

Morning Service, 16 January 2011, Julian Hardyman

Wisdom about words

Proverbs 18:21

1. The power of our words

- *To affect others* - 12:25, 15:1, 12:18, 26:28, 11:9, 11,
- *To affect ourselves* - 18:20; 17:20; 18:6-7;
- *To affect God* – 6:16-19

2. The weakness of our words

- *Words can't substitute for deeds* – 14:23
- *Words can't change the truth about us but reveal our true character and destiny*– 17:4; 16:23; 15:7; 11:12, 13; 17:27, 17:28, 26:23-28.

3. The healing of words

- *Jesus - The Word of God* John 1:1
- *Jesus – Words of life* John 7:46, John 6:66-68
- *Jesus – Condemned in our place* Mark 15:33-34

4. The transformation of our words

- *Jesus - retraining our ears* –18:8, 20:19, 26:20
- *Jesus - retraining our lips*
 - *Using words carefully* - 17:7, 25:15
 - *Using words lovingly* - 16:24, 12:25, 25:25,
 - *Using words savingly*-, 15:4

Please note that Julian uses the new 2010/2011 edition of the New International Version of the bible for many of the references. This edition has not yet been printed, but may be accessed online here:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+1&version=NIV>