

Cussing and Confrontation

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CUSSING

Why is cussing such a terrible sin? First, it is sin because the law of God says in Deuteronomy 5:11 that "THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN." Most cussing often, or at least occasionally, takes the name of "God" or "Jesus" in vain. Second, it is sin because God created speech and language. The ability to speak intelligent ideas is limited only to God and man who he created in His image. Communication amongst all animal species is finite and limited at best. But the human level of speech is of the God-class, being of the highest order of creation. In Genesis 11, we see that all mankind was of one language, and of one speech. But because the people were sinful by nature, they were using the gift of language for evil purposes. So God confounded them and split them into languages. Then each language migrated to a different part of the earth. Thus, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, English, French, Russian, Spanish, and other languages are direct creations of God, or at the least languages which developed from the original Babel languages over a period of time. The purpose of language is to communicate God's knowledge and presence to all creation. **THUS, WHEN A PERSON DEFILES A LANGUAGE, WHICH GOD HAS CREATED, HE IS BLASPHEMING GOD, SHAKING HIS FIST IN GOD'S FACE, AND CHALLENGING GOD'S AUTHORITY.** This is why Satanists enjoy saying words backwards, backward masking rock music, and saying the Lord's prayer backwards. Defiling speech is a futile attempt to defile God. It only backfires to defile oneself. Third, cussing is a terrible sin, because it reveals the beast-like, fallen nature of a man's heart. Jesus said in Luke 6:45, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." The condition of one's heart is revealed by his speech.

CORRECTING A CHRONIC CUSSER

The Elijah spirit is coming on the church of Jesus Christ today. And because Elijah's mantle is upon us, God is making us more confrontational. **MEN MUST BE CONFRONTED BY GOD BEFORE THEY CAN RECKON WITH HIM.** In Matthew 23:23, Jesus says not to leave undone the weightier matters of "LOVE, MERCY, AND JUDGMENT." This means that **MERCY AND JUDGMENT** work hand in hand to bring man into a personal relationship with God. Thus, as Christians, we must rise up in the Elijah spirit and confront cussers who are blaspheming God. **JUDGE** their sinful behavior by confronting them. Extend **MERCY** to their soul by loving them in spite of their behavior. **FAILURE TO SPEAK UP IS OFTEN CONSENT.** Leviticus 5:1 says: "And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing (cussing), and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity." In other words it is just as much a sin to allow someone to continue cussing in your presence as it is to cuss. (Don't get mad at me. I didn't say it; GOD DID).

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Once, after being Spirit-filled, when I was a Lieutenant in the Air Force, I was required to attend an officer's closed mess banquet. "Closed" means that wives couldn't come to the banquet. "MESS" is a good description of these sinful banquets! The drinking, the immoral conversation, and the speech was a mess. After the cocktail hour and meal, the guest speaker was introduced. He was a General who was a dirty old man. (Not all Generals are dirty old men. Many are honorable. There are also some good born-again Generals today.) This man began to cuss and take the Lord's name in vain, and tell dirty jokes in his speech. No officer was allowed to leave the room during the speech. I was sitting at a front table near the guest speaker table and podium. Everybody could see me, including my boss. So in submission to God's instituted military authority I stayed in the room. Many of the Christian officers laughed along with the sinner officers at the at the General's degenerate language. (You're supposed to laugh if you want a career and promotion.) But in submission to the Most High God, I boldly pulled out my little scripture promise book, lowered my head while reading, and ignored the so-called General's speech. My name is "Daniel" W. Cheatham, III. So, like "Daniel" of the Old Testament who defied Nebuchadnezzar's order, I will submit to any command or activity of governmental authority that does not offend God. But if governmental authority offends God in direct contradiction to scripture, I disobey the order. **AND LIKE DANIEL, I PAID THE PRICE FOR GODLY DISOBEDIENCE.** I didn't get thrown in a lion's den, but my boss' hot breath in my face the next day felt like lion's breath. But after this experience, I waxed bold and witnessed to many people on that Air Force Base including the Communist Chinese embassy and every major industrial leader of China touring the base. (I was the tour leader for my facility). I wrote John 3:16 in Chinese on a mural that I was using to brief from and I also preached Jesus a few moments in my introduction. Then, while touring, and in between points of interest, the Chinese vice-ambassador quoted John 14:6 to me and expressed his unbelief in that scripture. So beginning with that scripture, I shared the love of Jesus with him; then I gave him a word of knowledge about his wife and told him I would pray over his marriage. (Later, after thinking about it, I thought it rather interesting that the Chinese Communists train their people to memorize John 14:6 in order to indoctrinate them against Jesus. By doing so the Communists are overplaying their hand! All the Holy Spirit has to do is breath upon the scripture in their head to make it come alive in their hearts! Praise God!). **I PAID THE PRICE AGAIN. THIS TIME THE NEWS ABOUT THE FANATIC LIEUTENANT GOT INTO THE HANDS OF HIGHER OFFICIALS IN KEY GOVERNMENT POSITIONS OFF-BASE.** But I figured the millions of Chinese souls that were influenced by these leaders were worth more than trying to make everyone like me.

ANOTHER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Once, while my family and I were on vacation at the beach in Destin, Florida, we went to a nice seafood restaurant. The hostess seated my wife, my boys, and I next to a table of college boys. They were cussing every breath, talking filth about women, and they seemed to be competing with one another to see who could cuss it up the best. My children are more important to me than whether I am embarrassed publicly or not. So I quickly discerned whether or not these boys were dangerous or not, rose from my chair, walked to their table, looked the chief cusser in the eye with kindness, and told him that I was a Christian, that there were children present, and that I was offended by their speech, and could they please stop the cussing. I went back to my table, and they proceeded to cuss even worse, so I went back to them and reprimanded them sternly. They got even more belligerent, so I went to the restaurant manager and had them thrown out. My boys' comments were, "Wow, Dad, you really stood against them, didn't you!" I knew these were just college kids and that they needed the confrontation as well, so that God could begin to prick their consciences about their need for a Saviour, and feel ashamed of their behaviour, when in private.

HOW TO CORRECT

How should we correct cussers? First, we should interrupt them and tell them, "I love Jesus Christ, and I would appreciate you not cuss in my presence or God's." (This can open a door for witnessing, if the cussing person gives you more opportunity.) If the cusser persists in cussing, speak a hearty "Praise God", or "Hallelujah", or "Praise Jesus" each time the cusser says a foul word. If you persist, the cusser will soon quit or either leave the room. (I've proved this will work). It's better to follow this method than to do what I did once while in a briefing room full of military brass. I let them cuss for so long that I became steaming angry. So, I stood up and rather emotionally told them, "Jesus loves you men, but your cussing offends God and you desperately need to get right with God." Then I just walked out of the room.

I close with these two scriptures:

Ezekiel 3:18, 19 "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning; nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood shall I require at thine hand. Yet, if thou warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

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