

## The Language of Ashdod

### What is the Language of Ashdod?

- Neh. 13:23-24 "In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people."
- History of trouble from mixed marriages
  - Jdg. 1:27-3:6, **3:6-7**; Neh. 13:25-28
  - The Children of Israel could not understand or express the law of Moses Neh. 8:2,5,8

### Our Language

- Language is the mode of communication
- Words are signs and ideas
- Bible words express God's ideas
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:12-13
- The words of Jesus – sound, wholesome words
  - Mt. 7:29; Col. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 6:3-5
- "Hold fast" and stick to the pattern
  - 2 Tim. 1:13-14; Heb. 8:5

### What is the Language of Ashdod?

- Not clearly knowing God is the greatest of Losses!
  - Psalms 119:97-104
- Forsook God's ideas (words) and took up the ideas of idolatry. Judges 3:6-7

### The Language of Ashdod Among Christians Today

- When we are around filthy language, but try not to swear, the use of euphemisms is popular.
  - Euphemism is the substitution of a milder sounding word for another thought to be sinful or offensive

My Lordy  
Geez

"OMG"

"TGIF"

### The Language of Ashdod Among Christians Today

Many Religious terms today that keep people from fully understanding God's word.

- Pastor
  - Eph. 4:11; 1 Peter 5:1-5
- Reverend
  - Psalms 111:9
- Christian Music
  - Col. 3:16

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- The Sabbath
  - Rev. 1:10; Ex. 20:11
- "Join the Church"
- "My Church"
- Religious Titles
- "Cardinal Virtues"

## Psalms 119:14-16

"I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word."