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## **“Judgment Day” (2)**

*“So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)*

### **Weighing Our Words**

**Matthew 12:36-37** – (36) “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless (*unproductive*) word they speak, (37) for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

### **Tell-Tale Tongue**

**James 3:2-10** – (2) “For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (3) If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. (4) Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. (5) So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. (7) ...It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. (9) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. (10) From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”

### **Verbal Violations**

**Psalm 50:19-21** – (19) “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. (20) You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. (21) These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.”

**James 5:9** – “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”

<b>Key Point: Speak-less, Pay-less on Judgment Day</b>
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## **Response:**

### **(1) Vent Vertically**

“I said, ‘I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence. I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse. My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: ‘O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!’” (Psalm 39:1-4)

### **(2) Muzzle the Mouth**

“Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.’” (Job 40:3-5)

### **(3) Preclude Presumption**

“After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.’” (Job 42:7)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

How am I impacting my world with my words? (Prov. 10:31, 12:6, 12:18-19, 15:1)

Am I sowing life or ruin for myself? (Prov. 13:3; Matthew 12:37)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)