

## **THE ST. PAUL SCHOOL**

**“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (I Corinthians 11:1)**

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### **ROSES IN WORDS BEAT ROSES ON GRAVES (God’s Plans And Promises For You From The Book Of Isaiah)**

#### **Lesson 217**

**“The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.” Isaiah 50:4**

Note two key phrases in today's word from the Lord that speak of both the tongue and the ear of "the learned." In today's world of formal education, it's easy to equate "learned" with the man or woman with lots of letters behind their names. However, the education this verse unfolds is from the school of the Spirit of God. It is the Lord Himself who desires to touch our tongues and ears so that we can be His messengers of hope to weary and hopeless people all around us.

God can take the most humble and simple saint and turn him/her into one of heaven's "learned ones." Didn't Jesus say to the weary and heavy-laden to yoke up with Him and, as He said, "learn of me"? Remember how the "unlearned and ignorant" (by the world's standards) apostles stunned the merely "head-educated" leaders in Israel with a knowledge and power that could only be because "they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13,14)?

Since "out of the heart the mouth speaks," God wants to fill you with so much of His love that you become aware of any weary soul in your midst and speak just the right words for just the right season. You'll give "roses in words" to bless others in life rather than put roses that wilt on graves when it's too late. Let Jesus awaken you morning by morning and offer Him your spiritual ears to hear what He has to say. He will then give you an ear to hear the sigh of the weary and worn, and a tongue that will give the words that refresh.

**My prayer: "My Father, I crave the education that can only come through long hours spent with You. Give me a discerning heart to identify the weary—in my home and in my world - that I might offer a word of refreshing in their season of weariness."**