

# Religion

## The spoken word has power

We all know the power of the spoken word. The Bible refers to it as a "fire" <sup>1</sup> and a "sword." <sup>2</sup> Wars are also called 'the fire and the sword' because through fire and sword, battles are won or lost. Real fires and real swords win or lose real wars, but spiritual wars are won or lost by the words we utter. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." <sup>3</sup>

We don't know what a person is thinking until he speaks, neither do we know what God is thinking until we hear what He has spoken. That is the reason that Jesus is called the "Word of God," <sup>4</sup> His words "sharper than any double-edged sword" <sup>5</sup> to circumcise our hearts. <sup>6</sup> They are powerful as written in the Bible and powerful when spoken; they are "the power of God and the wisdom of God." <sup>7</sup> When we speak forth His words, we speak on His behalf.

Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire on the earth." <sup>8</sup> This fire is His Holy Spirit which fell on the disciples at Pentecost - "tongues of fire." <sup>9</sup> This "consuming fire" <sup>10</sup> is He who gives spiritual birth, baptizes us with His Spirit, and burns out sin. <sup>11</sup> We must allow His consuming fire to purge us; if we refuse, His fire will execute judgment <sup>12</sup> and His sword destroy us. <sup>13</sup>

The flame and sword of war represent death. A flaming fire and sword guarded the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden to

## Hope for Tomorrow

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keep Adam from life because of his sin. <sup>14</sup> Jesus Christ is the true Tree of Life, giving eternal life to those who confess Him as Lord and who believe God raised Him from the dead. <sup>15</sup> The Apostle Paul put it this way: "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." <sup>16</sup>

Jesus Christ is called the Alpha and Omega, <sup>17</sup> the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. This is because He represents every letter of every word which has ever been or will be spoken or written by God. He is the very Word of God by whom the world came into being. <sup>18</sup> He speaks, and life begins in both the physical and spiritual worlds.

We can be overcomers by telling others about Jesus' shed blood and its power to save. <sup>19</sup> To fail in this is to die in our sins as did Adam. Only by our confession that Jesus Christ is Lord over both life and death can we live eternally. The words we speak are fire and sword by which we wield our eternal destiny!

KJV - Jas 3:6; Heb 4:12; Prov 18:21; Rev 19:13; Heb 4:12; Rom 2:29; I Cor 1:24; Lk 12:49; Acts 2:3; Heb 12:29; I Pe 1:7; 2 Thess 2:8; Rev 2:16; Gen 3:23-24; Rom 10:9; I Cor 15:22; Rev 21:6; Jn 1:3; Rev 12:11



## Farewell to the Wigston family

A Farewell Service and Reception for Rev. Sam Wigston and family will be held Sunday, July 14 at Ebenezer United Church, Guelph Line, north of Brookville. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the activities, beginning with the church service at 10:30 a.m. and followed by lunch and reception in the Church Hall. For the past eight years, Rev. Sam has served as minister to the Ebenezer Pastoral Charge with includes Ebenezer,

Eden Mills and Arkell United Churches. For the past two years, Karen Wigston has served as Minister of Christian Education at St. John's United Church, Georgetown and Glen Williams. The family is moving to Ottawa where Rev. Sam will serve as minister at St. Paul's-Eastern. Above: son Andrew, Rev. Sam, Rev. Karen, daughter Katie and son Matthew. Andrew and Katie attended Brookville School and Matthew was at ADHS.

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*Come join us - a warm welcome awaits you!*

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9:45 a.m. Christian Education  
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7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108  
9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460  
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**Your Week Ahead Horoscope**

**ARIES** Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Use that burst of energy to get started on a pet project. Results will not be obvious at first, so be patient.

**TAURUS** Apr. 20-May 20  
Peer pressure at work may leave you drained at home. Do not take out your frustrations on your family.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20  
Do not initiate proceedings toward a partnership agreement at this time. You are better off working for yourself.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22  
Give more consideration to partner. Ask for input from one who matters. Money problems are insignificant at this time.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22  
A friend may share his feelings with you and leave you with painful memories. You can accomplish much by listening.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Good time for entertaining. Repay those social debts and have a good time. Do not procrastinate.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
You may be ready for romance but you will have to wait. Delve into your work and remain close to business associates.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Do not overlook your own needs. Curl up by yourself. Home life will improve and co-workers will notice a difference.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Be inventive. Use creative skills to influence others. Take care not to overlook finances when making an important decision.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Irritation at someone you love leaves you depressed. Do not give into your feelings. Give to someone that needs your help.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
A long-time friend resurfaces with old adversary. Be careful how you handle them. Your loyalties could be tested.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
A change in your career could put you on a new path. More will be available to you if you choose wisely. Do not listen to one who seems eager to advise.

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**Wildcare to help injured animals**

Wildcare, a charitable organization, is establishing a comprehensive wildlife rehabilitation centre for the Greater Toronto Area. The centre is being developed at the Kortright Centre for Conservation. Wildcare will also be developing their own hotline this summer.

Dr. Jackie Jenkins, a veterinarian and the executive director of Wildcare, says people must call first before bringing an injured or orphaned animal in.

"Seventy-five per cent of the problems can be solved over the phone," she says. "Wildcare also has a temporary location near Schomberg."

"Recently we released a raccoon that had a trapping injury to its foot. It was rescued and released at the Boyd Conservation Field Centre. This is an example of the kind of service we can provide to the public," Dr. Jenkins said.

The wildlife rehabilitation centre is now looking for volunteers, members and donations. Members and donations are the main source of funding.

For more information about Wildcare, call 416-832-6957.