



How the Foolish Talk

Job 2:9-10

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Introduction: We've come to some of the most famous words in the book of Job. The words I am referring to are the words of Job's darling wife. The negative response of Christians toward Job's wife just buttresses what this whole passage is really about – foolish words! Foolish talk can erupt from all of our sinful hearts like a volcano at times spewing its lava on everyone who crosses our path, scarring them spiritually. Tonight, I would like to observe 3 manifestations of how the foolish talk in order to impress upon our souls the importance of controlled speech.

I. It Is Foolish to Claim Any Excuse For Not Being Faithful (vs. 9a)

“Do you still hold fast to your integrity?” (vs. 9a)

II. It Is Foolish to Think that God Has No Further Use for You (vs. 9b)

“Curse God and die!” (vs. 9b)

III. It Is Foolish to Forget the Goodness of God When Trouble Comes (vs. 10)

A. “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks” (vs. 10a)

B. “Shall we indeed accept good from God and shall we not accept adversity?” (vs. 10b).

C. “In all this Job did not sin with his lips” (vs. 10c).

Conclusion: Only the Lord can help us use the gift of speech for good. When David prayed, “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips” (Psalms 141:3), he set a good example for us to follow. All of God's people need to surrender their bodies to the Lord, and that includes the lips too!