

Here in Job, a young man named Elihu states the following wise words to Job that are useful even for today!

Job 32:21-22

21 Let me not, I pray (beseech) **you, accept** (respect) **any man's person** (favor or presence), **neither let me give flattering titles unto man** (mankind).

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; for in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

FLATTERIES AND THE ANTI-CHRIST:

In the Last Days, the Anti-Christ will come into power peacefully and take over his Worldly Kingdom through Flatteries! (Dan 8:11)

Dan 11:21

21 And in his estate (Office) **shall stand up a vile** (contemptible) **person, to whom they shall not give the honour** (honor or majesty) **of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.**

The Anti-Christ will corrupt with Flatteries those that take away the 'daily sacrifice' and put in place the 'abomination of desolation'. (Mt 24:15 Mk 13:14)

Dan 11:32

32 And such as do wickedly against (violate) **the covenant shall he corrupt** (defile, pollute, profane) **by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong** (become mighty), **and do exploits** (notable and heroic acts).

Some of the People of God, however, will fall; in order to test them and to purge them, and others will attempt to join them with Flatteries. (Dan 11:33, 35)

Dan 11:34

34 Now when they (the people of God) **shall fall, they shall be holpen** (helped) **with a little help: but many shall cleave** (join) **to them with flatteries.**

CONCLUSION:

The Lord will destroy all Flattering Lips and the Tongue that speaks proudly!

Ps 12:3

3 The LORD shall cut off (destroy or consume) **all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud** (insolent) **things:**

Those with a lying tongue actually hate those that are afflicted by it; and if you accept the words from a Flattering mouth you too will eventually receive ruin!

Prov 26:28

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted (crushed, injured, and/or oppressed) **by it; and a flattering mouth worketh** (accomplishes) **ruin.**

Finally - Pastors & Leaders beware of all men/women that always speak well of you. This would be a bad sign that you were not being a faithful Teacher to tell the flock of their faults. This is how the Jewish ancestors treated the False Prophets that prophesied smooth things to them! (Mt 7:15 2 Pet 2:1 1 Jn 4:1)

Luke 6:26

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets .

Amen!

Timothy II



BEWARE OF FLATTERY:

Most people enjoy being occasionally complimented, praised and/or honored by their peers, friends, families, co-workers, schoolmates, etc. The Bible doesn't condemn this; however, you need to Beware of those persons that carry this to the extreme, particularly those who use Flattery for self-gain and/or approval. This is especially true in the Churches!

Very often there are people who come into the Church and Flatter the Pastor and other Church Leaders to gain their approval for their own advantage. These are 'Enemies of the Cross' (Phil 3:18-19) who usually dress well and tithe well in order to make themselves look good. Many are often well versed in the Bible! They usually use Flattery and various other methods to try to gain Leadership positions in the Church. If this is allowed to continue, these 'wolves' in sheep's clothing will eventually cause dissention and division within the Church, and will usually bring the downfall of the Church and/or the Pastor! (Mt 7:15 Acts 20:29)

After many years in the Ministry we have often seen this happen; so if someone continually Flatters you, tell them to stop! If they do not, send them away! Since God has entrusted Timothy II with the Gospel; we warn you here not as to please mankind, but to please God, who tries our hearts! (1 Thess 2:4) Amen!

Paul states here that we should never use Flattering Words for wealth or gain!

1 Thess 2:5

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke (show) of covetousness (greediness or 'avarice' - which means excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain); **God is** (our) **witness:**

WHAT IS FLATTERY?

The Dictionary states: The act or practice of flattering, or something that flatters; insincere or excessive praise, especially from motives of self-interest. It can also mean a pleasing self-deception, or to portray too favorably.

In Hebrew and in the Greek it means:

OT:2506 cheleq (khay'lek); smoothness (of the tongue); KJV - flattery.

OT:2513 chelqah (khel-kaw'); properly, smoothness; figuratively, flattery; KJV - flattering (-ry), slippery place, smooth (thing).

OT:2505 2509 chalaq (khaw-lak'); to be smooth (figuratively); by implication (as smooth stones were used for lots) to separate; divide, flatter, give, take away a portion, receive, separate self, (be) smooth (-er).

OT:6601 pathah (paw-thaw'); to open, be (causatively, make) roomy; usually figuratively (in a mental or moral sense) to be (causatively, make) simple or (in a sinister way) to delude (which means to mislead the mind or judgment of); KJV - allure, deceive, enlarge, entice, flatter, persuade, silly (one).

NT:2850 kolakeia (kol-ak-i'-ah); to court favor by a cringing or flattering manner; or (a 'fawner') - which implies seeking favor by servile (submissive) flattery or exaggerated attention. KJV - flattering.

SPEAKING FLATTERY:

Speaking Flattery is a weapon of deceit, and those that use it will lead to their

fall and destruction. Those that listen to the Flatterer and become deceived and puffed up in their own eyes; they too will also fall!

Here in Job, it states that Job's friends became mockers in his affliction, and warns that if you speak Flattery to your Friends, it may even affect your family!

Job 17:5

5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes (sight, look, or outward appearance) **of his children shall fail** (when looking for comfort).

The Bible says that men are to Beware of adulterous "Strange Women" who use Flattery of the tongue! This has caused the fall of many Pastors! However, if you follow the rules you learned from your parents, it will keep you from these evil women! This includes the adulterous and whorish women looking for love!

Prov 6:24

24 To (These rules will) **keep thee from the evil** (bad, harmful, mischievous, troubling) **woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.**

Prov 7:21

21 With her (the harlot) **much fair speech** (enticement) **she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced** (mislead or compelled) **him.**

Here David asks the Lord to lead him from his enemies for there is No Faithfulness in those that Flatter with their mouth!

Ps 5:9

9 For there is no faithfulness in their (his enemies') **mouth; their inward part is very wickedness** (coveting, calamity, mischief and perverse things); **their throat is an open sepulcher** (grave); **they flatter with their tongue.**

When the Godly man ceases or fails to speak out, the ungodly will speak to their Neighbors with Flattering lips. They will speak falsely with a double heart (which means having a twofold relation or character)!

Ps 12:2

2 They speak vanity (evil, falsely, lies, in vain) **every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.**

Some persons even try to Flatter the Lord with their mouths and lie to Him! Here God's people Israel provoked Him in the wilderness with Flattery!

Ps 78:36

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him (God) **with their mouth, and they lied** (deceived) **unto him with their tongues.**

FLATTERING TITLES:

Many people are caught up in the use of Flattering Titles. This is particularly true in the Ministry. They usually earn these Titles through Educational means; however, God gives out His Titles or Offices of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, as Gifts! (Eph 4:8, 11) Since these five (Doma) Gifts are not given out by man, but by Jesus Christ Himself, they cannot be earned nor usurped (which means to seize and to hold an Office by force or without right)! The Bible teaches that it is wrong to respect any man's person, (Prov 28:21 Jas 2:9-10) and it is wrong for anyone to give out undeserved Flattering Titles!