

Sermon Handout
“To Glorify and Enjoy God”
Exodus 20:7

Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
Westminster Shorter Catechism

- I. Unclean lips prevent us from glorifying God
 - a. Our lips are unclean, we dwell among the unrighteous
Isa 6:1-5
 - b. The problem lies not with God but with those who reject him
Isa 59:1-8; See Jas 3:1-10
 - c. The solution comes from the throne of God Isa 6:6-8
The first step in restoration is the purging of our lips
See the example of Job – Job 2:9-10; 8:20-22

- II. Of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks Lk 6:43-46
 - a. Jesus vs. the Pharisees Mt 15:7-9 (*cf.* Mk 7:6-7)
Quoting Isa 29:13
 - b. Men’s double-hearted words vs. God’s pure words Ps 12:1-8

- III. We are called to a better standard
 - a. The fruit of a repentant heart Ps 51:12-15
 - b. The praise of joyful lips Ps 63:3-6; Ps 71:22-24
 - c. Giving thanks to his name Heb 13:15
For in him we live, move and have our being Act 17:28
 - d. Refrain from evil speaking; bless don’t curse I Pet 3:8-12
Quoting Ps 34; see vv. 1-3; 12-15

Let us therefore make a covenant with our mouths to speak the praise of God in all matters great and small.

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts rejoice in our God and Savior at all times and in all manner of circumstance.

May we remember that our calling is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.