

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 23:12 - 24:27**  
**MESSAGE: The Most Dangerous Word in the Bible**

1. **Summary of Acts 23:12-35**

2. **Summary of Acts 24:1-21**

3. **Acts 24:22-27**

4. **What Is the Most Dangerous Word in the Bible?**

Some thought it was hate; others hell; and others fear, rumor, revenge, or Death. But it is a less dangerous looking and a less dangerous sounding word than any of these. Indeed, that is the dangerous thing about this word: it hides and disguises the threat and menace that are in it. What is the most dangerous word? What is the word that has closed the door of success to many a dreamer and condemned him who pronounces it to failure, and woe? What is the word that paralyzes action and leaves duty undone? What is the word that is one of the easiest to speak, and at the same time one of the most fatal in its effect? What is the word that shines like a mirage on the desert's face and deceives the pilgrim with its false promise? What is the word that has lighted fools the way to dusty death? What is the word above all others that Satan likes to persuade men to use, and therefore is Satan's favorite word? What is the word that has shut the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven and condemned souls to outer darkness? What is the word that more than any other keeps men from coming to Christ? That word is tomorrow. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow"- Proverbs 27:1.

**The Greatest Words in the Bible and in Human Speech - Clarence E. Macartney**

5. **C. S. Lewis - The Screwtape Letters - "Keep the enemy in the past or the future."**

6. **Jesus is the eternal PRESENT - "I AM"**

- I **am** the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- I **am** the Light of the World (John 8:12)
- I **am** the Door (John 10:9)
- I **am** the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14)
- I **am** the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
- I **am** the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)
- I **am** the Vine (John 15:1,5)
- I am the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:13)

7. **"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15**