

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
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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 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

Psalms 42:1-11	a contemplation
Psalms 43:1-5	a contemplation

- Someone could say: "Certainly the Son of God never prayed like that"

Psalms 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
Matt. 26:36-42	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