

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORDS
(Matthew 12:33-37)

- I. The ANALOGY (Matt. 12:33)
 - A. Either Jesus is GOOD and doing GOOD works, or He is EVIL and doing EVIL works
 - 1. If GOOD, it is by GOD'S power
 - 2. If EVIL, it is by SATAN'S power
 - B. They saw the GOOD fruit, but denounced the tree as BAD
 - C. They accused Him of doing GOOD works by SATAN'S power

- II. The APPLICATION (Matt. 12:34a; cf. 3:7; 23:33)
 - A. They were POISONOUS
 - B. They were MANY
 - C. They were SATANIC
 - D. They were DECEPTIVE
 - 1. While EVIL, they were DISGUISED as GOOD
 - 2. Being EVIL, they were INCAPABLE of good JUDGMENT

III. The AXIOM (Matt. 12:34b-35)

A. The mouth SPEAKS what flows from the HEART

1. In Scripture, the HEART represents the seat of THOUGHT and WILL
2. The mouth EXPRESSES what we THINK and CHOOSE/DESIRE

B. One's WORDS reveals one's CHARACTER (Prov. 23:7; cf. Rom. 3:13-14; Jms. 1:26; 3:8)

1. A GOOD man brings out of his STOREHOUSE what is GOOD
2. An EVIL man brings out of his STOREHOUSE what is EVIL

IV. The ACCOUNTING (Matt. 12:36-37)

A. There WILL be an accounting in the "DAY of JUDGMENT"

1. It will include EVERY PERSON
2. It will evaluate EVERY WORD

B. EVERY person will be JUSTIFIED or CONDEMNED by their WORDS

1. It is not that one's status is DETERMINED by his WORDS
2. It is that one's status is REVEALED by his WORDS