

Words Against The Lord

Intro: Mal. 3:13-14 ¹³ Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? ¹⁴ Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of host?" There were some who spoke openly against the Lord. They asserted that divine worship, obedience to God, and repentance were useless, that they were no better off if they did them or now worse off if they did not do them. We still have this problem of some speaking against the Lord.

I. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD'S EXISTENCE.

A. Atheist.

1. They believe that God does not exist; he is only a fable.
2. Robert Ingersoll when asked if he believed in God replied, "Well, I have never seen one."
 - a. Neither has he seen electricity.
 - b. pain.
 - c. love.
 - d. But they exist.
3. Psa. 14:1 ¹ The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good*."

B. But the things of this world testify of God.

1. Psa. 19:1 ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."
2. Rom. 1:20 ²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead*; so that they are without excuse:"
3. Heb. 3:4 ⁴ For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is God*."

C. Arguments for God.

1. Cosmological Argument. For every effect there must be sufficient cause.
2. Teleological Argument. The marvelous design (hand, eye, etc.) involved in these can only be explained in light of a designer (God).
3. Moral Argument. There does exist such a thing as outside, objective, moral law; there is moral law beyond (greater than) international law.

II. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD'S CREATIVE POWER.

A. They try to explain the world by evolution.

1. Even the evolutionist has to have something with which to start.
2. He does not know how to get it.

B. The only reasonable explanation is creation.

1. As it is found in Gen. 1.
2. It begins with an all-powerful, self-existent being.

III. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD'S WORD.

A. Many deny the Bible as God's inspired message.

1. Some believe it is inspired as a great work of art (as Shakespeare, DE Vince, etc.).
2. Some believe it is inspired of God, but only the thoughts, not the words.

3. Bible's claim.

- a. Mat. 10:19-20 ¹⁹ "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. ²⁰ For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."
- b. 1 Cor. 2:11-16 ¹¹ "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. ¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."
- c. Gal. 1:11-12 ¹¹ "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. ¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."
- d. Gal. 3:16 ¹⁶ "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."
- e. 1 The. 2:13 ¹³ "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."
- f. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 ¹⁶ "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
- g. 2 Pet. 1:20-21 ²⁰ "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost."
- h. "The word of the Lord" is found over 3500 times.
- i. "Thus saith the Lord" is found over 2000 times.

4. It is easy to prove the truthfulness of the Bible.

B. Many alter God's word.

1. The Roman Catholic says the Bible does not matter; it is what the Pope (or the church) says.
2. The Pentecostal's say the Bible does not matter because God is speaking to them directly.
3. Others teach false doctrine (faith only salvation, grace only salvation, etc.) denying the Bible.

IV. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD'S SON.

A. Some say Jesus was a good man but that's all. He was not God's Son.

B. Jesus is the Son of God.

1. Since Jesus was a good man then he was the Son of God.
 - a. John 5:17-23 ¹⁷ "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. ¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. ²² For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed

all judgment unto the Son: ²³ That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”

- b. Good men do not lie.
2. He is God’s Son.
 - a. Psa. 2:7 ⁴⁷ I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou *art* my son; this day have I begotten thee.”
 - b. Acts 13:33-37 ³³ God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. ³⁴ And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. ³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ³⁶ For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: ³⁷ But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.”
 - c. Rom. 1:4 ⁴⁴ And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”
3. John 1:14 ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

C. He is God.

1. John 1:1-3 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
2. John 8:58 ⁵⁸ Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” cf. Exo. 3:14 ¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”
3. Phi. 2:6-8 ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”
4. Mat. 1:23 ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”
5. 1 Tim. 3:16 ¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

D. He was man as well.

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3. Acts 3:22-23 ²² For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. ²³ And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”
4. Heb. 2:17-18 ¹⁷ Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

E. Thus, He can be our mediator.

1. A mediator is one who stands between two who are estranged with a view of reconciling them.
2. 1 Tim. 2:5 ⁵ For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

3. Heb. 4:14-16 ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

V. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD’S ABILITY.

A. They accuse God of producing a book that His creation, man, cannot understand.

1. This reflects on God’s ability.
2. Christianity is a religion to be taught and can be understood.
 - a. Isa. 35:8 ⁴⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.”
 - b. Mat. 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”
 - c. John 6:44-45 ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”
 - d. John 8:32 ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

B. Since it can be understood, we are all under obligation to understand it alike.

1. John 17:20-21 ²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”
2. 1 Cor. 1:10 ¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”
3. 1 Cor. 4:6 ⁶ And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.”

VI. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD’S IMPARTIALITY.

A. They accuse God of predestinating some individuals to salvation and others to condemnation without the choice of either—Calvinism.

B. God is no respecter of persons.

1. Acts 10:34-35 ³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”
2. Rom. 2:11 ¹¹ For there is no respect of persons with God.”
3. God love the whole world.
 - a. John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”
 - b. Rom. 5:8 ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
 - c. 1 John 4:9 ⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”
4. God wants all to be saved.
 - a. 1 Tim. 2:3-4 ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”
 - b. Tit. 2:11 ¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”

- c. 2 Pet. 3:9 ⁴⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
- 5. Jesus died for all.
 - a. 1 Tim. 2:6 ⁴⁶ Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
 - b. Heb. 2:9 ⁴⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”
 - c. 1 John 2:2 ⁴² And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*”
- 6. All are invited.
 - a. Mat. 11:28-30 ²⁸ Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.”
 - b. Rev. 22:17 ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

C. It is man who makes the decision.

VII. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD’S FAIRNESS.

A. They accuse God of holding infants responsible for the sin of Adam and Eve—Hereditary Depravity.

B. Sin is an individual thing.

- 1. Deu. 24:16 ¹⁶ The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”
- 2. Eze. 18:4, 20 ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. . . . ²⁰ The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”

C. Children are born sinless.

- 1. Mat. 18:3 ³ And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”
- 2. Mat. 19:14 ¹⁴ But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
- 3. They do no sin until they reach the age of accountability.

VIII. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD’S HONESTY.

A. They accuse God of hypocrisy.

- 1. They say God is behind all the religions in the world.
- 2. They say God has called one man to affirm what He calls another to deny.

B. God is not responsible for the divisions.

- 1. 1 Cor. 14:33 ³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”
- 2. Mat. 16:18 ¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
- 3. Eph. 4:4-6 ⁴ *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.”
- 4. 1 Cor. 1:10-13 ¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. ¹² Now this I say, that

every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. ¹³ Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

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IX. SOME SPEAK AGAINST GOD BY TAKING HIS NAME IN VAIN.

- A. Ex. 20:7 ⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."
- B. Jam. 3:9-12 ⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. ¹¹ Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter? ¹² Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh."

X. SOME CHRISTIANS SPEAK AGAINST GOD BY THEIR ACTIONS.

- A. They visit bars (drink alcoholic beverages), nightclubs (dancing), smoke, live like the world, etc.
- B. Our actions must glorify God.
 1. 1 Cor. 10:31 ³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."
 2. 1 Cor. 6:20 ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
 3. 2 Cor. 5:15 ¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."
 4. 1 Pet. 2:9 ⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

Conclusion: Let us make sure we never speak words against the Lord either by words or actions.