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- An organ designed by God to receive and prepare food for the stomach, also, in human's, for speaking. All speech should result in praise to Him.
- I will bless Yehowah at all times, constantly his praise will be in my **mouth**. (**Psalms 34:1**)
- O Yehowah, may you open these lips of mine, that my own **mouth** may tell forth your praise. (**Psalms 51:15**)
- My **mouth** is filled with your praise, all day long, with your beauty. (**Psalms 71:8**)
- The praise of Yehowah my **mouth** will speak, and let all flesh bless his holy name to time indefinite, even forever. (**Psalms 145:21**)
- The psalmist declared that everything that has breath will praise Yehowah, therefore human's must use their **mouths** to do this if they desire to live.
- The apostle Paul explains that belief in God and his Son, even believing with the heart, is not enough. It has to be accompanied by **public declaration** in order to bring salvation.
- Every breathing thing, **let it praise Yah**. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 150:6**)
- For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the **mouth one makes public declaration for salvation**. (**Romans 10:10**)
- In harmony with his purpose and his right and power as Creator, Yehowah can put the proper words into the **mouth** of his servant. In the case of his prophets, he did so miraculously, by inspiration.
- At that Yehowah said to him; Who appointed a **mouth** for man or

who appoints the speechless or the deaf or the clear-sighted or the blind? Is it not I, Yehowah? ([Exodus 4:11](#))

- So now go, and I myself shall prove to be with your **mouth** and I will teach you what you ought to say. ([Exodus 4:12](#))
- And you must speak to him and put the words in his **mouth**, and I myself shall prove to be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you men what you are to do. ([Exodus 4:15](#))
- At that Yehowah thrust his hand out and caused it to touch my **mouth**. Then Yehowah said to me; Here I have put my words in your mouth. ([Jeremiah 1:9](#))
- In one instance he caused even a dumb animal, an ass, to speak.
- Finally Yehowah opened the **mouth** of the ass and she said to Balaam; What have I done to you so that you have beaten me these three times? ([Numbers 22:28](#))
- Then the she-ass said to Balaam; Am I not your she-ass that you have ridden upon all your life long until this day? Have I ever been used to do to you this way? To which he said; No! ([Numbers 22:30](#))
- Abandoning the straight path, they have been misled. They have followed the path of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the reward of wrongdoing. ([2 Peter 2:15](#))
- But got a reproof for his own violation of what was right. A voiceless beast of burden, making utterance with the voice of a man, hindered the prophets mad course. ([2 Peter 2:16](#))
- Today God's servants can have his words in their **mouths**, not by inspiration, but from his inspired written Word, which equips them completely for every good work.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. ([2 Timothy 3:16](#))
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. ([2 Timothy 3:17](#))

- They no longer have to wait for Christ to come to provide the Good News, nor do they need to go to some other source for what they preach. They have it right before them, ready for them to speak, as they are told; The word is near you, in your own **mouth** and in your own heart.
- But the righteousness resulting from faith speaks in this manner; Do not say in your heart; Who will ascend into heaven? That is, to bring Christ down. (**Romans 10:6**)
- Or, Who will descend into the abyss? That is, to bring Christ up from the dead. (**Romans 10:7**)
- But what does it say? The word is near you, in your own **mouth** and in your own heart, that is, the word of faith, which we are preaching. (**Romans 10:8**)
- For if you publicly declare that word in your own **mouth**, that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. (**Romans 10:9**)
- For this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far away. (**Deuteronomy 30:11**)
- It is not in the heavens, so as to result in saying; Who will ascend for us into the heavens and get it for us, that he may let us hear it that we may do it? (**Deuteronomy 30:12**)
- Neither is it on the other side of the sea, so as to result in saying; Who will pass over for us to the other side of the sea and get it for us, that he may let us hear it that we may do it? (**Deuteronomy 30:13**)
- For the word is very near you, in your own **mouth** and in your own heart, that you may do it. (**Deuteronomy 30:14**)

•• Can Bring Life Or Death

- It follows that the proper use of the **mouth** is vital, and so Yehowah declares it to be. His Word says,
- The **mouth** of the righteous one is a source of life, but as regards the **mouth** of the wicked ones, it covers up violence. (**Proverbs 10:11**)

- The **mouth**, therefore, has to be guarded most carefully.
- Do set a guard, O Yehowah, for my **mouth**, do set a watch over the door of my lips. (**Psalms 141:3**)
- The one guarding his **mouth** is keeping his soul. The one opening wide his **lips**, he will have ruin. (**Proverbs 13:3**)
- He that is keeping his **mouth** and his **tongue** is keeping his soul from distresses. (**Proverbs 21:23**)
- For stupid misuse of the mouth and tongue can bring its owner to ruin.
- The wise are the ones that treasure up knowledge, but the **mouth** of the foolish one is near to ruin itself. (**Proverbs 10:14**)
- The **mouth** of the stupid one is the ruin of him, and his lips are a snare for his soul. (**Proverbs 18:7**)
- God holds a person accountable for what he brings forth from his **mouth**.
- I tell you that every unprofitable saying that men speak, they will render an account concerning it on Judgment Day. (**Matthew 12:36**)
- For by your words you will be declared righteous, and by your words you will be condemned. (**Matthew 12:37**)
- A person may speak hastily, making a rash vow.
- Whenever you vow a vow to God, do not hesitate to pay it, for there is no delight in the stupid ones. What you vow, pay. (**Ecclesiastes 5:4**)
- Better is it that you vow not than that you vow and do not pay. (**Ecclesiastes 5:5**)
- Do not allow your **mouth** to cause your flesh to sin, neither say before the angel that it was a mistake. Why should the true God become indignant on account of your voice and have to wreck the work of your hands? (**Ecclesiastes 5:6**)

- He may flatter another, to that persons overthrow and his own condemnation.
- A tongue that is false hates the one crushed by it, and a flattering **mouth** causes an overthrow. (**Proverbs 26:28**)
- It is especially important to guard ones **mouth** when before the wicked, because a slight deviation from what God's wisdom directs his servant to say can bring reproach on God's name and may cause that one's death.
- I said; I will guard my ways to keep from sinning with my tongue. I will set a muzzle as a guard to my own **mouth**, as long as anyone wicked is in front of me. (**Psalms 39:1**)
- Jesus gave a fine example of submissiveness to God's will without complaint or any reviling of his wicked opposers.
- He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his **mouth**. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. (**Isaiah 53:7**)
- Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading aloud was this; As a sheep he was brought to the slaughter, and as a lamb that is voiceless before its shearer, so he does not open his **mouth**. (**Acts of Apostles 8:32**)
- When he was being reviled, he **did not go reviling in return**. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously. (**1 Peter 2:23**)
- The Christian must exercise constant vigilance, for he is imperfect, therefore he needs to watch his heart. Jesus said that it is not what goes into the **mouth** that defiles a man, but what comes forth from the **mouth**, for out of the abundance of the heart the **mouth** speaks.
- Offspring of vipers, how can you speak good things, when you are wicked? For out of the abundance of the heart the **mouth** speaks. (**Matthew 12:34**)

- Not what enters into his **mouth** defiles a man, but it is what proceeds out of his mouth that defiles a man. (**Matthew 15:11**)
- Thus one must be careful not to let anything come forth from the **mouth** without thought, without considering the consequences. This requires that the person use his mind to apply the good things learned from God's Word.
- The one guarding his **mouth** is keeping his soul. The one opening wide his lips, he will have ruin. (**Proverbs 13:3**)
- He that is keeping his **mouth** and his tongue is keeping his soul from distresses. (**Proverbs 21:23**)
- Since the power of the **mouth** is great for good or bad, when Yehowah guides the **mouth** great results are attained. He made Isaiah's **mouth**, like a sharp sword, and the words in Jeremiah's mouth **a fire**. Yehowah backed up their prophetic words by his power, and they came true.
- And he proceeded to make my **mouth** like a sharp sword. In the shadow of his hand he has hidden me. And he gradually made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his own quiver. (**Isaiah 49:2**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah, the God of armies, has said; For the reason that you men are saying this thing, here I am making my words in your **mouth** a fire, and this people will be pieces of wood, and it will certainly devour them. (**Jeremiah 5:14**)
- On the other hand, it is dangerous to listen to anything that comes out of the **mouth** of a person known to be an apostate, it can bring a person to ruin.
- By his **mouth** the one who is an apostate brings his fellowman to ruin, but by knowledge are the righteous rescued. (**Proverbs 11:9**)

.. Figurative Use

- God represents himself symbolically as having a **mouth**. None of his pronouncements are uttered to no purpose, in vain, they will be fulfilled to the smallest detail.

- For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. ([Isaiah 55:10](#))
- So my word that goes forth from my **mouth** will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. ([Isaiah 55:11](#))
- Therefore, those who desire life must live by every word proceeding from his **mouth**.
- So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but by every expression of Yehowah's **mouth** does man live. ([Deuteronomy 8:3](#))
- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's **mouth**. ([Matthew 4:4](#))
- When on earth his Son Jesus Christ conformed his whole life to his Fathers words and now has universal authority granted him. As King appointed by Yehowah, he will strike the earth with the rod of his **mouth**.
- And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his **mouth**, and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. ([Isaiah 11:4](#))
- The vision of Revelation shows him smiting the nations with a long sword proceeding out of his **mouth**.
- And out of his **mouth** there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 19:15](#))
- But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated

on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his **mouth**. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (**Revelation 19:21**)

- This figure of speech evidently represents the authority he will exercise in command of all Yehowah's heavenly armies in ordering and supervising the warfare that results in the execution of God's enemies.
- **Mouth** is often used synonymously for speech or the power of speech, as can be seen from some of the instances cited above. The rule governing evidence in a case under the Mosaic Law, and also followed in the Christian congregation, is that a person may be found guilty only **at the mouth**, that is, **on the testimony, of two or three witnesses**.
- At the **mouth** of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one dying should be put to death. He will not be put to death at the mouth of one witness. (**Deuteronomy 17:6**)
- But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two more, in order, that at the **mouth** of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. (**Matthew 18:16**)
- This is the third time I am coming to you. At the **mouth** of two witnesses or of three every matter must be established. (**2 Corinthians 13:1**)
- A few other examples of similar usage are found at;
- And Elihu gradually saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, and his anger kept getting hotter. (**Job 32:5**)
- His mouth is full of oaths and of deceptions and of oppression. Under his tongue are trouble and what is hurtful. (**Psalms 10:7**)
- Smoother than butter are the words of his **mouth**, but his heart is disposed to fight. His words are softer than oil, but they are drawn swords. (**Psalms 55:21**)
- And they tried to fool him with their **mouth**, and with their tongue they tried to lie to him. (**Psalms 78:36**)
- In that day your **mouth** will be opened to the escaped one, and you will speak and be mute no longer, and you will certainly

become to them a portent, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 24:27](#))

- In that day I shall cause a horn to sprout for the house of Israel, and to you I shall give occasion to open the **mouth** in the midst of them, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 29:21](#))
- For I will give you a **mouth** and wisdom, which all your opposers together will not be able to resist or dispute. ([Luke 21:15](#)) Footnote
- That with one accord you may with one **mouth** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ([Romans 15:6](#))
- In addition, **mouth** may have reference to the opening of something, such as of a well.
- Now he looked, and here there was a well in the field and here three droves of sheep were lying down there by it, because from that well they were accustomed to water the droves, and there was a great stone over the **mouth of the well**. ([Genesis 29:2](#))
- A bag
- Also, take double the money in your hand, and the money that was returned in the **mouth of your bags** you will take back in your hand. Maybe it was a mistake. ([Genesis 43:12](#))
- Later on he commanded the man who was over his house, saying; Fill the bags of the men with food to the extent they are able to carry it and place the money of each one in the **mouth of his bag**. ([Genesis 44:1](#))
- But you must place my cup, the silver cup, in the **mouth of the bag** of the youngest and the money for his cereals. So he did according to the word of Joseph which he had spoken. ([Genesis 44:2](#))
- A cave
- Then Joshua said; Open the **mouth of the cave** and bring out these five kings from the cave to me. ([Joshua 10:22](#))
- Or to an opening in the earth.

- And the **earth proceeded to open its mouth** and to swallow up them and their households and all humankind that belonged to Korah and all the goods. (**Numbers 16:32**)
- As well as to the ability of the earth to absorb liquids poured onto it.
- And now you are cursed in banishment from the ground, which has opened its **mouth** to receive your brothers blood at your hand. (**Genesis 4:11**)
- Sheol, mankind's common grave, is spoken of as having a wide **mouth**, so as to receive many dead.
- Therefore Sheol has made its soul spacious and has opened its **mouth wide beyond bounds**, and what is splendid in her, also her crowd and her uproar and the exultant one, will certainly go down into it. (**Isaiah 5:14**)

• The Palate

- The **palate** is the roof of the **mouth**, which separates the **mouth** from the nasal cavities, it has a soft part that forms a curtain between the **mouth** and the **pharynx**. In the Scriptures, **palate** is, in some cases, used synonymously with **mouth**.
- For my **palate** in low tones utters truth itself, and wickedness is something detestable to my lips. (**Proverbs 8:7**)
- To your **mouth**, a horn! One comes like an eagle against the house of Yehowah, for the reason that they have overstepped my covenant, and against my Law they have transgressed. (**Hosea 8:1**) Footnote
- Both Job and Elihu make a comparative use of the word when they liken the palates ability to discriminate taste to man's judgment as to what is right and wise.
- Does not the ear itself test out words as the **palate** tastes food? (**Job 12:11**)
- For the ear itself makes a test of words, just as the **palate** tastes when eating. (**Job 34:3**)

- That the **palate** has a function in tasting is not erroneous, as is sometimes claimed. This can be seen by observing the part played by the **palate** in swallowing.
- Food is pressed by the tongue against the **palate** and spread out as it moves back into the **pharynx**, which is a cone-shaped tube leading toward the stomach and connecting also with the nasal passages.
- This brings about better diffusion of the aroma of the food into the nasal passages, which greatly contributes to what is commonly called taste.