



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 39:1-13 (NAS)

Topic: "A Godly Response of the Tongue"

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- 1 I said, "I will guard my ways That I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle While the wicked are in my presence."
- 2 I was mute and silent, I refrained even from good, And my sorrow grew worse.
- 3 My heart was hot within me, While I was musing the fire burned; Then I spoke with my tongue:
- 4 "LORD, make me to know my end And what is the extent of my days; Let me know how transient I am.
- 5 "Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath. Selah.
- 6 "Surely every man walks about as a phantom; Surely they make an uproar for nothing; He amasses riches and does not know who will gather them.
- 7 "And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.
- 8 "Deliver me from all my transgressions; Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 "I have become mute, I do not open my mouth, Because it is You who have done it.
- 10 "Remove Your plague from me; Because of the opposition of Your hand I am perishing.
- 11 "With reproofs You chasten a man for iniquity; You consume as a moth what is precious to him; Surely every man is a mere breath. Selah.
- 12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner like all my fathers.
- 13 "Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again Before I depart and am no more."

I. THE TONGUE

- A. It Is An Amazing Organ
- B. With It We Bless God And Curse Men *James 3:9*

II. A RESOLVE TO BE SILENT

- A. The Appropriateness Of A Resolve
 1. It increases the determination
 2. It may protect against sin

B. The Appropriateness Of The Silence

1. To guard against sin
 - a. against speaking evil
 - b. against speaking good that would agitate the hearer *Matt. 7:6*
2. There are times when we should speak the gospel

III. A REQUEST TO KNOW HIS END

- A. Frustration With The Present Fosters The Request *Ecclesiastes 3:7*
- B. It Is An Elegy—A Melancholy Poem
- C. The Pleas Is Made To The Lord *vs. 4-7 Ecclesiastes 1:2*
- D. Life Is Short
- E. The Things Of The World Are Left Behind *1 Timothy 6:7*
- F. Understanding The Brevity Set His Hope On The Future
- G. The End For The Believer Is The Way Granted By Jesus *John 14:1-6*