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Malachi 3: 16: Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17: And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Those who fear the LORD speak “often one to another”, thinking “upon his name.” By God’s grace, believers know ourselves to be unworthy of the least of God’s mercies. Therefore, we speak often one to another with utter amazement at the great grace of our God in choosing to save us, not based on any merit in us. Those who fear the LORD speak often one to another of God’s indescribable love in sending his only begotten Son who accomplished our eternal redemption from the curse of the law. We speak often one to another of Christ’s broken body and his precious blood, giving Christ all the glory for making us perfect before God by his one offering. Those who fear the LORD speak often one to another about how God the Holy Spirit came to us while dead in our sins and quickened us to life and faith in Christ. Believers simply cannot stop speaking of how holy, how sovereign and how gracious our God is every moment of every day to preserve us and teach us and keep us through the preaching of the gospel. We speak often one to another because, by God’s grace, we love one another and desire for one another to be continually strengthened in the power of God’s might. Sadly, we meet with so many on a daily basis who have no delight in the true and living God. Therefore, it is so good to have one another to speak to, knowing that because they are born of the same Spirit, they want, as much as we, for our great God to receive all the glory and they rejoice with us in our great Savior. So believers simply cannot speak often enough to one another of our great and good God.

This is remarkable. The LORD hears those who speak of him and remembers them—“and the LORD hearkened, and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before him for them.” God puts his Spirit within his people and teaches us the gospel in order to hear the jewels of his grace praise him by giving his Son all preeminence. As a father delights to hear the praise of his children, God our Father delights to hear the children he has everlastingly loved, the children of his household, glory in his name. How God our Father must delight as he hearkens and hears Christ exalted as the Firstborn among many brethren! God so delights to hear his people speak of him that he continually remembers those who remember him.

Brethren, we are exhorted to speak truth one to another because we are members one of another. We are exhorted to speak that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And it is enough to make us want to speak of Christ often one to another simply because we delight to tell the story of how he saved us by his amazing grace. But how much more reason is it to do so, knowing that while we speak, God hears and delights with us and remembers us as we glorify his great name! “And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.”