

The spiritual problem of the people of Israel was revealed in their words. Their complaints and grumblings became words against God (v.13), and unbelieving confessions flowed from their lips such as, “It is useless to serve God; the wicked prosper instead” (vv.14-15). Yet God hears every word and remembers the confessions of faith as well (v.16).

Through today’s passage, we want to learn about the words of faith God desires from us and the spiritual principle of language.

First, Words reveal the heart and faith.

Our words contain what is within us (Luke 6:45; Matt. 12:34; Rom. 3:10-15). When our relationship with God is broken, complaints and grumblings overflow; but when restored, words of gratitude and praise flow out. Words of unbelief ultimately reveal a human-centered faith that tries to use God. We must examine our heart and faith through our words.

Second, God hears all our words.

God hears both words of complaint and words of faith (v.16). God is everywhere and hears even our smallest words (Ps. 139:7-10). We must guard our words with reverence, living with a Coram Deo (“before the face of God”) faith. We should always speak as though before God, believing that He hears our words.

Third, Confess words of faith

God records the words of faith of those who fear Him in a book of remembrance (v.16) and treasures them as His children (v.17). The power of life and death is in our words (Prov. 18:21). Through words of faith, blessing, and encouragement, families and churches are revived.

Ultimately, our words are not just words, but confessions of faith offered before God. When we choose thanksgiving over complaint, faith over grumbling, and blessing over judgment, God hears those words and works through them.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” (Proverbs 18:21)

**Bible
Reading**

9/22(Mon)	9/23(Tue)	9/24(Wed)	9/25(Thur)	9/26(Fri)	9/27(Sat)	9/28(Sun)
Ezekiel 44-46	Ezekiel 47-48, Daniel 1	Daniel 2-3	Daniel 4-5	Daniel 6-7	Daniel 8-9	Daniel 10-11

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Quiet Time Passage

9/22(Mon)	9/23(Tue)	9/24(Wed)	9/25(Thur)	9/26(Fri)	9/27(Sat)	9/28(Sun)
Romans 8:31-39	Romans 9:1-13	Romans 9:14-24	Romans 9:25-33	Romans 10:1-13	Romans 10:14-21	Romans 11:1-10

**Sharing
Questions**

1. What words came most often from your lips this past week? How did those words reveal your heart and faith?
2. What words of complaint and grumbling do you often say in daily life? What confession of faith should you replace them with?
3. Remembering that God hears even your smallest words, what kind of language do you want to live by at home, in church, and in your workplace?