

## PIERCING WORDS

Isaiah 6:5-8; Proverbs 18:21, 21:23;

Psalm 141:3; James 3:8

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it (Prov. 18:21). Piercing words are like arrows carried in a quiver to strike those who are marked; they come from a slanderous tongue carrying murderous arrows full of pride and arrogance. They cause severe afflictions in the soul and disturbance to the mental well-being. When they pierce the soul they penetrate the heart with sorrow and heart attacks, depression, self-rejection, and bitterness. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue"; one will be held accountable for the words used to pierce and destroy someone; "They will eat the fruit of it". Do not multiply your haughty words; Let not arrogance go out from your mouth; Elohim is an Elohim of knowledge, and by Him **actions are weighted** (I Samuel 2:3).

The believer, who uses piercing words against a brother or a sister, is controlled by the spirit of pride. Clothe yourselves, Paul advised us, as YAHWEH'S own chosen ones [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved, tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinions of yourselves, gentle ways, patience, be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference against another, readily pardoning each other, even as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also [forgive], and above all these love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness, and let the peace from Christ rule in your hearts to which as one body you were also called (Colossians 3:12-15). To be alienated from these principles, is to live a life outside the fellowship with the heavenly Father; James said, If anyone thinks that he is minister to Elohim, and does not restrain his tongue, he deceives his own heart and his service is in vain (1:26). One, who lacks control of the tongue obviously cannot serve the YAHWEH of love, forgiveness, compassion, peace, longsuffering, hope, mercy, because his action shows him to be empty of the characteristics of the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT. Paul says, grieve not the HOLY SPIRIT with Whom you are sealed for the day of salvation (Ephesians 4:30). Acting contrary to what and Who YAHWEH is, is to misrepresent His character and holiness, and to grieve His HOLY SPIRIT. Without a doubt the work done for YAHWEH under the control of the fleshly mind, will be nullified by Him, and counted as nothing before Him.

The marital life, where most of the piercing words are heard, has failed the purpose of YAHWEH in its representation of His love toward His Bride. Love does not co-exist with anger, hate, and pride. The prophet Isaiah, before he saw the holiness of YAHWEH, was a proud man of unclean lips; but when he saw a vision of YAHWEH, he was convicted of his "unclean lips"- his pride. The vision of YAHWEH'S holiness caused him to recognize his sins of iniquity and he said, Woe is me! For I am undone and ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, YAHWEH of hosts (Isaiah 6:5)! It seems that what we need today is a vision of the holiness of our YAHWEH to cause us to see what we are behind our hypocritical behavior. Many of us walk hiding our quiver full of arrows ready to shoot them against anyone who will touch our pride; our words are full of arrows at the end of our tongue, and as James said, the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless evil, full of **deadly poison**; with it we bless YAHWEH, and Father, and with it we curse men who were

made in YAHWEH'S likeness (3:8-9). The poison that comes through the piercing words is hatred. Man speaks of what he is in his inner being; the heart is evil and evil is spread through the tongue. The person that lives in this structure, is like an orchestra without the fine tuning of the instruments, it is just confusion; his confusion is shown in the piercing words he uses to elevate this pride. Satan fell from heaven because of pride; Pride brought him to his own fall and condemnation. "Pride goes before destruction" so says Salomon. There is no forgiveness for a prideful heart at the cross of YAHSHUA; only when pride is bowed down at His feet. "When angry, do not sin". Let not your words pierce the soul of the one who offended you; let them not bring death to him; but hold the force of pride under the control of YAHWEH'S Spirit. He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from troubles; the proud and haughty man deals and acts with overbearing pride (Prov. 21:23). An angry heart harbors hatred and spells it through the tongue. Anger is a natural feeling which releases pressure, but it is not to be planted in the heart, for it has destructive roots and those who live with it will suffer the consequences. Studies show that the emotional reaction of anger brings consequences to the physical body, "Anger, in its continuous emotional upsets, triggers the release of the hormone cortisol, which gives a burst of energy, however higher and prolong increases bring a number of negative effects, such as: **blood sugar imbalance, the decrease of bone density, suppression of the body's immune system, causing to chronic inflammation, it affects the thyroid function, slowing the body's metabolism and impair the brain thinking ability, it increases blood pressure**". When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath last until the sun goes down; leave no room or foothold for the devil; let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk come out of your mouth, but only such as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace to those who hear it; and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH, by Whom you are sealed for the day of redemption; **LET ALL BITTERNESS AND INDIGNATION AND WRATH AND RESENTMENT AND QUARRELING AND SLANDER BE BANISHED FROM YOU, WITH ALL MALICE**; and become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as YAHWEH in MESSIAH forgave you (Ephesians 4:26-27-32); and the writer of the letter to the Hebrews said, Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will see the Lord; exercise foresight and be on the watch to look to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure YAHWEH'S grace in order that no root of resentment shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it (Hebrews 12:14,15).

Before Isaiah was called to serve YAHWEH as a prophet, his mouth and lips had to be touched with a live coal, and his sins atone to be forgiven (Isaiah 6:6,7). Only with lips and mouth cleansed, he could answer the call, "Here am I; send me". YAHSHUA, through His death on the cross, atoned and forgave our sins and iniquities, and gave us freedom from guilt; all we have to do is confess our sins to Him to be forgiven and cleansed to serve Him with a humble heart and a pure conscience, and pure lips before Him and man. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O YAHWEH, my rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:14)

**THINK ABOUT IT!**