

SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Time: Feb 22, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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DAY 8 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

WATCH YOUR TONGUE

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Psalm 52:2 You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor.

The word havvah is usually connected with men who are unfaithful and rebellious against God, who are not willing to adapt themselves to the good ordinances of God, but pervert the right according to their evil desires." The term havvah translates to destruction and appears in this verse coupled with the use of the term translated as deceit. Deceit and destruction deter disciples from demonstrating the steadfast love of God. Those two words appear antithetical to Godly ways.

The tongue possesses good and evil potential. It can be used to spread good information or to express deceitful dialogue that denigrates another. Those who trust in the Lord also inherently place trust in the steadfast, strong, and supportive love of the Lord.

The Psalmist plainly points out that persons who make a practice of demonstrating deceit utilize the tongue to engage in that deceitful habit. Scripture further describes the tongue in multiple ways. Proverbs 18:21 forthrightly presents the tongue as possessing

the power of "Death and life!" James 3:8-10 denotes that the tongue is both untamable by humans and "an unruly evil" weapon.

Those of us embracing the meaning of discipleship have daily opportunities to embody the discipline required of disciples by seeking heavenly help with avoiding havvah, rebelliousness, unfaithfulness, treachery, and perversions! The spiritual atmosphere that seems pervasive in our nation contains all types of ingredients to invite us to fall prey to the influences of evil rather than trusting in the steadfast love of God. Evil seeks to cause us disciples to sidestep the steadfast love of God rather than spread the love of God.

The Lenten season reminds us of Christ's path to the cross and of the priceless sacrifice Christ made at Calvary on behalf of every sinner being saved by grace! During the rest of these forty days, strive to shun using a sharpened tongue to deliver deceitful dialogue. Instead, strive daily, take up your cross daily, to spread the steadfast love of God that we receive with each morning's Godly greeting of new mercies.

Prayer:

Loving Lord, please lead us daily to shun evil and deceitful ways and to love one another, as You have lavished love upon each of us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.