

# Psalms 37:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

## Analysis

**The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom** (פִּי־צַדִּיק יְהַגֵּה חֲכָמָה, pi-tsaddiq yehgeh chakhmah)—hagah (meditate/mutter/speak) suggests continuous meditation producing wise speech. Proverbs links speech to heart: "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). **And his tongue talketh of judgment** (וּלְשׁוֹנוֹ תִּדְבֵּר מִשְׁפָּט, ulshono tedaber mishpat)—mishpat (justice/judgment) again; righteous speech promotes justice, not gossip or slander. James 3:1-12 expounds tongue's power for blessing or cursing.

This verse connects internal meditation (Psalm 1:2, meditating on Torah day and night) to external expression. Wisdom and justice aren't merely intellectual but manifest in speech, revealing heart transformation. Ephesians 4:29 commands: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying."

## Historical Context

Wisdom literature (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job) emphasized speech ethics as central to covenant faithfulness. In David's court, wise counselors (like Ahithophel, later Hushai) wielded enormous influence through speech. The righteous king's mouth established justice, while fool's speech brought destruction (Proverbs 10:31-32).

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does your habitual speech reveal about your inner meditation—are you rehearsing God's wisdom or the world's folly?
2. How can you cultivate speech that promotes mishpat (justice) rather than gossip, complaint, or corrupt talk?

## Interlinear Text

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פִּי	צַדִּיק	יְהִי הַ	חָכְמָה הַ	וּלְשׁוֹנוֹ	תְּדַבֵּר
<b>The mouth</b>	<b>of the righteous</b>	<b>speaketh</b>	<b>wisdom</b>	<b>and his tongue</b>	<b>talketh</b>
H6310	H6662	H1897	H2451	H3956	H1696
חֲשׁוֹט:					
<b>of judgment</b>					
H4941					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Colossians 4:6** (Parallel theme): Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**Proverbs 15:7** (Parallel theme): The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

**Ephesians 4:29** (Parallel theme): Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Matthew 12:35** (Parallel theme): A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

**Proverbs 10:21** (Righteousness): The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

**Psalms 71:15** (Righteousness): My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

**Proverbs 10:31** (Righteousness): The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

**Psalms 71:24** (Righteousness): My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

**Proverbs 27:9** (Parallel theme): Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.