

JAMES 3:1-12

{Sunday, November 24, 2019 A.D.}

James 1:22

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:26

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

James 3:1-12

¹ Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

Ephesians 4:11-16

² For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

³ Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

⁴ Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

⁵ So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

Matthew 12:33-37 Matthew 15:15-20

⁷ For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.⁸ But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

Romans 3:9-18

⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

1 John 4:20

¹⁰ from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing.

My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

¹¹ Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

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Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and **some as pastors and teachers**, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the **work of service**, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to **the unity of the faith**, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**,

to **a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, **tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine**, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to **grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ**, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to **the proper working of each individual part**, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Matthew 12:33-37

³³ "Either **make the tree good and its fruit good**, or **make the tree bad and its fruit bad**; for **the tree is known by its fruit**. ³⁴ "You brood of vipers, **how can you, being evil, speak what is good?**

For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. ³⁵ "The good man brings out of *his* good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of *his* evil treasure what is evil.

³⁶ "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

³⁷ "For **by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**"

Matthew 15:15-20

¹⁵ Peter said to Him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶ Jesus said, "Are you still lacking in understanding also?"

¹⁷ "**Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?**

¹⁸ "But **the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.**

¹⁹ "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

²⁰ "**These are the things which defile the man;** but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

Romans 3:9-18

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; ¹⁰ as it is written,

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

¹² ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

¹³ "**THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,**" "**THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS**";

¹⁴ "**WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS**";

15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,
16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,
17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."
18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

1 John 4:20

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.