

Worship is Speaking and Serving

Serving

What does serve mean? I was walking today and praying for houses and I prayed that our Father would be able to fill these houses here with people who would serve Him night and day — washing dishes, doing the laundry, cleaning, cooking, washing the floors, cleaning the walls, cleaning the yard, having sextons who continually work on the house, being a light to the nations in every way that you serve in the household. That is serving Him; that is worshipping Him night and day. That is how we serve Him. Speaking to one another is how we serve Him. Worshipping when we come together is how we serve Him. We serve Him in many ways, but especially in a house like this, being busy like a beehive, keeping it clean and nice so we can be a light to the nations.

Serving is whatever you are called to do that requires you to lay down your life — serving one another, not yourself — serving Him. That is what *serving* is. That is what households are for, so we can worship Him by what we do for Him. This gives us confidence. Everything we do will not go unnoticed by Him. That is why we will be judged someday for how we did it and what motive was behind it.

So when we serve as a household we are not serving ourselves — “our four and no more” — but we are laying our lives down for each other. When you are working on your job, you are worshipping Him. Acts 26:7 — *Fervently serving Him*,”another translation says, “*fervently worshipping Him*.” It is the same.

Chetz Barur: I'm thankful we can work for Him with His grace and then we can come and worship Him for how He's given us grace and get encouraged and full of life, and then we serve more and then we have another sacrifice and worship Him.

That is how we're going to make a distinction between who serves Him and who does not. In a house of serving our King, each and every one is conscious of Him.

Speaking

I was looking at Mal 3:16 and it reminded me of 2 Tim 2:16 and also Eph 4:15. It speaks about talking to one another, speaking to one another. But *speaking* means communicating with one another, not just with your lips but with your life, expressing the truth in all things. Speaking truly, dealing truly, and living truly in love, we will grow up into the head. It is talking about the communication that we have toward one another, whether it is speaking or not. We know how we feel about one another. We know that we love one another. We do not ignore one another.

Godless Chatter

Then it goes on in 2 Tim 2:16, saying to avoid all empty, vain or useless, idle talk. So the people in Mal 3:16 were talking to one another, but it was not the kind of talk that is useless, vain, or empty talk. Now, some translations say, “Do not indulge in such talk because it leads to further and further ungodliness,” which is true. It leads to more and more ungodliness. We have to be able to judge ourselves when we are indulging in useless or godless talk — talk that does not have God in it, does not build up, does not have a purpose. So these are the things we have to obey if we are really and truly His people. And if we are not His people, we will go on in useless talk, we will never listen to the word, we will not be able to concentrate.

Godless talk leads to further and further ungodliness. The word says to avoid it. That is His word. If we do not avoid it, it will be like a cancer — it spreads like gangrene. If you get gangrene it will destroy your whole body. So you are to avoid people who talk godlessly. You are to avoid such people. If you do not, then you know your fate — if you do not obey the word.

The word is for us to live by and if we obey the word we will never die, never see death. This is the good news.

As a matter of fact, it is the gospel of the kingdom — that we would never engage ourselves in useless, idle and vain talk, godless chatter. But we want to talk so that our Father hears it and records our name in the book of remembrance, and He remembers us. Dan 12:1 talks about the people written in that book who rose again to life. They were the wise (Dan 12:10).

So let's avoid people, and children are to avoid other children, who talk godless, vain, idle talk, who cannot concentrate, who will not concentrate, who get distracted very easily. You can help them to not be taken away in the distraction. You can see what useless talk leads to: it leads to death, to being taken into false doctrine and things of that nature.

It is wonderful that there is a judgment waiting for each and every one of us. We have to stand before the Son of Man and give Him an answer why we did not obey the word. Why did we not obey? Because we could not — there was nothing in us to make us obey; there was nothing there; we were empty inside. But I know that if we do have His Spirit, we will obey His word and we will take it seriously. If not, we must repent of that. You are not just under the law to obey. If you have the Spirit, you *will* obey. So we have to judge ourselves when we start drifting away, drifting off, and getting into godless chatter, because it makes us ungodly more and more. The more we get into it, the more ungodly we become.

Levi of Manasseh: I'm thankful I'm not part of a philosophy, but part of a life. I'm thankful to be in a place where His word is coming to life.

Vessels

In every house there are different types of vessels. Some you go to the toilet in, some you sit in, and others that are used for a higher purpose — to place on a table, to use for hospitality for visitors and banquets. It is according to how we cleanse ourselves from godless talk that determines what kind of vessel we will be. It depends on what kind of conversations we engage ourselves in, indulge ourselves in, and what kind of conversations we do not indulge ourselves in. It is just according to how we judge ourselves. If we cleanse ourselves from these things, it says we will be a vessel used for highest honor. I do not know if you want to be used for highest honor or not. But in that book (Dan 12:1,10) if your name is in that book, you are going to shine like stars forever and ever. And if not, well, there are the wise and the wicked. The wicked are those who hear the word and do not obey it. They have no intention of obeying; there is no fear that comes to them. So they may be in the house, I do not know, but they will be just a spittoon. I do not want to be a spittoon. But there will always be spittoons and there will always be vessels that you use on the king's table. There always will be. That is how it has to be. So it is just according to who cleanses himself from those godless conversations. That's all. It is according to who cleanses himself from godless talk, foolish talk, godless chatter, idle and useless words. This is good news; it keeps us from experiencing any type of death. It is wonderful that we can cleanse ourselves now and be welcomed into the king's house and not be a vessel you just spit in. But a spittoon is still useful, I guess. After all, you always have to have a vessel you spit in, don't you?

Why is 2 Tim 2:16-21 recorded? To encourage us to cleanse ourselves.

Hakam: I'm thankful for the revelation that it really is those who talk to one another who are the ones who are going to prove to be those who serve Him. Because what Yoneq has been teaching us about this is that talking to one another doesn't mean just talking to one another, but it means being real with one another — learning to be honest and open about what's really in your heart. And it's going to be proven that those who are disciples will be those who won't be able to settle for anything less than absolute reality. In other words, being totally truthful about what is going on in your heart, being totally truthful about the way you are affected by everything that's going on and not allowing anything to take away your fellowship with your brothers and sisters. If we take that seriously and live by that word, then there is going to be a great light that comes forth that proves who serves God, who really and actually serves Him. Because if we live that way, then we're going to come into an ever-progressing good conscience and ever-progressing confidence of knowing that we are doing the things that are pleasing in His sight, knowing that we are obeying His commandments, knowing that we are actually loving one another the way that He loved us.

But if we don't really take that to heart and examine ourselves, then we'll find out — you know how it is — it's easy to just overlook little things if you don't really talk to one another. I'm finding this out in my family. As we talk in this way, things come out. These things wouldn't come out if we weren't concentrating on what our Father is speaking to us. It encourages me that if we live by the word, we're going to be the people of God. We're going to know the truth. We live by the word. If we're devoted to the word that is spoken to us, then

we're going to know the truth. We're going to come into the truth and we're going to be set free and come to know who we are and we'll have confidence to pray and our Father will answer our prayers and He'll prove Himself more and more to us.

So I'm really thankful that He's putting something in my heart to not go past what our Father speaks to me in my own personal life. When I hear something in a teaching, I don't want to be dull to it — hearing it that one day and then walk on by. But I want to live tomorrow by what I heard yesterday. This has everything to do with restoration. We are living in the reality of what Eliyah did by faith when he put those stones around the altar. We are living in the reality of what Eliyah only could do by faith and what he longed for and hoped for — the day when His very Spirit could even bring that about in the restoration.