

GOD TRIES OUR WORDS, JOB 34:3

Let us go to Job, the thirty-fourth chapter, verse three, for our thought for the day entitled “God tries our words to see if it has a voice.” We find these words in Job, the thirty-fourth chapter, and verse three:

For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat (Job 34:3).

What is the use of trying words? What is the purpose of trying words? The purpose of trying words is to find out if the words have a voice. As I explain to people quite frequently, we have words that come out of our mouth but those words may not necessarily be in our heart, the problem is that God does test us and try us, beloved, to get our heart married to our mouth or our mouth married to our heart.

Now, your inner voice comes out of your heart, and God dislikes words that come out of our mouth that have audible, visible, as it were, sounds. He does not want just that. He wants the inner voice out of our hearts, that inner voice that puts the sparkle, the life, the light. Many times people say, “I love You, LORD. I want to be real. I want to be true. I want to serve You.” But their hearts are not saying that because the moment they get an excuse, the moment they find — well, we do not really get excuses but what we think is an excuse. We *copout* in our generation by excusing ourselves from not serving God because our hearts are not in it and we use what other people say, what they do, the way they go for an excuse or reason why we must also leave off our service and our worship and our surrender to God. But this is not true when the voice in the heart is accompanying the mouth, and the inner voice is coming out through the mouth with our audible visible words.

In the Song of Solomon in chapter two and verse fourteen, we have this beautiful word where the Bridegroom is speaking to His Bride.

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely (Song of Solomon 2:14).

The picture is this: His Bride is likened unto a dove. A dove, as I have often taught people, knows the master's cote or the place where her home is. When we used to live in California, our neighbour used to have a lot of doves, and he would loosen them into the sky. He had dozens and dozens of doves. They would fly all over, disappear. And after awhile, toward the setting of the sun, they knew where their master's cote was and they would descend and each dove knew where his own cage was and they would go right back into the cage.

I have often thought of this, for a heart that has been tried and tested and purified by the Blood of Jesus Christ, by the Fire of God's Spirit and by the Waters of His Word through His Name, Death, and Life, beloved, then we become like a dove. And when we do, then we will love to live in the Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ is our cote, as it were, our resting place.

When we live in the clefts of the Rock, that is, the openings of the LORD Jesus Christ, the openings that were made at Calvary's Cross, even though they are not the physical openings on that day, He died; He was buried; He was resurrected; He is the Resurrected Christ; yet when we go to that Resurrected Christ, to the clefts of the Rock, like a dove and light there and descend into the stairways of each of those openings and learn of His humility, learn of His humble mind, then, beloved, indeed, it will give us a voice out of our hearts. It will give us a voice of surrender. It will give us a voice of praise. It will give us a voice of love. How can we visit one opening, one cleft of the Rock, even though it is glorified, and through the eyes of the Spirit, look back to Calvary's Cross that produced that opening without coming out with a new surrender, a new love, a new voice, beloved, toward Him?

Sometimes in my earthly journey when God has tested me with severe testings and trials that seem to be more than a human mind, a human heart could bear, it would just seem that I would be at the end of my journey, the end of my way. And I would fall upon my face, and as Jeremiah, plead my cause unto Him, and, beloved, then I would see Jesus Christ at Calvary's Cross. I would be picked up by God's Spirit and allowed to visit, sometimes just one cleft of Jesus Christ. Then I would be ashamed, and I would start crying with my inner voice and start repenting of my stubbornness, my rebellion, of my hard-heartedness. Repent of my pride of revelation that thought I was even suffering when I compared my little finite, puny suffering, beloved, to the great infinite Son of God that suffered at Calvary's Cross for all sin that ever was committed or ever would be committed and was dumped upon Him, Whose countenance, beloved, was made dark with sin, so dark that no one could stand to look upon the face, so dark that even the sun in the sky hid his face and closed his face with sackcloth.

Yes, beloved, when we visit the clefts of the Rock, we will come up with a voice. This is the reason, beloved, that God sends us testings and trials that He might drive us to Calvary's Cross that we might visit the Son of God and find the clefts of the Rock. And in finding those and then lighting there like a dove and dwelling in those clefts and descending the stairways, the inner stairways that are hidden there of His humility and of His humble mind, we will come out with a new voice that will be sweet.

We will come out with a voice that our Bridegroom will want to hear. The Bridegroom loves to hear the voice of repentance. He loves to hear that sweet voice that repents over its rebellion, over its pride, over its stubbornness, over its bigotry, over its bad attitudes, and, then, come up with a new voice of gratitude and praise that Jesus Christ ever saw fit, beloved, to lift us up out of the miry clay of sin and set our feet upon a solid Rock and put a praise in our heart. God wants to

give us a new song day by day. He wants to give us a new voice, day by day, and it will come as He presses us in trials and tribulations and drives us to our knees and we, in turn, like a dove, fly to the clefts of the Rock and become acquainted all over again with Jesus Christ at Calvary's Cross.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You, today, for Jesus Who loved us and gave Himself for us.

And we pray, O God, that You will raise up people out in radio land, O God, to be real and to be sincere and to seek Jesus Christ in a new way. LORD Jesus, we pray that You would move among the Christians in our land and give them a new song, give them a new praise, and give them a new determination to find Thee in the midst of their testings and trials that You have placed before them and upon them. In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. Ɔ