

# James 3:1-12 Part II

## You Must Tame Your Tongue

1. The Immense **IMPORTANCE** of the Tongue: (1-2a)
2. The Disproportional **IMPACT** of the Tongue: (2b-5a)
3. The **INCENDIARY** Potential of the Tongue: (5b-6)

- a. The Example: *How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire*:
  - i. The \_\_\_\_\_ impact of fire. –Jam 3:2-5a
  - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ impact of fire. –Prov 16:27; 26:21
- b. The Reality: *the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness set among our members*: –Jam 4:1
  - i. Effect - Staining the whole body: corrupts \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Extent - Setting on fire the entire course of life. –Jam 1:23
  - iii. Source - Set on fire by hell: the \_\_\_\_\_. –Jer 32:35; Matt 5:22

### 4. The **INDOMITABLE** Power the Tongue: (7-8)

- a. The Example:
  - i. All creatures have been \_\_\_\_\_ by man. –Gen 1:26; Acts 11:6
  - ii. But the is tongue in \_\_\_\_\_ by man. –Jam 3:2; Matt 12:34
- b. The Reality:
  - i. 'It is a restless evil': \_\_\_\_\_. –Jam 1:8
  - ii. 'Full of deadly poison': \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 3:13

### 5. The **INCONSISTANT** Plurality of the Tongue: (9-12)

- a. The Example: the tongue is \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. *With it we \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord and Father.* –Jam 1:17-19
  - ii. And with it we \_\_\_\_\_ His image bearers. –Gen 1:26; 9:6
    1. 'My brothers these things ought not be so'. –Jam 1:8; 4:8; 1 John 4:20
- b. The Reality: Corruptness of speech \_\_\_\_\_ a claim of faith:
  - i. Four clear examples from nature. –Matt 7:16-20; 12:33-34
  - ii. Your speech reveals your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. –Lk 6:43-45

## James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.