

The title for today's message is: **The Lord speaks through us.**

God said: *Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.*

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Did you know that today you're special. You may not feel special, but everyday you, me, and all believers in the Lord, are very special.

Look you're not just another person, nor simply another number within the millions of mankind.

Instead the Lord reminds us today, as He speaks to Jeremiah, and you and I today, that we are very special because He knows each one of us personally.

Imagine, God knows each one of us individually, and He knows each one us by name. He also knows our every need, and He meets our needs..

You and I know longer sit in darkness, but now we sit in the light of the knowledge and gift of salvation.

No longer are we destined to spend eternity in hell, but the Lord has chosen us by name to be with Him in heaven for eternity.

Isaiah said in chapter 43: *But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

This my friends is what makes us very special, were also very special just as Jeremiah. God told him and us here today; *"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.*

Sure, we speak the words of men, but we don't have to. We have been given the Words of God, we just need to allow them to roll out of our mouths

Our text also reveals to us that, not only does God know us, and that He has put His Words in our mouth, but He also sends us out, to proclaim His Words.

Now, lets look at the Prophet Jeremiah, a man who is one of the Old Testament prophets God called to direct His people.

Because at this time in history the people, namely the Jews, needed prophets like Isaiah, and Jeremiah to get them back on the right track.

You see during this time in history, the people had chosen for themselves kings, to be their leaders.

And for the most part, the kings they chose, were not good leaders at all, and the people started to follow and worship false gods.

So God sent the prophets to remind the Jews and who ever else would listen, that there is only one true God, the Lord our God.

It wasn't an easy task for the prophets either, even though the prophet Jeremiah, certainly had God on his side.

So when Jeremiah would speak to the people he would begin by saying:
Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

He would say this in order to make it very clear to the people that what he was about to say is from the Lord, and not from man.

And it's these same Words, God wants us to here today, understanding that these words are indeed from God, and not from man.

Now, according to Jeremiah, God wanted him to say: *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*

To think, before you and I were even a thought in our parents minds, the Lord knew us, and our names.

Now as a side note, what the Lord was saying here was that at the very moment of conception, the miracle of human life begins.

In Jeremiah's case, God knew that at the very beginning of his life, Jeremiah would be a leader and one of His prophets. Jeremiah was indeed set apart.

Sure he was the son of a priest, but, that didn't make him special. What made Jeremiah special, was that the Lord consecrated him.

That's right, the Lord set him apart from all nations. God said to Jeremiah: *I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*"

Jeremiah's calling was not just a believer, but he was a messenger of God, whether the message was of judgment, or a promise from God Himself.

Certainly an awesome responsibility for anyone, and in many ways it's the same responsibility God has given to all believers today.

Its not to say were prophets, but it is to say that we, believers in God, are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaiming God's Word.

Now in answering God, Jeremiah said: *Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.* And God said: *Do not say, I am only a youth;*

God told him not to be afraid because He would put the words to say in his mouth. For the prophet Jeremiah there was no experience needed.

Yes, Jeremiah was only a youth and he was not only a youth but he was also a child of God.

Now a number of years ago, statisticians and poll takers said; one of the problems facing America, and society in general.

Is the fact that most people feel that their not important in the scheme of things, and that they were really by themselves.

They said there was at least 40% of our nation that felt this deep sense of loneliness.

And I can only assume, that it has gotten worse in these last few years, because it seems that more and more people.

Believers, and non-believers alike, are going into their own little shells to their own little domain.

Today, one can now have contact with the world through the internet, and the media, without stepping out their door.

This is not what God has called us to do. God called each one of us here today to leave our homes, and proclaim His Word to the world in person.

Maybe this morning, you woke up feeling like your alone, forgotten, or maybe even forsaken.

But, right here in our text, God assures you and me that those feelings are without merit. God said you and I are a part of His Kingdom.

Now, Jeremiah knew the daunting task God put before him, and it probably frightened him. But God reassures him.

God reassures him with words and actions, He said: *Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,*

The action that was taken according to Jeremiah was, the Lord reached out His hand touched Jeremiah's mouth, filling his mouth with His Word.

The Lord said; If any one would come against you, they are not coming against you, and your words, but against the words of God."

Now at the end of our text, the Lord explains to whom Jeremiah is going to speak God's message to.

He said: *See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.*

Another words, those kingdoms, and nations who will listen to the word of the Lord will be built up.

But the Kingdoms and nations who reject the word of the Lord, would suffer the consequences of God's judgment.

However the good news is that the Lord would give to Jeremiah the power of the Gospel, to build up the kingdom of God, and to plant His Word.

The Gospel that shows God's salvation, and forgiveness to those who repent. Today, the Lord says to us, "You are my children.

Speak the words I have put into you mouths. Speak to all people about their sins as you share the Gospel with them.

Telling them about how you were forgiven, and how you have received the promise of eternal life, so they may have the same.

As you live a life of rejoicing, and as you live a life of hope, not just for our earthly future, but also in the future kingdom of God. People will notice.

They will ask why, you are so joyous in this time of tribulation, why do you find hope in a world that seems hopeless. And why are you so dedicated to God's Word.

You might say; it's because God has chosen me to be His child and has given me the words to say to those who need to hear it. Me, He chose Me.

Now we go out because we look at what God has done for us, even though we certainly don't deserve it, God has given us eternal life.

We can't buy it nor earn it, and because we can't save ourselves God sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ.

Paul says beautifully in 2 Corinthians chapter 5: *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

Today, were reminded that you and I are God's very own, and we have God's very own words in our mouths, and are sent out eager to do His will. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.