

Words

Part 1: "Introduction"

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Proverbs 25.11

- **A Word:** *carries the weight to crush or build, to darken or enlighten, to force or to encourage...*
- **One Word:** *is better than many if it's the right, true and relevant word...*
- **Spoken Wisely:** *at the right moment, the right way...*
- Extremely valuable and beautiful...
- **As valuable as:** *ornaments of gold set in etchings of silver...*
 - Right words cost little but they are priceless to the hearers!
- **As beautiful as:** *etchings/carvings/ filigree...*
 - No less than the master artist and his creation is the one who draws out the "fitting" word for the moment!

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- **Another transliteration with another application!**
 - Golden apples for taste and nourishment and delight...
 - In a graceful basket of engraved silver!
 - God's creation and man's creativity in perfect harmony!
 - "Ah, life is good!"
- **Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsels of the ungodly (mentality), nor stands in the way of the sinner (conduct), nor sits in the seat of the scornful (fellowship) but delights in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night! He is like a tree planted by a river of living water, that bears fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither and whatever he does, prospers! Psalm 1.1-3**
- **Example of "counsel of the ungodly!" (neo-theo's, non-godly interpreters)**
 - Grace (charis: which means graciousness, benefit, favor, gift) has come to mean "excuse" from lawful "behavior..."
 - (charis-matics: people who believe the giftings of the Spirit are in full operation today)
 - "Not under the law, under grace!"
 - We are under the law if we will not live up to grace! Grace is the higher standard of God!
- **The dispensation that follows Jesus did not do away with the law...**
 - Jesus fulfilled the law... Mt 5.17
 - He made the law the absolute minimum... Mt 5.18-48
 - He redeemed us "from the curse of the law;" which was not "the law," but the "penalty for breaking it" which was death! Galatians 3.13
- **The belief/concept that under the dispensation of grace the moral law is of no use and that we can reject or revise it's constraints for moral behavior is called antinomianism.**
- **Antinomianists embrace the belief/concept that moral laws are relative in meaning and application as opposed to fixed or universal morality.**
 - Neo-theo's pick and choose!
- **Hebrews 10:26-31 refers to this as insult to the Cross and the Spirit of Grace and a pathway that should be feared!**
- **Romans 6 is an argument against receiving the grace of God as a pardon to continue sinning!**

- “GOD FORBID! How can we who are dead to sin live in it any longer?”
- “Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? GOD FORBID!”
- “Grace made us free to become the servants of righteousness!”

Grace made us free from the scriptural, civil and moral law *for salvation...*

By grace (charis) you are saved by faith, it is a gift (doron) of God so there is no boasting of works...

But our freedom in Christ does not give us license to sin!

- “I can drink, I can chew, I can go with girls who do... because I am not under the law but grace...”
 - Shows ignorance of God’s word...
 - Expresses the thought that we have license to sin, fulfill our lusts/desires...
 - Makes God a thug... no different than a crooked judge who turns his head to pardon his own...
- The power of death and life is in the words we speak... Prov 18.21
- I will meditate in Your precepts, and have respect unto Your ways. Ps 119.15
- Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. v105
- The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding unto the simple. v130
- The precepts and statutes of the wise is a fountain of life to depart from the snares of death! Prov 13.14

The Word we know, the words we understand, the words we speak...

Have everything to do with the health and life of God we experience and share!

We must know that we know what we know and we don’t speak until we do!

Only then is a word fitly spoken like apples of gold in pictures of silver. **Proverbs 25.11**

- It drives all else because it is the love of God poured out on us!
 - From before the foundation of the world, mercy formed the plan of salvation! Eph1.4
 - God so loved the world, He gave His Son!
 - Never runs out/new all the time! Lam3.23 Ps100.6 103.17
 - He is the everlasting Father!
 - Without human compromise/frailty!
 - His mercy endures forever! 41x
- But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph 2.4-9
- My servant will prosper, He will be lifted high and greatly praised... but many will first be astonished because He will become disfigurement itself... this is how He will startle nations and kings... He was despised and rejected by man and we counted Him to be in trouble with God but it was for our sins He was tormented, beaten and bruised and by those bruises we were healed... and it pleased God to bruise Him making Him the offering for sin but by Him, the righteous servant, many will be justified for He bore their iniquity! Is52.13 – 53.12
- Mercy flows in response to repentance from sin!
 - “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will

abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD.” Is 55.7,8

- **“If My people will humble, pray, seek, turn... then I will forgive their sin... and heal their land! 2Chron 7.14**
- **Mercy received demands mercy be shown! Mt 18.23ff Lk 7.47 Jam 2.13**
 - **“I forgave you for the asking! Should you not have had compassion on others as I had pity on you?” Mt18.32,33**
 - **Those who have been forgiven much, LOVE much... and forgive much!**
 - **Those of us who have been forgiven little, LOVE little... and forgive little!**

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