

TAMING THE UNTAMED TONGUE!

James 3

Three deadly characteristics of the “untamed human tongue.”

Deception - (v.1-2)

Judgement - not the “Great White Throne Judgment” of Revelation 20.

“Bema (Judgement) Seat of Christ.” Romans 14:10b-12 / 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

Not “punitive,” but for our “reward!”

“Teachers of the word,” will undergo a “stricter judgment.”

(2 Timothy 2:15) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(Ezekiel 13:7-8) Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The Lord says,' but I have not spoken." Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord God.

(v.2) Perfect – “mature”

Destructive – (v.3-6)

Words can “create” or “destroy!”

(Proverbs 18:21) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

(Proverbs 22:8) He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will fail.

(Proverbs 15:23) A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

Defiance - (v.7-9)

(Ecclesiastes 5:2-3) Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words.

Charles Stanley - H.A.L.T. Hungry – Angry – Lonely – Tired.

(Proverbs 10:19) In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Curse – katara – literally: execration: meaning - a curse dictated by violent feelings of hatred, detestation.

Anger becomes “sin” when we allow it to evolve into “hatred!”

(1 John 4:7-8) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

(v.10-12) *Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so...*

(v.13-16) Wisdom from below.

The opposite of humility is, “envy” and “self-seeking.”

“Do not boast and lie against the truth.”

Stop arguing with God!

“Trinity” of worldly wisdom - earthly, sensual, and demonic.

Produces “confusion” and “evil!”

(1 Corinthians 14:33) For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

“Antidote for the untamed tongue.” (v.17-18)

“Six characteristics” of God’s wisdom from above.

(1) Pure

2) Peaceable

(3) Gentle

(4) Willing to yield

(5) Merciful

(6) Without hypocrisy

APPLICATION:

(1) Submit your mind to God’s wisdom.

2) Post a Guard by your mouth.

(Psalm 141:3) Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

3) Give God your whole heart.

(Luke 6:45) A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 19:14) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.