The Broken Silence

Cent. Chr. Ch.
End 8/11/68

Mt. 12:32-33

Intro. 1. Family + I thank you for good wishes.

2. In Germany, will study communication. Nature + meaning of experience of speaking with each other.

3. An immediate and practical reason - Teach preaching, communic. Chr. faith.

4. Just as immediate + strong - reason to contrary
   a. air filled with words.
   b. Talk cheap. But what do.
   c. Not what say, but what do.
   d. Sticks + stones.
   e. Ch. has many words.
   f. Kierkegaard parable of virgin Pants Pressed Here.

I Truth of this makes words of Jesus in text very strange, is not contrary to our experience.
   1. Mt. 15:18 - Not into but out of mouth defiled.
   2. Mt 7 - False prophets - Wolves in sheep's clothing. Conduct shameless + unacceptable but speech reveals what are.
   3. Mt. 12:32 Unpardonable sin. what is it? Many guesses for many sins foul + loathsome. No act ever called unpardonable. a sin of speech.
   4. By fruits know them. Refers to what say
   5. Wds. justify & condemn. Give acc't.

II Why such attention on Words We Speak?
   1. Because speaking creates life + order.
      a. Primordial silence - and Rd said.
      b. In Beginning was Wd.
      c. other religs call on silence. God has spoken.
   2. Experience verifies it.
      a. Baby's first word.
      b. Zoo animal call.

3. "Hello" in hospital rooms.
4. Couple at altar.
5. Marriage in silence and begin to communicate.
6. Spoken into being by minister.
7. Helen Keller + word Water.
8. Communic. creates community + makes communion possible.

III Since Speaking with Each Other. Most Personal Event, Good with Saying, when & breakdown,

1. We speak truth (it seems to be true)
2. We speak clearly. Ch. must provide. 1 Cor. 12-14. Create understanding.
3. With love.
4. For by words justified or judged, For rich or poor, each for his word. Since all I have, give and is to give life.

Sll. - 8 p. All calls coach about practice. I'll be there! Raine, He gave because gave his word. No small matter. All he has now or ever will- his word. Will be called on at times to give it.

Do ever loses it repented from self, regardless of all else, Last. May learn words that get vote, sell a car, get a laugh, win compliment, get a raise, make a loan, get a new member, but he is lost, false as straw sand, Better words, lost his own.

5. Think what diff. in your home, this ch., our world, if we kept one word, create atmosphere of trust that will renew the world.