

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN

1/10/26

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Last month, I received a message from someone in this congregation (who greatly appreciates being a part of this congregation) – she wrote: “We have an awesome congregation that prays mightily, that sends cards and food to each other, and that checks on each other. We are very blessed! . . . Of course, you know that.”
- Comment – I do know that – and I appreciate the kind heart of people in this congregation
- Title – “A Word Fitly Spoken”
 - Words said to each other
 - Words said to God
- Purpose of this presentation
 - To compliment you on your kind service toward each other
 - To encourage you to talk to our Father in heaven

Prov. 25:11 I knew there was a phrase in the Bible – “a word fitly spoken” – “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver”

12 listening to good advice

13 a messenger you can trust

14 broken promises

15 patience and gentle talk

· Recognize that there are times for tough talk

Example of Elihu

Prov. 27:6 faithful are the wounds of a friend – the kisses of an enemy are deceitful

Job 32:2 the wrath of Elihu was aroused against Job

3 the wrath of Elihu was aroused against the 3 friends

· Recognize that there are times to keep quiet

Example of Job’s 3 friends

Job 42:7 the Lord said: “My wrath was aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right”

Job 2:11-13 earlier – the 3 friends said nothing for 7 days

· Recognize that there are many times for loving support

John 8:1-11 Jesus’ tough talk was not against the person with the obvious sin – His tough talk was against the accusers

Matt. 12:1-2 the Pharisees were accusing the Christ’s disciples

3-4 Christ – mentioned the showbread in the house of God

- Let's notice – a wonderful gesture by Moses
- Exod. 32:30 Moses said to the people: “You have committed a great sin. So, now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin”
- 31-32 Moses said to the Lord: “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of God! I want you to forgive their sin. If you will not forgive their sin, I pray that you blot me out of Your book (which You have written).”
- 33-34 the Lord's Old Testament response: “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. Now, go lead the people to the place where I told you to go – My angel shall go before you – There will be a day when I visit for punishment – I will visit punishment upon them for their sin”
- Question – Does God allow venting?
Notice – David's example of prayer
- Psalm 42:1-11 a contemplation
- Psalm 43:1-5 a contemplation
- Someone could say: “Certainly the Son of God never prayed like that”
- Psalm 22:1-31 David's prayer
- 1 David asked –
 - “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
 - “Why are You so far from helping Me?”
 - “Why are You so far from the words of My groaning?”
- 2 “I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear – and in the night season, and am not silent”
- 6-8 “I am a worm”
- 9-11 “You took Me out of the womb”
- 14-18 description of his feelings
- 22, 25 ready to praise His name
- garden of Gethsemane
- Reminders – Words fitly spoken
 - Words said to each other
 - Words said to God
- Keep on saying the kind words to each other
- Keep on talking to your Father in heaven