

Condemned by Your Own Words

Matthew 12:33-37

(series #73)

Intro: the tragic choice of the religious leaders in Israel

I. The Command to the Religious Leaders v. 33

- A. Either make the tree good or bad
- B. “You have the look but not the life”

II. The Rebuke to the Religious Leaders v. 34

- A. “Brood of vipers” - deceitful and deadly
- B. What’s in the heart comes out of the mouth

III. The Principle Stated as a Maxim v. 35

- A. Speech reveals the condition of the heart
- B. What comes out is what is within

IV. The Warning Regarding Judgment vv. 36-37

- A. Account will be given for idle/careless words
- B. This is a warning to unbelievers
- C. Our speech, as believers, should be good
 - 1. Ephesians 4:29
 - 2. Colossians 3:8; 4:6
 - 3. Proverbs 15:23
- D. Words verify salvation/condemnation

Conclusion: What does your speech show about you?