

# Sticks n' Stones break Bones but words Kill

O'Malley Family Bible Study

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There is a children's song that goes:

"Sticks and Stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me"

Biblically that is a false teaching, throughout the bible words have killed. Jesus said that you'll be judged before him by your words:

NASB Matthew 12:36-37

:36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

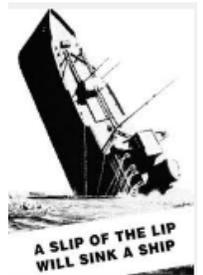
:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

There is a judgment also here on earth as Proverbs mentions:

(Pro 18:21 NASB) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Most of the time the sage advice is to: **Shut up, be quiet and don't say anything**

There are many examples of people not following this advice and death came swiftly as a result of their loose lips. The few examples this study will cover are:



## I Suicides

- a) Adults own words causing their deaths
- b) A Nation's renegeing on its vow causing it's death

## II Homicides

- a) Words of a prophet killing children
- b) Words of a husband killing his wife
- c) Words of a father killing his daughter
- d) Words of a son killing his mother
- e) Words of a messenger killing a person

## I a) Adults own words causing their deaths

In Acts 5:1-10, Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold some property and held back some of the money. They then separately lied to Peter saying the offering they were giving was the entire sum. Peter proclaimed that they had lied to the Holy Spirit and each one fell down and died.

**Moral:** Don't lie to the Holy Spirit or death comes immediately.

ASV Acts 5:1-10

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 While it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? thou has not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it.

6 And the young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.



7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when **his wife**, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 But Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to try the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them that have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out.

10 And she **fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost**: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

## I b) A Nation's renegeing on its vow causing it's death

In Exodus 19:3-8 Moses gets the covenant from God and lays it in front of the people. In verse 8 the people agree to keep all of it. Fast forwarding several centuries to around 725 and 583 BC the result of the continued breaking of the covenant led to God kicking them out of the country, destroying their government.

**Moral:** When you make a vow from your mouth to God, keep it.

ASV Exodus 19:3-8

3 And Moses went up unto God, and Jehovah called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine:

6 and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 **And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Jehovah commanded him.**

8 And **all the people answered together, and said, All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do.** And Moses reported the words of the people unto Jehovah.



## II a) Words of a prophet killing children

Don't dis a prophet. In 2Kings 2:23-24 Elisha was traveling and a gang of brats came out and began to call him baldhead. Elisha prayed and 2 she bears came and killed 42 of these disrespecting-brute-beast-children.



**Moral:** Parents: teach your children to respect the prophets and to speak honorably.

ASV 2 Kings 2:23-24

23 And he (*Elisha*) went up from thence unto Beth-el; and as he was going up by the way, there came forth **young lads** out of the city, **and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou baldhead; go up, thou baldhead.**

24 And **he (*Elisha*)** looked behind him and saw them, and **cursed them in the name of Jehovah.** And there came forth **two she-bears** out of the wood, **and tare forty and two lads** of them.



## II b) Words of a husband killing his wife

Jacob takes his wives, children, servants and flocks and flees from his Father in Law, Laban in Genesis 31:26-35. Laban catches up to Jacob and accuses him of stealing his gods (the book of Jasher mentions it was the sacrificed head of his first born child filled with a demonic spirit for prophesying).

Jacob vows that whoever took them would die (not knowing that his wife Rachael had stolen it). In Genesis 35:16-19 Rachael has a hard labor with Benjamin and dies thus fulfilling Jacob's vow.

**Moral:** A vow without checking all the facts may kill someone you cherish.

ASV Genesis 31:30-35

30 (*Laban speaking*) And now, though thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet **wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?**

32 With **whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live:** before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For **Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.**

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maid-servants; but he found them not. And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the teraphim, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban felt about all the tent, but found them not.

35 And she said to her father, Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise up before thee; for the manner of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the teraphim.

ASV Genesis 35:16-19

16 And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was still some distance to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and **she had hard labor.**

17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for now thou shalt have another son.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And **Rachel died, and was buried** in the way to Ephrath (the same is Beth-lehem).

## II c) Words of a father killing his daughter

Jephthah was a son of a harlot and was driven out of his house/land by his brothers in Judges 11:1-11. The Ammonites came up and attacked his land of Gilead. The elders of the land came to Jephthah and made him ruler if he would rescue them from the Ammonites. Before wiping out all the Ammonites, Jephthah made a vow to sacrifice the first person he sees coming out of his house on his return. I imagine he believed it would be a servant however his only child – his daughter came out to meet him. God didn't stop his offering of his daughter like he did with Isaac and Abraham. Jephthah kept his vow to the Lord.

**Moral:** A vow to sacrifice something you value a little may turn into a sacrifice you value greatly.

ASV Judges 11:1-11

1 Now **Jephthah the Gileadite** was a mighty man of valor, and he was the **son of a harlot:** and Gilead begat Jephthah.

2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of another woman.

3 Then **Jephthah fled from his brethren,** and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And it was so, that, when **the children of Ammon made war against Israel,** the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob;

6 and they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore are we turned again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon; and thou shalt be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.





9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and Jehovah deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Jehovah shall be witness between us; surely according to thy word so will we do.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spake all his words before Jehovah in Mizpah.

ASV Judges 11:32

32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and Jehovah delivered them into his hand.

ASV Judges 11:30-31

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto Jehovah, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth from the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, it shall be Jehovah's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

ASV Judges 11:34-39

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpah unto his house; and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto Jehovah, and I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, thou hast opened thy mouth unto Jehovah; do unto me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth, forasmuch as Jehovah hath taken vengeance for thee on thine enemies, even on the children of Ammon.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may depart and go down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my companions.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew not man. And it was a custom in Israel,

## II d) Words of a son killing his mother

In Genesis 22:1-4, 9-12 and 23:1-2 God proved Abraham by telling him to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering. God prevented Abraham from killing Isaac at the last moment. During that journey, Abraham's wife, Sarah, dies.

ASV Genesis 22:1-4 **Abraham's Instructions**

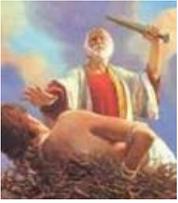
1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham. And he said, Here am I.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah. And offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. And he clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

ASV Genesis 22:9-12 - **Abraham is proved**



9 And they came to the place which God had told him of. And Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of Jehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.

12 And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him. For now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me.

ASV Genesis 23:1-2 – **Sarah dies away from home while Abraham is away.**

1 And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years. These were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

### Questions:

Why did God prove Abraham?

Who did God prove Abraham to?

Why did Sarah leave her house and die while Abraham and Isaac were away?

What mark on the mountain showed which mountain he should go to?

The proving of Abraham was also the proving of Isaac. A fuller description of these events may be found out in the book of Jasher. It begins in Chapter 22:42-45 when Ishmael is boasting to Isaac that he didn't complain or refuse when Abraham circumcised him when he was 13 years old.



**Caution:** Don't engage with words of a fool as Proverbs 26:4 says. Before you speak one should consider what the bible has given as examples so you won't repeat history.

ASV Proverbs 26:4 **Answer not a fool according to his folly, Lest thou also be like unto him.**



Book of Jasher, Chapter 22

41. And when Isaac was thirty-seven years old, Ishmael his brother was going about with him in the tent.

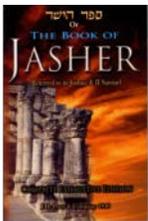
42. And Ishmael boasted of himself to Isaac, saying, I was thirteen years old when the Lord spoke to my father to circumcise us, and I did according to the word of the Lord which he spoke to my father, and I gave my soul unto the Lord, and I did not transgress his word which he commanded my father.

**Isaac's boasting**

43. And Isaac answered Ishmael, saying, Why dost thou boast to me about this, about a little bit of thy flesh which thou didst take from thy body, concerning which the Lord commanded thee?

44. **As the Lord liveth, the God of my father Abraham, if the Lord should say unto my father, Take now thy son Isaac and bring him up an offering before me, I would not refrain but I would joyfully accede to it.**

45. **And the Lord heard the word that Isaac spoke to Ishmael,** and it seemed good in the sight of the Lord, and he thought to try Abraham in this matter.



Isaac counters saying that Ishmael's offering was little and that he would gladly be a sacrifice if God would tell Abraham to do so. God hears the words of Isaac and finds them acceptable and starts a chain of events to bring it about. At one of the gathering of the sons of God, God asks Satan leading questions so Satan could eventually ask God to prove Abraham would offer Isaac up –Jasher 22:46,48,49,54,55. Abraham lies to Sarah, Jasher 23:4-6, saying that he needed to take Isaac to Shem and Eber (Noah's son/grandson) so that Isaac would be taught about God.



**Caution:** Lying to your spouse is not very wise. A single lie can cause a cascading chain of events that you can't reverse as Abraham is soon to find out.

Jasher Chapter 23

46. And the day arrived when the sons of God came and placed themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with the sons of God before the Lord

48. And the Lord said to Satan, What is thy word to me concerning all the children of the earth? And Satan answered the Lord and said, I have seen all the children of the earth who serve thee and remember thee when they require anything from thee.

49. And when you givest them the thing which they require from thee, they sit at their ease, and forsake thee and they remember thee no more.

54. And **the Lord said to Satan, Hast thou thus considered my servant Abraham?** For there is none like him upon earth, a perfect and upright man before me, one that feareth God and avoideth evil; as I live, **were I to say unto him, Bring up Isaac thy son before me, he would no withhold him from me,** much more if I told him to bring up a burnt offering before me from his flock or herds.

55. And **Satan answered the Lord and said, Speak then now unto Abraham as thou hast said, and thou will see whether he will not this day transgress and cast aside thy words.**

Chapter 23, *Abraham's lie to Sarah*

4. And Abraham came into the tent, and he sat before Sarah his wife, and he spoke these words to her,

5. **My son Isaac is grown up and he has not for some time studied the service of his God, now tomorrow I will go and bring him to Shem, and Eber his son, and there he will learn the ways of the Lord, for they will teach him to know the Lord as well as to know that when he prayeth continually before the Lord, he will answer him, therefore there he will know the way of serving the Lord his God.**

6. And Sarah said, Thou hast spoken well, go my lord and do unto him as thou hast said, but remove him not at a great distance from me, neither let him remain there too long, for my soul is bound within his soul.

Abraham gets to the mountain and there Isaac and Abraham are proved (Jasher23:40-42,53-56,61,69). At the same time Satan appears to Sarah and relates that Abraham had lied to her and that he killed Isaac. Sarah freaks out and leaves her house in search for Abraham and Isaac.

After Abraham is proved to Satan that he would have killed Isaac, Satan appears to Sarah again and said that he had lied and that Isaac was still alive. Sarah went from utter despair to extreme joy and she died as a result.

**Moral:** A son's boasting and a Father's lies can lead to the death of a loved one.

Jasher Chapter 23

40. And Abraham went with Isaac toward the place that God had told him.

41. And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place at a distance which God had told him of,

***The mark on the mountain for Abraham***

42. **And a pillar of fire appeared to him that reached from the earth to heaven, and a cloud of glory upon the mountain, and the glory of the Lord was seen in the cloud.**

***Isaac's test***

53. And Abraham again said unto Isaac his son, Is there in thy heart any thought or counsel concerning this, which is not proper? Tell me my son, I pray thee, O my son conceal it not from me.

54. And Isaac answered his father Abraham and said unto him, O my father, as the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, there is nothing in my heart to cause me to deviate either to the right or to the left from the word that he has spoken to thee.

55. Neither limb nor muscle has moved or stirred at this, nor is there in my heart any thought or evil counsel concerning this



56. But I am of joyful and cheerful heart in this matter, and I say, Blessed is the Lord who has this day chosen me to be a burnt offering before Him.

61. And Isaac said to his father, Bind me securely and then place me upon the alter lest I should turn and move, and break loose from the force of the knife upon my flesh and thereby profane the burnt offering; and Abraham did so.

### ***Abraham is proven***

69. At that time the Lord appeared unto Abraham, and called to him from heaven, and said unto him, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him, for now I know that thou fearest God in performing this act, and in not withholding thy son, thine only son, from me.

76. And Satan went to Sarah, and he appeared to her in the figure of an old man very humble and meek, and Abraham was yet engaged in the burnt offering before the Lord.

### ***Fallout of Isaac's boasting and Abraham's lie to Sarah***

77. (*Satan speaking to Sarah*) And he said unto her, Dost thou not know all the work that Abraham has made with thine only son this day? For he took Isaac and built an altar, and killed him, and brought him up as a sacrifice upon the altar, and Isaac cried and wept before his father, but he looked not at him, neither did he have compassion over him.

79. And Sarah lifted up her voice and wept and cried out bitterly on account of her son; and she threw herself upon the ground and she cast dust upon her head, and she said, O my son, Isaac my son, O that I had this day died instead of thee. And she continued to weep and said, It grieves me for thee, O my son, my son Isaac, O that I had died this day in thy stead.

85. And she came with her maid servants and men servants to Kireath Arba, which is Hebron, and she sent some of her servants to seek where Abraham had gone with Isaac; they went to seek him in the house of Shem and Eber, and they could not find him, and they sought throughout the land and he was not there.

86. And behold, Satan came to Sarah in the shape of an old man, and he came and stood before her, and he said unto her, I spoke falsely unto thee, for Abraham did not kill his son and he is not dead, and when she heard the word her joy was so exceedingly violent on account of her son, she died and was gathered to her people.

## **II e) Words of a messenger killing a person**

Eli the prophet also died by receiving bad news. In 1Sam4:1-4, Israel goes up and fights with the Philistines with the Ark of God. In 1Sam4:10-11 Israel is defeated, the Ark was captured by the Philistines and Eli's sons were killed. A messenger tells Eli the bad news and falls backwards off the wall and breaks his neck and dies.

**Moral:** The corruption of the people causes defeat on the field of battle which can cause deaths far away from the battlefield.

NASB 1Samuel4:1-4,10-11,16-18

- :1 Thus the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle and camped beside Ebenezer while the Philistines camped in Aphek.
- :2 The Philistines drew up in battle array to meet Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield.
- :3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies."
- :4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and from there they carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts who sits above the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

:10 So the Philistines fought and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent; and the slaughter was very great, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

:11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

:16 The man said to Eli, "I am the one who came from the battle line. Indeed, I escaped from the battle line today." And he said, "How did things go, my son?"

:17 Then the one who brought the news replied, "Israel has fled before the Philistines and there has also been a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been taken."

:18 When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell off the seat backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for he was old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years.



Words proceeding from your mouth has ramifications, not only on yourself but your spouse, children, others and nation.

Let your words be few.

Think before you speak or vow so you won't be cursed by God for by saying oops – I didn't really mean to make that vow.

(Pro 21:23 NASB) He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

Regards,  
David O'Malley

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Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

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