Life By Faith: Death By The Tongue Sun Am 1/2/22

Habakkuk 2:2-3 NKJV

2Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

3For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

# Proverbs 15:4 NKJV

# 4A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

# *A gentle tongue speaks truth and life.*

# Proverbs 16:24 NKJV

# 24Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

# Proverbs 13:3 NKJV

# 3He who guards his mouth preserves his life, *But* he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

# *The mouth of the righteous man produces blessing and life, but that of a sinner cursing and destruction.*

# Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

# 21Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

# *2 examples of death by the tongue:*

# *The 10 spies.*

# Numbers 14:36-37 NKJV

# 36Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land,

# 37those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the Lord.

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# *Annanias and Sapphira*

# Acts 5:5-10 NKJV

# 5Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

# 6And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him.*

# 7Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

# 8And Peter answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?”She said, “Yes, for so much.

# 9Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.”

# 10Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband.

# *2 examples of life by the tongue:*

# *Esther*

# Esther 7:1-9 NKJV

# 7 So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

# 2And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, “What *is* your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!”

# 3Then Queen Esther answered and said, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

# 4For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king’s loss.”

# 5So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?”

# 6And Esther said, “The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman!”So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

# 7Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

# 8When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther *was.* Then the king said, “Will he also assault the queen while I *am* in the house?”As the word left the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

# 9Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, “Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king’s behalf, is standing at the house of Haman.” Then the king said, “Hang him on it!”

# *Believers:*

# Romans 10:9-10 NKJV

# 9that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

# 10For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

# James 3:2-10 NKJV

# 2For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

# 3Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

# 4Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

# 5Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

# 6And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

# 7For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

# 8But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

# 9With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

# 10Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

# Hebrews 11:3 NKJV

# 3By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

# Hebrews 11:2 NKJV

# 2For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

# Psalm 100:4 NKJV

# 4Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

# Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

# 16Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.