

God Does Not Favor This Flavor!

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The devil says, “The harmless words used in cursing only add *flavor* to your conversation and give you an opportunity of expressing the exact shade of your feelings.” This flavoring of our conversation is not pleasing to God. The Bible says, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth” (Ep. 4:29).

Someone has truly said, “Profanity is the result of a limited mind trying to express itself.” All who curse, swear and use ungodly slang bring contempt upon God, offend others and belittle themselves. The English language consists of about 500,000 words, and yet many cannot express themselves without using some form of profanity. Even many who claim to be following Christ use soften forms of curse words (euphemisms) such as: “gosh, golly, my lordy, dad gum and gosh darn. Others use sacred names as interjections such as: “Jesus! Gees! Oh, my God! God!” When they are used with respect and reverence, nothing is wrong with using “God” and “Jesus” in our conversation.

The name “God” stands for God Himself. He has always demanded that it be respected. To take God’s name in vain is to use it lightly or irreverently. In our country today men and women use God’s name in vain as if it were a necessary part of their speech. Some folks do not seem to be able to speak with cursing God. The Bible says, “For he who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit” (1 Peter 3:10).

The word “profanity” is derived from the term “profane.” “Profane” means “irreverence for what is sacred.” Therefore, profanity is an irreverent use of sacred names and terms. Satan uses his followers to curse the God of heaven and all things that are sacred. Have you ever wonder why men do not curse Satan? This observation in itself should teach us where profanity originates. Right from the devil himself!

We should avoid profanity at all cost. It is a sin against God. It destroys man’s reverence toward God. It sets a bad example; it is an ungodly habit and it exhibits contempt toward God and man.

Remember the words of Jesus when you decide to *flavor* your speech with profanity: “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment” (Matthew 12:36).