 million words will be spoken
by each of us in 2020

- We are speaking to each other
- We are speaking to our friends
- We are speaking to our kids
- We are speaking to our spouse
- We are speaking to our parents
- We are speaking to our coworkers
- We are speaking to our world

And perhaps another several million words
that we will speak to ourselves

Proverbs 18:21a

The tongue has the power of life
and death...

How does it contain such power?

Psalm 29

Vs 1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His
name; worship the LORD in the
splendor of His holiness.

Verses 3-9

The phrase “the voice of the LORD” is repeated seven times

“If the voice of God has such power, then the words uttered with that voice have the same strength and authority.”

Genesis 1:3-27

And God said,

- ✓ "Let there be light"
- ✓ "Let there be an expanse"
- ✓ "Let the water under the sky be gathered"
- ✓ "Let dry ground appear."
- ✓ "Let the land produce vegetation..."
- ✓ "Let there be lights in the expanse..."
- ✓ "Let the water teem with living creatures"
- ✓ "Let birds fly above the earth."
- ✓ "Let the land produce living creatures..."

Vs 3

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The spoken word has
piercing power

Vs 4a

The voice of the LORD is powerful

Powerful – force

The spoken word is a force
to be reckoned with

Vs 4b

The voice of the LORD is majestic.

Majestic – beauty

The spoken word is a thing
of beauty

Vs 5-6

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of
Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a
calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

The spoken word has
destroying and crushing
power

Vs 7

The voice of the LORD strikes with
flashes of lightning.

The spoken word can cause
instant results

Vs 8

The voice of the LORD shakes the
desert; the LORD shakes the Desert
of Kadesh.

John 11:43-44a

Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out...

What if Jesus have never said,
"Lazarus come out"

The spoken word
contains life

Vs 9

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare. And in his
temple all cry, "Glory!"

The spoken word can
clear the way

Vs 10-11

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.

The spoken word is personal

The spoken word

- has piercing power
- is a force to be reckoned with
- is a thing of beauty
- has destroying and crushing power
- can cause instant results
- contains life
- can clear the way
- is personal

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."

James 3:12

My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives,
or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a
salt spring produce fresh water.

We cannot take the power out of the
spoken word

We must let God take the salt out of us

Your words

- have piercing power
- are a force to be reckoned with
- are a thing of beauty
- have destroying and crushing power
- can cause instant results
- contains life
- can clear the way
- are personal